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This didn't tell me anything about when the hardware profile is created.

The issue (which I guess I wasn't very clear about) is that I don't want to have to activate twice for a single install. Because if I reformat yet again before the 120 days I'll have to call the activation line anyway, and I'd rather have as few activations on record as possible... for the obvious reason.

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"DL" wrote:

If you have to phone online activation, whats the problem?  
However if your winxp is OEM you need to tell them hw failed & you replaced it  
It also depends on how long since last activation – 120 days has been mentioned –

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Hopefully this is a simple question...

According to this website:  
<http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,1697,1151566,00.asp>

"The WPA.DBL file is actually an RC4-encrypted database of the expiration info of your installation, the confirmation of activation, the hardware configuration at activation time, and the current hardware configuration."

I upgraded most of the parts in my computer and then did a reformat / fresh install of Windows XP. I have not activated it yet, and I have changed some of the hardware since the install (added some more memory and enabled

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some  
things that didn't have drivers installed).

So my question is, will those hardware changes count against the limit, or  
is the original hardware profile created \*during\* the activation?

I had a problem previously where I had activated XP but then it  
deactivated  
the next day for some reason and I had to call the support line to  
reactivate. I want to make sure that isn't going to happen again :P