

## Re: install oem version of XP Mediacenter 2005

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But since that is the key on the box (I can't see any other key) where do I find the key that is for the mediacenter? It's an original m\$ box.

"Jason Tsang" wrote:

The fact of the matter is that if you do NOT enter a Media Center key, the install won't know to go instal the Media Center bits.

It sounds like you entered a Pro key, in which case Pro would have been installed (your install can be either Pro, MCE or Tablet depending on the key that is fed to the installation routine).

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It's an original mediacenter CD box with 3 CD's inside, and also within that box is a sticker with a product key, and that key I used. How can that not bet the mce key? Also, how would I be able to install the first CD with the wrong key? doesn't XP always refuse installation if you don't have the key

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that matches the product version?

"Doug Knox – [MS–MVP]" wrote:

If you are not being prompted to insert the second CD in the set, then you are not using a Media Center CD key.

You start the install from the first CD. You'll be asked to put in the second CD. After that part is finished, you'll be prompted to insert the Windows XP Service Pack 2 CD (this is the 1st CD).

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Doug Knox, MS–MVP Windows Media Center\Windows Powered Smart Display\Security Win 95/98/Me/XP Tweaks and Fixes  
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"rindi" <rindi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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I can't properly install XP Mediacenter.  
After having finished installing the first CD I have XP installed OK. There is no media center button etc.  
So I try installing extra options by running setup from the HD (I copied all 3 CDs to the HD so that whenever any new option is needed I won't have to go looking for the CD). I select the sonic software, the digital media stuff and

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the .net framework. This seems to install, but there is some meaningless error message where I can only select OK. The installation finishes without any further errors. I look in the programs and only see the digital media stuff and the .net framework installed, but still no media center button or sonic software installed. I looked at the contents of the 2nd CD, and extracted what was in the mediactr.cab file (don't remember if that was the exact name of the file) and looked if there was any setup software in there, but couldn't find it. The media center executable was there and a lot of html files. If I start the media center executable a wizard opens and eventually it checks the internet connection, and then an error 3 shows up. When I try to install the exe file on the 3rd CD, I get an error message that XP Mediacenter needs to be installed for that file to run...

Can anyone tell me how to get the media center software completely installed? Thanks for your help.