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Hi Mark,

Just for the fun of it, I renamed the system32/00be directory (where the activation executable lives) and grabbed a copy off another XP machine. Sadly it runs (or not) exactly the same, so if there is something missing or corrupt, it is probably not there. (Unless I have triggered some sort of "anti tamper"?)
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"Garry Collins" wrote:

Hi Mark,

Many thanks for your reply, unfortunately my time is up, and XP will no longer boot :(

If I boot off a CD however, I can't find a file called WPA.dat (On the C:\ drive)

There is a WPA.bak in system32, if I copy that to WPA.dat (just to see what happens), still no joy.

It seems to me that the process is working as it should, just that the application or script that is invoked is either corrupt, or calls/relays on something that is either missing or corrupt.

I tried to "repair" XP from the original XP CD, but, as it is SP1, and the installation is now SP2, I would probably have to do a full re-install.

Is the activation program built into XP, or is it something that XP downloads when it needs it. If so, is there anyway I could "kill it" so that it forces XP to download it again?

Thanks
Garry.

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"Mark L. Ferguson" wrote:

Some file is corrupt. I would suspect WPA.dat. It records the successful activation. I would try renaming it to see if that allows you to reactivate.

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"Garry Collins" <GarryCollins@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message