

# RE: XP install

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if using an hp or a model that had windows pre installed you have a secondary partition onn the drive for a restore partition. thus upon reboot you hit f10 and it will go into thesystem restore and give you two options, a basic reinstall of all drivers and pre loaded software or a complete format and restore. the first option leaves all your files intact so you don't lose anything vital the second wipes the drive clean and starts again. if you are using the aftermarket oem version or your drive is not set up with a restore partition you may be able to get it to overlay everything from the install disk. if not your screwed back up what you can as you have no choice and start again with a fresh instaLL

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"Stevens" wrote:

I do believe my Windows XP Media Edition registry is clobbered. I removed a trojan and now XP will come up but when I try to log on it starts to logon and then logs off immediately. I've run a repair to no avail. It reacts the same way when trying to come up in safe mode. I've copied the userinit.exe to wsaupdater.exe and still logs you off. I really hate to wipe out my hard drive and reinstall the OS. Is there any way to reinstall the OS without formatting the HD?

Thanks for any help.  
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