

## Re: clean install. productkey problem

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RobLee wrote:

hi, can you help?

I recently found malware on my comp which despite all efforts to remove will not budge, so, i'm gonna do a clean install. (its had it comin for a while now). my problem is this, its an OEM version of XP home, i bought the pc two years ago and knew nothing about product keys etc.. i have the discs but no productkey. i found the product id in the registry which looks something like this, XXXXX-OEM-XXXXXXX-XXXXX. but after doin research into the re-installation i found that setup asks for a 25 digit key! Will this product id number work ??

also! the cd has service pack 1, can i still upgrade to SP2?

any help appreciated  
lee.

As you still have XP installed down load and run either of the following, they will reveal your XP Key, Belarc will also give you other useful information about your machine.

Belarc Advisor – Free Personal PC Audit (version 7.0t)  
[http://www.belarc.com/free\\_download.html](http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html)

The magical Jellybean key finder  
<http://www.magicaljellybean.com/keyfinder.shtml>

Make sure you have your driver disks to hand or use the information from belarc to get the drivers from your Motherboard manufacturers site.

Yes you can still upgrade to SP2.

Windows XP Service Pack 2 – Direct Download  
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=049C9DBE-3B8E-4F30-8245-9E368D3CDB5A&disp>

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or <http://tinyurl.com/5bobl>

You may like to consider slipstreaming your XP CD with SP2.

Slipstreamed Windows XP CD Using SP2

[http://www.theeldergeek.com/slipstreamed\\_xpsp2\\_cd.htm](http://www.theeldergeek.com/slipstreamed_xpsp2_cd.htm)

How to use AutoStreamer to Slipstream Windows XP Service Pack 2

[http://www.simplyguides.net/guides/using\\_autostreamer/using\\_autostreamer.html](http://www.simplyguides.net/guides/using_autostreamer/using_autostreamer.html)

Combining Windows XP with Service Pack 2 for reinstallation (Part 1: Introduction)

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/894947/>

You may also like to look at nLite (<http://www.nliteos.com/index.html> )

and especially RyanVM's Windows XP Post-SP2 Update Pack

(<http://www.ryanvm.net/msfn/updatepack.html>)

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