

Re: Cannot Install Windows – Version on HDD is Newer Than CDrom.

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Hi,

"CCleaner" found a little over 2,300 megabytes(?) of cookies, and etcetera.

"Process Explorer" found nothing I'm not familiar with, although a couple of the processes, were not what I wanted.

The machine is running what ran before – better – but the big problem, is still having me going to do things "outdoors", while I wait for mouse clicks, to complete.

I haven't worked out the "slipstreaming", but I do have an application that creates bootable CDs; so that's do-able.

I didn't guess, though, that both WinXP, and SP2, would fit on one CDRW. What ya know about that ?

Thanks,
Ken .

On Fri, 13 Oct 2006 13:24:12 -0400,
"Patrick Keenan" <test@xxxxxxxx>
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Hi,

The global–government, in Renton Washington, has solved the problem, of people having to re–install windows, every so often, because it slows to utter uselessness, eventually.

They're checking the version on the HDD, and refusing to run the re–install, if the updates are current.

Meanwhile, I'm waiting several seconds for mouse clicks to be reflected on the screen; and cursing the government, that makes internet hacking possible, with their federally–mandatory "backdoors"; and the real government, in Renton, for ruining the re–install work–around, that kept my operating system, from turning my computer into toxic waste, sitting on my desk.

Now f***ing WHAT !

Ken .

Three things: First and most important, the simple re–install you are thinking of will almost certainly not solve or address the problems you seem to be having. This is because the slowness is probably due to non–Windows files being launched mostly via the Registry, and the simple re–install or repair install won't affect either of those.

The re–install procedure is nowhere near as necessary as it was with Win9x versions.

The only kind of re–install that will affect both of those is a "clean" install which starts with partitioning and formatting or a parallel install which will install a second copy of XP on your system with a new registry. Both of those will require that you reinstall everything else, and the first will remove your data as well.

Second, you can update your XP install CD to Service Pack 2, and you should.

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All it takes is a bootable XP CD, drive space, a blank CD, appropriate burning software, and downloading the SP2 file (260 meg). Google "slipstreaming XP" and follow the directions at any of the many sites, such as

http://www.winsupersite.com/showcase/windowsxp_sp2_slipstream.asp

Then, you can do the repair install. But if you don't address the actual problems, don't expect results to be what you hope for.

Third, you should examine what is installed, active and running on your system first. I would suggest getting Process Explorer to see what exactly is running and taking CPU cycles:

<http://www.sysinternals.com/Utilities/ProcessExplorer.html>

And use MSCONFIG to see what you can turn off.

Get ccleaner and let it clear out the browser caches and temp folders. These are prime breeding grounds for malware launches and their entire contents are scanned and indexed by various processes. The more there is, the longer it takes. The first run can take some time.
www.ccleaner.com

You may simply have too much running, or inappropriate software (i.e. malware) running, or perhaps you've got two anti-virus programs active and conflicting. Hard to say since there are no system details.

You should also check the state of your backups.

If you do need to do a clean re-install and can't back up your data, do this instead: Get a new hard disk – they aren't expensive now. Take the old drive out, and set the jumpers on the new one the same. Install the new drive in the machine – do not install the old one at this time. Now, install Windows and all your software, and up-to-date anti-virus protection. Now, re-attach the old drive, setting the jumpers appropriately. If you wish, use a USB2 drive case but if your system only has USB1 or 1.1 ports, get a USB 2.0 PCI card. Locate your data and copy it to the new locations. You may need to take ownership of the folders first.

HTH

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