

XP updates

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I am running XP Pro with 512mb of ram. My version of XP is one that came out very early, before sp1 had been released or at least sp1 is NOT part of it. XP has performed very well for well for over 3 yrs. I have always kept it updated. Recently I cracked the Mother Board and had to have it replaced.

Installing XP went well after calling MS for new activation. Here is what I would like to know. I have the update CD and the SP2 CD both that I ordered from Microsoft. After installing XP, I put in the update CD and instead of just installing the updates, it sent me to the XP update page and indicated I needed about 15 updates, which I installed. SP2 at that point did not show as an update option.

After rebooting, then SP2 was listed as an update option, which I installed from the update page. After installing SP2, then another 26 updates were needed.

I thought the point of having these CDs was to prevent the need for all those downloads from the update page. Should I have used the SP2 CD to start with and bypassed the normal update CD? Is it because my XP install disk is so old that causes this abnormality?

Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated.