

Re: Adding extra HD and worried about XP licence accepting it

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Thanks for the help.

On another note, I had thought of leaving the OS on the 80 gig as is, but I thought that maybe since I had this chance for a clean install it might be a better thing to do and since the 200 gig HD is newer I thought it would be the best one to instal the OS to. I have been having issues with my system that I cannot undo – I am not PC literate enough to fiddle with the registry.

After a clean install on the 200 gig can I later hook up the 80 gig as a slave so that I could transfer My Documents and all other files? (windows would still be installed on the 80, meaning at that point Windows would be installed on two drives) I guess my point is – Is there a problem having two drives with the same OS installed? Or should I make sure that I am unhooked from the internet to transfer these files and then format my extra drive?

I don't have a problem backing up my files to CD, but I also have two daughters with their own accounts and did not really want to have to backup all their stuff and I thought that maybe just being able to copy their files to the new drive would be the easiest. (PS I have had this new HD for over a week now, still in it's original box and wrappings, afraid I might mess up my system)

Thanks for all the help,

Debbie

"Rick "Nutcase" Rogers" wrote:

- > Hi,
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- > No, that will be fine. A new hard drive is only a minor change in the
- > hardware hash used by activation. You may want to consider using the FAST
- > wizard to backup the existing system for later import into the new
- > installation. Information:
- > <http://aumha.org/win5/a/fast.htm>
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> Best of Luck,
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> Rick Rogers, aka "Nutcase" – Microsoft MVP
> <http://mvp.support.microsoft.com/>
> Associate Expert – WindowsXP Expert Zone
> www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone
> Windows help – www.rickrogers.org
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> "Debbie" <Debbie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:37930B9D-16F3-44A9-99D4-9B728DDA706B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> I bought a new 200 gig HD and would like to intall in my PC. I am running
>> XP
>> Home on Intel Celeron 2.6, 512 Ram, 80 gig HD. This system I bought about
>> two years ago with XP pre-installed (from MDG in Canada)
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>> I have been reading up on OEM licences, which I have, and now am worried
>> that maybe if I add this HD to my sytem MS will reject my licence. How
>> can I
>> tell for sure? I wanted to put the OS on the new drive and use the 80 as
>> backup.
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>> I copied some info I was reading on below which I got from
>> <http://aumha.org/win5/a/wpa.htm>
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>> OEM versions
>> Restrictions of specific license types may limit the foregoing. OEM
>> versions
>> of Windows XP are licensed together with the hardware with which they are
>> purchased, as an entity, and such a copy may not be moved to a different
>> computer. Also, other specific license types (e.g., Academic licenses) are
>> handled in different ways. These aren't a WPA issue per se, but rather
>> an
>> issue of the license for that purchase, and therefore outside the scope of
>> this discussion of WPA.
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>> There are two versions of OEM Windows XP systems. One can be purchased
>> separately, with qualifying subsidiary hardware, and installed with that
>> hardware to an existing machine, to which it becomes bound. The software
>> may
>> be reinstalled and reactivated indefinitely as with a retail system as
>> long
>> as it is still on the original machine. It may not be transferred to a
>> different computer. It is activated as described above, but if it were
>> installed to hardware seen as not substantially the same, the activation
>> would be refused as falling outside the license.
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>> ---the above is what I believe I have, can I add extra hardware and still
>> use my Win XP or will I have to purchase XP once again? (motherboard,
>> bios,

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> > etc has not been changed) Thanks for any help.

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