

# Re: Moving XP to new computer

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well, you will have to reactivate the machine. easy to do over the internet. so, there really isn't a problem with moving the drive right over- especially if it's running fine.

if you have activated it (I think 3+ times) you will then have to call microsoft. If you have bought it, and it's a "retail" version, there's nothing to worry about. They will guide you through it. If you have only activated it once so far, then it should activate over the internet just fine for ya.

You will be fine, just put the HDD in the new computer, and then follow the activation instructions forr activating.

On Nov 29, 2:29 pm, "Johannes Kantelberg" <[nos...@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:nos...@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Thanks for your feedback. OK, It was my memory failing me. (Got only 256MB of it, alas...). I did in fact buy XP in 2001.

Im thinking of just moving the install to the new machine rather than doing a fresh install. The latter will mean applying all the pacthes again of which there must have been hundreds up to now. No?

My new machine will indeed take the old hard drive without problems. But since the motherboard is new and from a different manufacturer it probably have a different chipset which my present installtion of XP wont recognise. No?

Johannes.

"DatabaseBen" <[database...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:database...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in [messagenews:OZcqhD\\$EHHA.5004@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OZcqhD$EHHA.5004@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

wow, you must have been  
one of the real lucky ones

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to have a fancy o.s. since 1996.

unfortunately, my time displacement machine was in the shop at the time.

why would you assume that you cannot install the old hd on the new pc?

"Johannes Kantelberg" <nos...@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:ubWyQ4%23EHHA.4464@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ubWyQ4%23EHHA.4464@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

I bought a copy of WindowsXP Pro about 10 years ago and have been using it successfully so far.

I have now built a brand new computer and wish to move XP to the new machine. I assume I cannot just install my old hard drive in the new machine. How does one go about moving XP to complete new hardware without encountering licensing or other problems?

Many thanks,

Johannes van Vuren.

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