

Re: Transfer XP to different computer

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Thanks Ron... Hope I have a version that will transfer. Got it through a discount online store. Will check later.

"Ron Martell" wrote:

Guliver <Guliver@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I want to transfer xp to a different computer. Will uninstall also deactivate so that I can install on other computer.

There is no such thing as deactivation. You just need to reactivate it on the new computer after the installation, if that is possible.

The first thing you need to do is to determine exactly what version of Windows XP you have. The versions of Windows XP include:

- BIOS Locked OEM version
- OEM version (not BIOS locked) (includes "generic" OEM)
- Retail Upgrade version
- Retail Full Install version
- Volume License version

If you have a BIOS locked OEM version then it is self-activating on a computer with a motherboard BIOS from the OEM that produced the original computer and cannot be activated over the Internet or by telephone if it is installed on a computer with a different motherboard BIOS.

If you have an OEM version (not BIOS locked) then the license for that version is permanently tied to the first computer that it was installed on and cannot be legitimately moved to a different computer even if the original computer is lost, destroyed, stolen, or scrapped.

If you have a Retail version (Upgrade or Full Install) of Windows XP then that license belongs to you and can be moved from computer to computer to computer as you sees fit, provided that it is only ever

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installed on a single computer at any given point in time.

If you have a volume license version of Windows XP then the terms of the volume license agreement you signed will apply. In general this restricts you to have the license installed on not more than the total number of computers provided for in the license, and you may be subject to on-site inspections of your compliance with the license. Volume license versions do not require activation.

To determine if your Windows XP is an OEM version open Control Panel – System – General (or right-click on My Computer and select Properties) and look at the 20 character product i.d. code shown as the last line in the "Licensed to:" section. If the second segment of the product i.d. reads OEM then your installed Windows XP is an OEM version. Note that this product i.d. is different from the 25 character product key used to install Windows, although it is derived from it.

To determine if your OEM version of Windows XP is a BIOS Locked version look on the Start menu under Accessories – System Tools for an "Activate Windows" menu item. If that item is not present and the product i.d. (above) says that it is an OEM version then it is a BIOS Locked version.

Hope this is of some assistance.

Good luck

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"Anyone who thinks that they are too small to make a difference has never been in bed with a mosquito."