

Format Hard Disk; Can't Identify Original XP Home Software

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I have about 6 computers on a network; about 4 of them came installed with Windows XP Home and included the OEM XP software on a CD. I put all of the software disks bundled with the new computers in a drawer (along with the original XP disks from 3 computers at my home), but didn't label which disk was for which computer.

Now, one of the XP Home Dell's is running too slowly. I've tried to remove all the spyware I could find, redundant or unnecessary apps, etc., but it's not helping. Something is sucking resources. I want to do a full format and reinstall everything (data files are on the network, so just a matter of reinstalling apps). I've done this with Windows 98 and ME, so I know the basics. However, I know that XP doesn't allow software to be installed on a computer other than the original. What do I do? When I go to reinstall the XP from original OEM disks, I presume it will determine I'm not using the right disk. Do I just keep loading them in until I find one that works? What if I can't find it?

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