

Re: Cloning with XP?

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Hi Steve,

No, I believe that means that you can run Sysprep with the directive to reset activation up to three times on the same installation of the operating system. So, if you install XP, and run Sysprep with instructions to reset the activation, you can run Sysprep again (and tell it to reset the activation) two more time.

Does that make more sense?

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"Steve" <sphillips@statusone.com> wrote in message
news:ed9101c43d0f\$b0800440\$a001280a@phx.gbl...
> Question on this article:
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> How to Use Sysprep with Windows Product Activation or
> Volume License Media to Deploy Windows XP
> ([http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-
> us;299840](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;299840))
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> "Product Activation with Retail Media Windows Product
> Activation is designed to work with drive imaging products
> that are available from third-party manufacturers. You can
> use the Sysprep utility that is included with Windows XP
> to reset activation up to three times.
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> After Windows XP is imaged and then deployed, Windows
> Product Activation initiates the activation timer, which
> resets the installation ID (and enables the full grace
> period) at first start after the installation of Windows
> XP is complete on the target computer. Unlike Volume
> Licensing, unique product keys are required for each of
> the target computers. However, a manual telephone call is
> not necessary as long as the target computers have
> Internet connectivity and the product keys are valid; in
> that case, the computer activates online automatically."
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> I've been working on this for hours & getting kinda fuzzy.
> I have a classroom with 50 laptops with XP Pro. Does this

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> mean that I can only reimage them 3 times & then I can't
> anymore? I want to be able to reimage when we are done
> with a training to be fresh for next wave of people.