

Re: problems after motherboard change

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thecreator wrote:

If you own a previous version of Windows operating system CD, then all you need is a Upgrade CD.

If you don't have a previous version of Windows CD, then you need the Full Version of Windows XP CD.

Not necessarily. It would be much cheaper to buy an Upgrade version and a used copy of Windows 98, which would qualify him to use the Upgrade version.

Don't get an OEM version, but a Microsoft version, where you have full Microsoft Support for free for life for the purpose of installing Windows XP.

I agree that a Retail version is greatly preferable to an OEM version, but not for that reason. Excellent free support is widely available without going to Microsoft, at places like here on this newsgroup.

As far as I'm concerned, the main reason a retail version should be preferred over an OEM one is that the OEM version's license comes with a giant restriction: its license ties it permanently to the first computer it's installed on. It can never legally be moved to another computer, sold, or given away.

And since there's very little difference in price between an OEM version and a retail Upgrade, the Upgrade should be preferred.

You will need the CD that came with the motherboard in order to

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install its drivers.

And if you don't have your Hard Drive partitioned, I suggest that you partition it. Makes Backups a lot easier to do.

A word on the terminology: partitioning is required, not optional. Partitioning is the act of creating one or more partitions on the drive. Since you can't use a drive until it has at least one partition on it, *everyone* needs to partition.

The only question is whether you should have more than one partition. This is not a question to which everyone has the same answer, and you'll find different points of view. My view is that most people's partitioning scheme should be based on their backup scheme. If, for example, you backup by creating a clone or image on the entire drive, then a single partition might be best. If, on the other hand, you backup only your data, then the backup process is facilitated by having all data in a separate partition.

Except for those running multiple operating systems, there is seldom any benefit to having more than two partitions.

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"Mark K" <MarkK@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I have a sony Vaio(pentium 4 1.6) that the motherboard went bad. I changed the motherboard and cpu to a non oem setup(msi and celeron). I did backup first. my problem is that when I went to boot back up it would just keep rebooting. I tried the sony recovery cds and they said they could not be used on this computer. I tried a (borrowed disk) repair install and it still would not work. I tried a fresh install w/format(with same borrowed disk) and the problem is still there. My question is will I have to buy windows new and start fresh? will I need a full version or a upgrade? any suggestions are greatly appreciated.