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Shenan Stanley wrote:

jamieduncan66

I'm an old Mac/Linux person, and I'm used to computers doing what I ask them to and not being rude about it. So much for that! For reasons defying explanation here, I am now running a desktop and a laptop with Windows XP Pro. The desktop is the machine in question with SP2 "properly installed" per the little Update wizard genie.

The machine is an HP-Compaq, 2.53 ghz P4. I have the proper OS disk provided by HP.

My problem:

I want to install IIS. When I go to do this through the Control Panels (or through the CD autostart menu) it starts to copy the files and then says to install the cd b/c it can't find a file. I browse to that folder and lo and behold, THERE'S THE FILE IT'S LOOKING FOR. It doesn't care, apparently that's not the one it wants.

So I download Nlite (per some discussion board researd), and I stripsleam in SP2 (the entire 266 MB download!). Thinking my problem is solved, and I can install IIS and get on with my life, I make a cd. It appears to work perfectly.

I ask it to install IIS (very nicely I might add)...

EXACT SAME PROBLEM.

OK, so what's the deal here? I've been out of the Microsoft loop for too long to troubleshoot ignorance at this level. Can someone up to date on this stuff give me a hand?

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Thanks!!

Donald McDaniel wrote:

I have been told (more than once) by so-called MVPs, that IIS can only be installed in XP Professional. If your HP-Compaq OEM of XP is Home Edition, you will not be able to install IIS. This may be because Home Edition is unable to join a domain. Or it may be some other reason.

Shenan Stanley wrote:

First off – what does XP Home have to do with this thread? Third sentence says, "... I am now running a desktop and a laptop with Windows XP Pro..." That pretty much eliminates the need for any discussion about Windows XP Home Edition in this thread.

Secondly – a simple google search will show that the answer to the "Can I install IIS on Windows XP Home Edition" is actually no.. with caveats. In fact I answered this question for someone in microsoft.public.windowsxp.general 3 days ago.. with:

A *sure* way? No.

You could use some other web server software – but IIS is a "professional" product.. Available on Windows XP Professional and Windows server products. It is *not* available for Windows XP Home Edition.

You can try one of the many sites (Google is great – should try it!) that claim to have the answer you seek, for example:

<http://www.15seconds.com/issue/020118.htm>

or

http://www.experts-exchange.com/Web/Q_20844896.html

Otherwise, you could use something like Apache or one of the many other web servers out there. Last I read, Apache did not DIRECTLY support ASP, but with the correct "add-on", it supports it as well as IIS.

ChiliASP

<http://www.sun.com/software/chilisoft/index.html>

Apache::ASP

<http://www.apache-asp.org/>

mod_mono

<http://go-mono.com/archive/xsp-0.10.html>

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So, the complete answer for your complaint/issue (that you included in this thread for some reason) is the above. It really has nothing to do with its ability to join a domain. It's just a limitation of Windows XP Home.

Donald McDaniel wrote:

Why are you such a gloomy-gus, Mr. Stanley?

Are you jealous because someone other than yourself made an attempt to help someone out or give them necessary information?

Or didn't you like my English for some reason or another? (by the way, I don't suppose you saw my use of "if", did you? I guess not).

Or do I have a foul odor or something?

Anyway, thanks for your "correction". Now I know what I already knew: that "ISS is a Professional application, and can only be installed in XP Professional, with reservations". I guess that's somehow different than my "If [notice the "if" here] your HP-Compaq OEM is XP Home Edition, you will not be able to install IIS, since it can only be installed on XP Professional. I think this may have to do with Home's inability to join a domain. Or it may be for another reason" (this is more of a paraphrase than a quote, since I don't have much of a memory for "word-for-word" quoting.

Anyway, I misread the OPs use of "Windows XP Pro" for Windows XP Home". My mistake, for which, I am sure, I will have to suffer countless years of "purging of venial sins" in Microsoft Purgatory after I die. God, I hope the demons are all Mac Fanatics, since Mac Fanatics tend to be a bunch of idiots anyway.

I simply corrected your honest mistake – quoted the entirety of the thread up to that point – and even made sure that *if*, since this is archived for all to see for many years to come, anyone needed to know the answer to the question you had added to the thread – they now had it.

I saw your *if* and I noted your condescending attitude from the beginning. All I did was give a complete answer to your line of the thread.

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

Wow..... seriously, you guys both need a new hobby. thanks for the answer. In the future I'll do all I can do to avoid MS products, and the people who consider themselves gurus for said products.... Mac fanatics aren't idiots. We just like computers to do what we ask them to do – when we ask them to do it.

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