

## Re: Dell PC Restore

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Steve,

OEM programs are forever tied to the original piece of hardware. ID keys are of no use.

"Steve Healey" <SteveHealey@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:2F4A3906-2FF9-42BB-B0AB-74F99CB59185@microsoft.com...

>I have just had to do this with my system. I had 2 PCs with operating and >XP

> Pro from dell.My house was burgled and they took both PCs. i tried to > reinstall on a secondhand dell but didnt have the product keys(Dell put > them

> on the Towers).

> The authenticity booklets were also taken so make sure that you have all > the

> product and id keys otherwise your operating system will be unable to be > activated after 30 days.

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> "MAP" wrote:

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>> If you restore your system with the Dell recovery CD's you will have to

>> establish a new internet connection as well,but with the connection

>> wizard in

>> XP this is really easy to do,just write down any information your ISP

>> provided for you

>> like dialup numbers user account numbers,password and such.before you do >> it.

>> Like I said in the other post what security issues are you talking

>> about?

>> If they are not addressed this will happen again and you will be in the

>> very

>> same spot you are now in!

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>> Shut off unneeded services

>> <http://www.blackviper.com/WinXP/servicecfg.htm>

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>> Install a good firewall

>> Free Firewalls

>> *ZoneAlarm (Free and up)*  
>> <http://snipurl.com/6ohg>  
>>  
>> *Kerio Personal Firewall (KPF) (Free and up)*  
>> [http://www.kerio.com/kpf\\_download.html](http://www.kerio.com/kpf_download.html)  
>>  
>> *Sygate Personal Firewall (Free and up)*  
>> [http://smb.sygate.com/free/spf\\_download.php](http://smb.sygate.com/free/spf_download.php)  
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>> *Do you have an Anti-virus program? This one is very good,free 30day*  
>> *trial.*  
>> <http://www.nod32.com/home/home.htm>  
>>  
>> *Clean your system of Adware(scumware)*  
>> *Sometimes,when you remove malware it will stop your TCP/IP*  
>> *stack from working (Internet connection).*  
>> *Winsock or LSP-fix will correct the problem,Download first.*  
>> *Note to anyone using NOD32 Anti-Virus software,Do Not delete the*  
>> *"imon.dll" this fix reports,That is your e/mail scanning engine.*  
>>  
>> *YES-You need more than 1 malware program,the one's below are all free*  
>> *and work well.*  
>> *LSP-fix- <http://www.cexx.org/lspfix.htm>*  
>> *Spybot S&D - <http://www.safer-networking.org/en/index.html>*  
>> *CWS Smart Killer- <http://www.safer-networking.org/minifiles.html>*  
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>> *About Buster- <http://www.spychecker.com/program/aboutbuster.html>*  
>> *Ad-Aware SE - <http://www.lavasoftusa.com/software/adaware/>*  
>> *CWS Shredder - <http://www.majorgeeks.com/download4086.html>*  
>> *Hijack this - <http://www.majorgeeks.com/download3155.html>*  
>> *Hijackthis tutorial -*  
>> *<http://forums.maddoktor2.com/index.php?showtopic=165>*  
>> *SpywareBlaster - <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareblaster.html>*  
>> *SpywareGuard - <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareguard.html>*  
>> *WinPatrol - <http://winpatrol.com>*  
>> *BHODemon -*  
>> *[http://pcworld.com/downloads/file\\_download.asp?fid=23611&fileidx=1](http://pcworld.com/downloads/file_download.asp?fid=23611&fileidx=1)*  
>> *asquared2 "Trojan Remover" - <http://www.emsisoft.com/en/>*  
>> *Socklock- <http://nsclean.com/socklock.html>*  
>> *A nice site -*  
>> *<http://groups.msn.com/TeMercInternetSecuritySite/malwarecountermeasures.msnw>*  
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>> *This program is like a firewall for your system*  
>> *Process Guard-*  
>> *<http://www.diamondcs.com.au/processguard/index.php?page=download>*  
>> *The paid for version will stop "rootkit" downloads which will hit the*  
>> *internet very soon.(very bad news)*  
>>  
>> *Change your internet default settings to these,(XP SP1,SP2 should be*  
>> *close)*  
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>> *To help stop unauthorized downloads via your activex controls change your  
>> default settings.  
>> These settings are good for XP. The wording should be close for other  
>> systems  
>> as well.  
>> Go to control panel and open "internet options".  
>> Click on the security tab then custom level.  
>> make sure these settings are as follows.  
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>> Download signed active x controls>set to prompt  
>> Download unsigned active x controls>set to disable  
>> Initialize and script active x controls not marked as safe>set to disable  
>> Run active x controls and pluggins>set to enable  
>> Script active x controls marked safe for scripting>set to enable  
>> Java permissions>set to high  
>> Launching programs and files in a IFRAME" > Prompt  
>> Installation of Desktop items"> Prompt  
>> Navigate sub-frames across different domains>prompt  
>>  
>> I'm off to work now(graveyard shift UGH!!!)  
>> Good Luck .  
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>> "drive55" wrote:  
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>> > MAP, are you saying that with the PC Restore all will be as it was,  
>> > only this  
>> > time with my existing Internet connection?  
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>> > "MAP" wrote:  
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>> > > "drive55" wrote:  
>> > >  
>> > > > Running Windows XP/SP2 on a Dell Dimension 3000. All software  
>> > > > (XP/SP2, NIS &  
>> > > > NAV, etc.) was pre-installed. I'm considering a Dell PC Restore to  
>> > > > return to  
>> > > > original delivery condition. Has anyone reading ever performed this  
>> > > > operation? For instance, what becomes of the existing Internet  
>> > > > connection?  
>> > > > Does my ISP have to make another house call ? Nine CDs  
>> > > > (Application, OS,  
>> > > > etc.) came with the Dell, but I'm a brand new user and can't tell  
>> > > > how  
>> > > > expertise will be required on my part. I've been to various Dell  
>> > > > sites;*

>>>> *decided to post here because I've seen that you guys are patient*  
>>>> *with*  
>>>> *amateurs' questions. FYI, I'm doing this because my computer's*  
>>>> *security is*  
>>>> *being compromised and I'm tired of dealing with that issue all the*  
>>>> *time*  
>>>> *instead of finding news and information. Thanks.*  
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>>>> *Your system will be exactly the same as when you took it out of the*  
>>>> *box and*  
>>>> *plugged it in.*  
>>>>  
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>>>> *being compromised and I'm tired of dealing with that issue all the*  
>>>> *time*  
>>>> *instead of finding news and information. Thanks.*  
>>>>  
>>>> *This will only happen again if you don't address the security issues*  
>>>> *you*  
>>>> *mentioned.*  
>>>> *Tell us what these issues are and maybe someone here can help you*  
>>>> *cleanup*  
>>>> *your computer and secure it better. ;-)*