

# Re: Installing Windows XP on a New System

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Chris King wrote:

I'm building a new PC that will replace my old worn out PC that currently has Windows XP Pro installed on it. Once the new system is built I would like to install Windows XP on the system using the same Windows XP license that I'm currently using today on the old system. The old system once the new one is built is heading to the trash. Minus some key hardware components of course that I can reuse in the new system. So in a nutshell the use of Win XP on the old system will stop and I would like to put up using it on the new.

Longer story short. Am I going to running into any issues with attempting to install Win XP pro on the new system? When it runs it's verification won't it know that the OS was installed on another system? Actually the new PC will have the same name on my home network as the old one, but the hardware will be different. Today I have a dual processor system. Tomorrow I will have an AMD Duo processor system. Thanks in advance for your advice.

Assuming a retail license (OEM licenses are not legitimately transferable), simply remove WinXP from the computer it is currently on and then install it on the new computer. If it's been more than 120 days since you last activated that specific Product Key, the you'll most likely be able to activate via the Internet without problem. If it's been less, you might have to make a 5 minute phone call.

Here are the facts pertaining to activation:

Piracy Basics – Microsoft Product Activation

<http://www.microsoft.com/piracy/basics/activation/>

Windows Product Activation (WPA)

<http://www.aumha.org/a/wpa.htm>

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<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.  
–Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. –Bertrand Russell

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