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- *From:* "umwhat" <[nicholaslife@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:nicholaslife@xxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Thu, 17 Jul 2008 01:18:02 +1200
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I can do that if need be.

Since I have noticed the problem I have remembered seeing the problem before.

I do use computers for my hobby which is almost a full time pastime for me now, and I seem to remember there is a security or safety feature somewhere that I overlooked...just plain slow of me...I will get it right eventually, I always do...lol...fingers triple plussed then crossed... and having this particular pc available is not vital because I bought it for the cheap Microsoft Office 2003 Professional software which is requirement for a computer course I hope to start on soon and I do have other computers ready to use.

Thank you.

"Olórin" <[incanus@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:incanus@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:eA7nH6z5IHA.1428@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

"umwhat" <[nicholaslife@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:nicholaslife@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:Oa7yeIz5IHA.4352@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

...and, I still can not install Flash Player on this computer. I have a Macromedia Shockwave 10 product on this computer also and am wondering if it is what is not letting XP SP 3 and Flash Player install. I installed Silverlight. The helps at Adobe.com have not helped but after looking in the Macromedia folder for Macromedia Shockwave I see there is still versions 6 through 9 in there...

hi again...

"umwhat" <[nicholaslife@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:nicholaslife@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:#JZ6Gnw5IHA.4344@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hi Bruce,

I am using the computer again now which I asked about in this thread.

I am wondering what good it will do me to change the previous owners name in the registry. It seems it will do nothing and I am wondering shouldn't the activating and registering be done through the operating system?

...these are some ideas I just got after seeing the previous owners name in the registry.

BTW, his name was not where you posted above, his name

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was in the Real Player, I know what Real Player is...and somewhere else...

It seems there may be a legality involved here even though the previous owner is not the legal owner now, I mean, even if what I change his name to, it seems the new name should be registered properly for any effect.

hi...

"Bruce Chambers" <bchambers@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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

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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 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 transferred any data you need to

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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

Sounds to me like your best bet would be to do as recommended earlier – back up data,  
reformat and reinstall.