

Re: Reformatting hard drive and product key

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Hi JohnP,

If you can still boot into the operating system on the laptop, d/load and run the Magical Jellybean Keyfinder:

<http://www.magicaljellybean.com/keyfinder.shtml>

btw, you shouldn't have to reload ME in order to use the Upgrade CD to install XP, unless ME is on a Recovery partition or Restore CD that XP's Upgrade won't recognize as a qualifying previous version of Windows.

Regards,

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"JohnProdry" <JohnProdry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:2AE8C986-1D1A-462B-9E7E-736EFBAD5971@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I have my product key – my problem is that I have two of them. I have several computers and I need to re-format a laptop. I have purchased several XP upgrades and have upgraded my computers some time ago. I need to re-format one of the computers. I will reload the original ME OS and then I need to reload the upgrade XP but I don't know which one I originally used on this computer. How do I make the right choice?

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JohnP