

Re: BSOD

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keithste wrote:

- > *I have just purchased a new computer and have transfered the hard drive from*
- > *my old machine to it.*
- > *When I start up I get the infamous blue screen.*
- > *The stop message is 0x0000007b(0xf7911640,0xc0000034,0x00000000,0x00000000)*
- > *The problem is the old machine came with pre-installed software and I do not*
- > *now have access to the discs.*
- > *The old drive is OK in itself, just will not boot on the new machine.*
- > *Has anyone any suggestions on this one.*
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Normally, and assuming a retail license (many OEM installations and licenses are not transferable to a new motherboard – check yours before starting), unless the new motherboard is virtually identical (same chipset, same IDE controllers, same BIOS version, etc.) to the one on which the WinXP installation was originally performed, you'll need to perform a repair (a.k.a. in-place upgrade) installation, at the very least:

How to Perform an In-Place Upgrade of Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/directory/article.asp?ID=KB:EN-US:Q315341>

The "why" is quite simple, really, and has nothing to do with licensing issues, per se; it's a purely technical matter, at this point. You've pulled the proverbial hardware rug out from under the OS. (If you don't like --- or get --- the rug analogy, think of it as picking up a Cape Cod style home and then setting it down onto a Ranch style foundation. It just isn't going to fit.) WinXP, like Win2K before it, is not nearly as "promiscuous" as Win9x when it comes to accepting any old hardware configuration you throw at it. On installation it "tailors" itself to the specific hardware found. This is one of the reasons that the entire WinNT/2K/XP OS family is so much more stable than the Win9x group.

As always when undertaking such a significant change, back up any important data before starting.

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This will also probably require re-activation, unless you have a Volume Licensed version of WinXP Pro installed. 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.

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