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...I hope my email address does not show up here again...its a bit tricky trying to keep it off the Newsgroup when you try to use email newsgroup emailing.

Thankyou for your easy to understand replies.

The seller of the computer reinstalled XP Home for me and also the Hewlett Packard software.

That is what he said he did but, he gave me all the cds for the HP computer and they are in sealed HP cd sleeves.

Maybe they are newer cds from HP, I remember I got newer cds for a new OEM computer I bought.

"Bruce Chambers" <[bchambers@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:bchambers@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:#c\\$25CR5IHA.1420@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:#c$25CR5IHA.1420@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

umwhat wrote:

Windows Update is not letting me install Windows XP SP3 and nor can I install Windows XP SP3 from the Windows XP SP3 download I saved for future installations. Adobe Flash Player will not install and I see at Adobe a reason for Flash Player not installing can be there are some sort of restricted user permissions and I am logged on as an Administrator.

Can I reregister Windows XP Home Edition in my name? I did find a form online at Microsoft where I could change ownership or reregister XP but I did not know what I should write for the old owners name.

I have since found there is his name on the computer, and I can even email him if I need to.

What can I do about this?

I want to register the XP Home Edition in my name anyway. Shall I try to find the Microsoft webpage I found before where I could try to change the ownership and attempt to register XP in my name or what should I do?

With second-hand computers, especially if acquired from strangers but perhaps even if acquired from a family member or friend, your wisest course of action would definitely be to format the hard drives and start fresh. You don't want to get in trouble because the original owner may have filled the hard drive with kiddie porn, or have problems because the original

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owner downloaded/installed viruses or other malware.

However, to fix the "Registered to" information for WinNT/2K/XP, you can use Start > Run  
> Regedit.exe to edit:

HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\Current Version\RegisteredOwner

and:

HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\Current  
Version\RegisteredOrganization

How this will affect the name displayed in previously installed applications will vary  
depending upon each individual program; some read the registered owner information  
dynamically, while others read it only during installation.

The user profile folders (C:\Documents and Settings\Username)  
\_cannot\_ be renamed, without risky registry editing, even if the associated user account has  
been. So, your best course of action would be to log on using the built-in Administrator  
account, create a new user account, with the username desired. Once you've logged in using  
this new account (and transfered any data you need to preserve, you can then delete the old  
user account(s).

HOW TO Create and Configure User Accounts in Windows XP  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:279783>

How to Copy User Data to a New User Profile  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:811151>

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Bruce Chambers

Help us help you:  
<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx/kb/555375>

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither  
liberty nor safety. ~Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. ~Bertrand Russell

The philosopher has never killed any priests, whereas the priest has killed a great many  
philosophers.  
~ Denis Diderot