

Re: reinstalling windows xp

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Ok, I am back at that computer so I can give you numbers:

C = 13.9GB total – 13.4 GB used – 535 MB free (programs only)

D = 92.8GB total – 61.5 GB used – 31.2 Gb free (programs & some old data)

G = 117 Gb total – 2.7 GB used – 114 GB free (this is business data)

H = 115 GB total – 46.3 GB used – 69.3 GB free (this is personal data)

I = 232 GB total – 204 GB used – 28.2 GB free (this is daily backup of data d, g, h)

I am running McAfee.

I will try some of the items Daave sugested.

So if I do have to erase C drive I can't save the programs there? Many of the programs were downloaded (all legal) and I do not have disk. Is there anyway to at least print a directory (besides print screen)so I can know what I do have. Actually I do not know what many of the programs are anyhow. Thank you all for your help.

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I am running windows xp home edition that came with my Sony computer. Lately the computer is very sluggish and somewhat erratic. I would like to reinstall the operating system. However, Sony's recovery disk insist upon erasing and reinstalling the entire C drive. (sony did not provide a seperate disk for windows). I do not want to erase all programs just want to reinstall windows. I have an upgrade disk that was issued with another computer. My question is can I use this disk on Sony. I understand disk are only good for one computer. Sony is no help. the whole problem seemed to started when I allowed windows to comress the c drive to free up space. i tried to restore, but previous restore points seem to have disappeared once compression took place. suggestions?

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No, you cannot use an upgrade disk to repair an OEM install.

If you can find an OEM XP home install CD, this may well work. You will use the install key on the COA located on your machine.

However, you'll probably be prevented from doing a repair install because the CD will not be at the same service pack level as your installed OS. This is easy to fix with a process called slipstreaming; get nLite, download the entire SP3 file – do not use Windows Update – and create a new XP CD with SP3.

Even after you do that, though, you may not have solved the problems, or even addressed them. This is because repair installs don't do a lot with the registry – this is why you don't have to reinstall programs – and if the problem is in the registry, it'll still be there after you go to all the trouble of updating.

So I would suggest that you take a short while to see if you can address the real problems, and if you can't, back up your data and use the restore media. You might find it worthwhile to get a new hard disk and install to that – remove the old one and set it aside as your backup. When your restore is done, use a USB drive adapter or case to connect the old drive and drag the data over.

HTH
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