

## Re: reinstalling an OEM version of XP Home

**Source:**

[http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.setup\\_deployment/2004-07/2595.html](http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.setup_deployment/2004-07/2595.html)

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Greetings --

Formatting the hard drive to solve a virus problem is rather like using an axe to trim one's fingernails. Sure, it'll probably get the job done, but it's rather messy...., and almost always unnecessary. What other corrective measures have you already attempted?

Because many of the newer viruses and worms can disable antivirus applications whose definitions aren't kept up-to-date, try using one or more of the free on-line scanners to double-check your system.

Trend Micro - Free online virus Scan

<http://housecall.trendmicro.com/>

McAfee Security - FreeScan

<http://www.mcafee.com/myapps/mfs/default.asp>

Symantec Security Check

<http://security.symantec.com/ssc/home.asp>

Panda ActiveScan - Free online scanner

[http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/com/activescan\\_principal.htm](http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/com/activescan_principal.htm)

If you still wish to proceed:

Simply boot from the WinXP installation CD. You'll be offered the opportunity to delete, create, and format partitions as part of the installation process. (You may need to re-arrange the order of boot devices in the PC's BIOS to boot from the CD.)

HOW TO Install Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB;en-us;316941>

<http://www.michaelstevestech.com/cleanxpinstall.html>

[http://www.webtree.ca/windowsxp/clean\\_install.htm](http://www.webtree.ca/windowsxp/clean_install.htm)

microsoft.public.windowsxp.setup\_deployment: Re: reinstalling an OEM version of XP Home

There's no limit to the number of times you can reinstall and activate the same WinXP license on the same PC. Nor is there ever a charge. If it's been more than 120 days since you last activated that specific Product Key, you'll most likely be able to activate via the Internet without problem. If it's been less, you might have to make a 5 minute phone call.

Here are the facts pertaining to activation:

Piracy Basics – Microsoft Product Activation

<http://www.microsoft.com/piracy/basics/activation/>

Windows Product Activation (WPA)

<http://www.aumha.org/a/wpa.htm>

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<http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on having both at once. - RAH

"sharon" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:5c6301c474b7\$66d2ba60\$a301280a@phx.gbl...

> I have recently installed a brand new full OEM version of  
> XP home on my computer. Within a few days, I'm afraid  
> that the computer has already become infected by a worm.  
> Just for my comfort level, I want to do a complete  
> reinstall of the OEM version of XP home (including the  
> formatting of the hard drive)on the same computer.  
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> My question concerns with activating the windows again and  
> going through the registration again. Since I have  
> already activated and registered with Microsoft for this  
> OEM version on this computer, am I going to have any  
> problems going through this again?