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Richard in AZ wrote:

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I was thinking of doing a reinstall of XP on my wifes Compaq laptop. As I understand it the disk that comes with a laptop & from others like PC's from Dell are a little different from the normal CD provided by Microsoft. Is the installation any different in any way? Is there anything else that I should know before I start?

I also noted that this laptop still have perhaps a hundred Microsoft updates since the laptop was installed. Can these be saved to an external drive so that they can be reused rather than having to download them all over again?

Thanks in advance

The Disk that comes with Compaq, if you got one, are quite different from any other PC, and no where like a MS disk.

Some Compaq supplied "Restore Disks" did only a factory state restore and you lost everything that you have created or updated to in that computer. I have seen one or two, older Compaq's mostly, where the Restore Disk would do a non-destructive rebuild and all data, programs, etc. were preserved.

Yes you will loose all of your updates from MS, and no there is no way to save them.

So updates can't be slipstreamed?

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