

Re: De-activation problem

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And the BIOS time matches the time shown in XP??
You adjusted the BIOS time before or after you loaded XP??
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Nick L wrote:

Please can anyone explain what happened here.

I have a PC running Windows XP Home (full retail licence)
which is
now about 4 years old. I decided I wanted a higher
performance
PC so I built a new one. With the exception of a dial-up
modem
card all the component parts were brand new. I also bought a
new Windows XP Home OEM licence.

If you owned a full retail licensed version of Windows XP Home Edition –
why did you buy a copy of Windows XP Home OEM? Did it come with the
new
computer as a package deal?

I'm giving the old PC to my daughter so she needs her own licence.
My new purchase wasn't a package deal. I bought the individual components
(mobo, processor, memory, HDD etc.) to suite my own requirements.

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When I came to test the new machine I set it up with a keyboard and mouse from my junk box and the Samsung SyncMaster 930BF monitor from my old PC. All went smoothly so I installed WinXP. I was surprised when the installation got to the point of asking for date/time format preferences that it already knew the current date and time. I thought no more about it and shut down the PC when the installation was complete.

Why would you be surprised? Motherboards have a BIOS installed on them that has a clock built in. That clock is kept up to date automatically and this has been in place for 2+ decades. Your computer motherboard should have some sort of battery built onto it (that looks like a large watch battery) that helps keep the system BIOS settings for you.

I know that the BIOS has a clock. I was just a bit surprised that it had been set. The board came without any processor or memory. The last time I built a PC the initial time came up as something like 00:00 1st January 1900.

I reconnected the monitor to my old PC and booted it up. I got a splash screen informing me that there had been a major hardware change, Windows had been de-activated and that I had three days in which to re-activate it.

This seems to be unrelated. Even though it is a large coincidence – I believe that is all this is.

The only conclusion I can come to is that the monitor stores some system information.

No – your monitor stores *no* system information.

You left out a few details – I think.

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Only one detail. I installed a LAN controller card onto the old PC a day or two previously. But I'd rebooted it after that several times without problem.

You installed what – the Windows XP OEM you purchased onto the new machine?

Yes.

You used the new OEM license Product Key when installing?

Yes

You did nothing with your Windows XP Retail license product key or CD?

Correct. I did nothing.

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