

Re: The Product Key used to install Windows is invalid

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Wow I was thinking to myself yesterday that nobody looks at newsgroups like this at weekends, based on some of the questions that go unanswered or only partially answered. It's interesting how a non-technical question draws such a strong and heated response showing that the threads are read by many more people than one thinks.

Theo is off course right-Windows XP is massively over priced compared to its manufacturing costs. My view is that you should look at a Microsoft OS in the same way as a new drug under patent. At first it needs to be very expensive to recover the multi-million dollar cost of development, after that has happened and the generics appear the price comes down to virtually nothing. The problem with Microsoft OS's is there's no generic manufacturers to bring the price down and in business the rule is charge as much as you can get away with. I know I do that and bet you do as well. I would suggest that OS software should have a limited patent giving the developer time to make a good profit and recover development costs. After the patent expires others can make the product and create a market with competition. This would force Microsoft to push harder to deliver Windows versions in less time-enabling flaws and security issues to be better dealt with and support for emerging hardware to be better supported. I don't expect this to happen but it would shake up the computer industry if it did.

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- > XP Pro User / Microst Update site will allow any updates except for SP2.
- > When
- > I attemp to update to SP2 I get the error message:
- > The Product Key used to install Windows is invalid
- > I have run Belarc Advisor and it does list the Product Key as follows:
- >
- > Microsoft - Windows XP Professional 55274-640-0000356-23040 (Key:
- > FCKGW-RHQQ2-YXRKT-8TG6W-2B7Q8)
- >
- > Does anyone know how I can overcome this problem please. Any help would me
- > much appreciated !!!!

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