

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

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"sbp" <sbp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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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.
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| 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?

Dell XP discs are BIOS locked to Dell computers and don't require activation. Any Dell XP Home disc will work. (it would be good to use one at the same Service Pack level if possible) It doesn't need to be the one specific to that computer. There is no "per computer specific" information on the disc(s).

Use the Product Key on the sticker on the side of the computer. (bottom for laptops)

The key you will find using Belarc, Everest, or any of a variety of keyfinders is a mass production "image" key. It is different than that which

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you will find on the sticker on each system and will not work for installation purposes.

The Chipset and driver utilities found on the "Resource and Driver" CD(s) are system specific. If you cannot figure out which of those belong to which computer Dell makes them all available for download. Some drivers will likely be newer than the ones on CD so it may be prudent to download new ones anyway.

Start @ <http://support.dell.com/> Log in (or create an account) click "Downloads and Drivers" enter your service tag or model #.

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Doug

I'm not an MVP a VIP nor do I have ESP.

I was just trying to help.

Please use your own best judgment before implementing any suggestions or advice herein.

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See store for details. :)

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