

# Re: WINDOWS XP HOME EDITION : UPGRADE vs FULL INSTALL VERSION

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In [news:ehGNgTwPFHA.2824@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ehGNgTwPFHA.2824@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx),  
Donald L McDaniel <[donmcdaniel2005@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:donmcdaniel2005@xxxxxxxxxx)> typed:

> Ok, let us theorize for a minute:  
>  
> Let us assume that a user does own a previous copy of Windows,  
> but it  
> is on his hard drive, not a CD (which this theoretical user  
> thoughtlessly threw out). Will he be entitled to use the XP  
> Upgrade  
> kit to install cleanly? If this is so (and I believe our EULA  
> entitles us to use the XP Upgrade kit to install cleanly even  
> if we  
> have NO copy of Windows on a CD anymore), then your statement  
>  
>>> "The requirement to use an upgrade version is to \*own\* a  
>>> previous  
>>> qualifying version's installation CD (with an OEM restore CD,  
>>> see  
>>> below), not to have it installed."  
>  
> Note that you state here "own a previous qualifying versions  
> installation CD...".  
> This is your statement, not mine.  
> I am plainly stating that this statement is NOT completely  
> true.  
>  
> I have stated something entirely different (note that the  
> following  
> is a paraphrase of my thesis)  
> "the requirement to use the XP Upgrade kit is to own a previous  
> installation of Windows, WHETHER it is on a CD, OR on a hard  
> drive."

I can't tell whether you're nitpicking or just being obstinate,  
but yes, I agree. I said exactly the same thing. You have not

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said something "completely different," you've said the same thing I have. Would you prefer if I changed it to "The requirement to use an upgrade version is to \*own\* a previous qualifying version's installation CD, not \*necessarily\* to have it installed."? As far as I'm concerned, that "necessarily" was implied, but if it makes you happy, I'll add the word.

- > Note that there are TWO ways to own a copy of Windows: EITHER
- > by
- > possessing a CD or other distribution media, such as floppies,
- > OR by
- > possessing an installation residing on one of your hard drives.

Yes, as I keep saying.

- > NOT
- > one(possessing the distribution media of a previous version of
- > Windows), as you seem to imply.

No, I've never implied that. Again, I think you've simply misread my sentence.

- > Since the way I have shown to use the XP Retail Upgrade kit to
- > cleanly
- > install XP on a hard drive works perfectly well, I say that
- > Microsoft
- > has put its imprimature on using current installations of
- > Windows as
- > proof of qualifying media.

Yes.

- > By the OP's own words, he currently possesses an installation
- > of ME
- > residing on his HD. I say that this is totally adequate for
- > using
- > the XP Retail Upgrade kit to install XP on his HD cleanly.

Yes.

- > So giving

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- > him advice that he must have a physical CD to use the XP Retail
- > Upgrad kit to install XP cleanly is misleading,

Yes. I never said that, and again, you've misread my sentence.

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- > Wow! got lost in the clouds somehow...

Yes, I think so.

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