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- *From:* "Sierras" <[danick5000@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:danick5000@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Thu, 08 Sep 2005 18:26:50 GMT
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Hello again.

I read the link you provided a little more carefully  
[http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/moving\\_xp.html](http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/moving_xp.html)

In one of the articles it talks about replacing motherboards and needing to have a "Retail" version of Windows XP in order to do the repair.

I have a version that is for the purchase of a new computer. The computer is a generic, but this is an OEM version (I guess).

Did you have a Retail version to do the repair? I'm wondering if I have to either forget about the whole repair option, or have to purchase a retail version of XP or if an upgrade version will work or if there are discount licenses for these type of situations. (After all, I'm still only using it on one PC – I don't see why I'd have to buy another license just because my motherboard died)

Thanks again..

"Sierras" <[danick5000@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:danick5000@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message

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> Thanks – I was looking at that procedure before I posted. But it seemed to

> be geared to someone who knew that they were going to upgrade the  
> motherboard beforehand. It tells you to start Windows before installing the

> new motherboard and choose "Upgrade", then shutdown Windows and install the

> new motherboard.

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> My problem is that the system won't boot. Not even POST. So I'll have to  
> install the new motherboard without "preparing" Windows for a new hardware.

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> Did you have any stability issues after the upgrade? I had talked with an  
> ASUS tech who said that they recommend a total format and re–install of  
the  
> OS to avoid any "Blue screens". It's nice to know that there is a chance  
to  
> not have to re–install everything.  
>  
> Any pointers on the replacement would be greatly appreciated.  
>  
> Thanks for your help..  
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>  
> "usasma" <usasma@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
> [news:4E3A4CF1-EFB0-49EB-BD1A-6882C80482AF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:4E3A4CF1-EFB0-49EB-BD1A-6882C80482AF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>> Hi! I've had the exact same situation – I upgraded my P4PE mobo to a  
> P4P800  
>> SE motherboard a while back. The change is fairly easy, but very  
> detailed.  
>> Here's a link that I used when doing it:  
>> [http://www.michaelstevestech.com/moving\\_xp.html](http://www.michaelstevestech.com/moving_xp.html)  
>>  
>> Follow the directions exactly – and don't be surprised if problems pop  
up!  
>> It seems to revolve around making the minimum of hardware changes (so  
it's  
> a  
>> good thing that you stayed with Asus). There's lot's of horror stories  
on  
>> the web about this procedure – but having done it myself, I found that  
it  
>> wasn't so bad. Also, I imaged my hard drive prior to starting it – so  
if  
> it  
>> failed, I had a good backup ready and waiting (didn't need it tho')  
>>  
>> Good luck!  
>>  
>> "Sierras" wrote:  
>>  
>>> Hello  
>>>  
>>> I have an ASUS P4PE motherboard which just died. I can't find an  
exact  
>>> replacement, so I had to go with a new P4P800 E deluxe (Still socket  
> 478)  
>>>  
>>> Anyway, before I install this new motherboard, my question is:  
>>>  
>>> 1) Will I need to format C and completely re–install Windows and all

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my

>>> applications? I have the original Win XP on CD (Pre–SP2)

>>>

>>> or

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>>> 2) My C drive has Win XP Sp2 with all the latest updates. Can I

> perform a

>>> repair or some kind or re–install the operating system only so that I

> don't

>>> have to re–install all my other software in order to keep my settings

> intact

>>> (i.e. ipod music, photo catalogs, etc..)

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>>> Thanks

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