

Re: Windows XP Home reinstall.

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"Gary" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>Hello to all ...
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>In 2002 I purchased Windows XP Home Edition (Upgrade
>Edition) to upgrade my Windows 98 HP desktop (my only
>computer).
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>Since purchasing the software .. and for reasons of a
>fresh start ... I've reinstalled it numerous times on the
>same HP desktop (which has in no way changed since
>2002).
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>My latest reinstallation succeeded ... but only barely.
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>There are numerous problems on a software level such as
>inability to turn my computer off via the Start menu.
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>My software retailer tells me that Microsoft might be
>viewing my multiple reinstalls as 'suspicious' and
>purposely negatively affecting my computer via the
>Microsoft Product Activation procedure.
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>Could this be true?
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>And if so is there a workaround?
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Nope. Total and absolute rubbish.

If there is an activation related issue with respect to your computer then you will get a message that specifically says that it is an activation or product license related issue.

For help in resolving your shutdown related problem see MVP Jim Eshelman's Shutdown Troubleshooter for Windows XP at

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<http://aumha.org/win5/a/shtdwnxp.htm>

Many performance related issues plaguing computers these days can be traced to the plague of advertising spyware that afflicts most users.

In order to clean a computer of spyware I suggest a multiple-program approach.

1. Download, install, update and run AdAware (free) from www.lavasoft.de It is a good utility and very reliable. Pretty much everything that AdAware detects is something that should be removed from your computer and there are seldom any problems resulting from letting AdAware do so. About the only item that I am aware is that AdAware will remove the spyware that Kazaa installs and Kazaa will not run if that spyware is not present.

2. Download and run CWShredder (free) from <http://www.aumha.org/downloads/cwshredder.zip> This is a specialty program that detects and removes CoolWebSearch, one of the most noxious forms of spyware and one that the other programs have trouble dealing with.

3. Download, install, update and run Spybot Search and Destroy (free) from <http://www.safer-networking.org/> This program is a bit more aggressive than AdAware and therefore is more likely to flag items that perhaps should not be removed. For this reason I suggest using it after AdAware has been run and the vast majority of the spyware stuff has been deleted. Spybot will often find things that AdAware misses (and vice versa) because the two programs use a different approach to identifying the spyware items. Using the two of the provides a pretty effective one-two punch.

4. Download, install, configure, update and run SpywareBlaster (free) from <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareblaster.html> This works like an antivirus program to prevent spyware from getting installed in the first place. With the free version you have to do a regular manual check for updates. The paid version includes an automatic update function.

Hope this is of some assistance.

Good luck

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"The reason computer chips are so small is computers don't eat much."

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