

Re: Upgrade and partition questions

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The Dell website is not the friendliest I have ever seen.. maybe if I had wanted to buy one.. :).. however, what I found out was that Dell offer no XP support for your model.. that is not a good thing because some or all newer Dells have problems with SP2 for which fixes were made available..

Second point.. I noticed that the maximum memory slot capability is 128mb.. assuming four slots, that amounts to 512mb at best.. while 512mb is optimum for an XP system, attempts to multitask to any great degree, especially with graphics programs will see the system scrabbling for resources a little.. if you only have three slots, your system will struggle..

A 12.5gb HDD five years ago would be akin to inheriting Texas.. that was then.. now an XP installation complete with SP2, the pagefile and various other updates will swallow up large amounts of disk space.. your 9.5gb free space will soon wane.. it is a good idea to have at least 25% free space on a drive..

I would be tempted to do a clean install of XP, dumping Win 98 for good.. on a clone system, I would not hesitate, but the Dell problem with SP2 might put me off.. you might want to ask Dell about it.. for all I know, older systems may not be affected..

As for arguing with MVPs?.. We are MVPs because we have shown a commitment to helping people voluntarily in newsgroups, forums, through web pages etc.. it does not guarantee that we are always right, so argue away if you so wish..

If you want to multiboot Win 98 and XP until you decide what best to do, go to this site which will tell you all about it..

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/setup/learnmore/multiboot.mspx>

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

"David Rocah" <david.rocah@nospam.mindspring.com> wrote in message news:G5cSd.7305\$x53.2758@newsread3.news.atl.earthlink.net...

>I don't mean to argue (especially with a MVP :-)), but what's likely to be

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> the problem? The processor is a 500 mhz PIII, and I've added memory to
> 384
> MB. I ran the XP upgrade advisor, and the only hardware that it said
> might
> be incompatible is my printer (so I double checked that; there's a Windows
> XP driver available for that printer on the HP website) and the iVasion
> PoET
> adapter (which isn't hardware, but I'm assuming there's similar software
> built in to XP, or available for XP). If I was going to have to spend a
> bunch of money on new hardware, or on the software, I agree, it wouldn't
> make sense to do this. But the XP software will be free because of
> Microsoft's license with my wife's employer (employees can upgrade their
> home computers for work use), and I'm planning to use the hardware I've
> got.
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> Thanks,
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> David
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> "Mike Hall (MS-MVP)" <mike.hall.mail@sympatico.ca> wrote in message
> news:ewhAowxFFHA.2876@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...
>> David
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>> The website that you should be browsing is Dell support.. realistically,
>> your computer is too old, and will not run XP at all well.. Win 2K is the
>> latest OS that Dell considers your computer able to run..
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>> >I want to upgrade a 5yr. old Dell Dimension XPS-T500 machine to XP from
> Win
>> > 98 SE. In doing some web browsing in preparation, I'm come to worry
> about
>> > the pitfalls of the upgrade process. It seems like doing a clean
> install
>> > is
>> > the best way to go. Since I don't have a 2nd computer, I think I'd
>> > like
>> > to
>> > partition my harddrive, and install XP from scratch on the new
> partition.
>> > Once its clear it works fine, I'd like to migrate my programs and files
> to
>> > the new partition, then erase the old one, leaving me with a single
>> > partion
>> > on the existing harddrive (because the drive is only about 12.7 GB,
>> > with
>> > 9.5
>> > GB currently free). My questions are:
>> > 1. Can I do this?
>> > 2. Is this the most sensible way to do things?
>> > 3. If the answer to 1 & 2 is yes, is there a FAQ or website that will

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> give
>> > me step by step instructions (I can handle the install, but I've never
>> > partitioned a disk before, don't know how to make the new partition
>> > bootable, don't know how to tell XP to install in the new partition; am
>> > not
>> > sure that the XP partition will be able to see, read, and transfer
>> > files
>> > from the Win 98 SE partition; and am not clear whether I can eliminate
>> > a
>> > partition, and the best way to erase the files there once I'm sure the
>> > transition is complete). I'm sure this gets asked a lot. I did a
> search,
>> > but didn't find an answer to these questions.
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>> > Thanks,
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>> > David
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>> > To reply directly, please remove
>> > "nospam" from e-mail address
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