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Merlin wrote:

There is no place where you can download a legitimate copy of Windows XP.

I'm not sure I agree, and here's my logic:

The issue does not revolve around the copy of the installation disk but rather with the license. Assuming a person wishing to install XP has the license to do so, I believe he could borrow my installation CD (as long as it's the same type, of course). So how is this different from me uploading it to an FTP server for him to download it? He could download it and install it using his legitimate product key, no?

Now, do people download XP when they *\*don't\** have a license to install it? Of course; I'm not naïve. And this is both unethical and illegal. However, I don't see why it would be unethical for someone *\*who has a license\** to download a copy of XP.