

## Re: install oem version of XP Mediacenter 2005

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If the key is not working then contact the vendor from whom you have bought it.

regards,  
S.Sengupta[MS-MVP]

rindi wrote:

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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Jason Tsang – Microsoft MVP

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<http://jtsang.blogspot.com>

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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 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 <http://www.dougknox.com>

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Per user Group Policy Restrictions for XP Home and XP Pro  
[http://www.dougknox.com/xp/utills/xp\\_securityconsole.htm](http://www.dougknox.com/xp/utills/xp_securityconsole.htm)  
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"rindi"

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I can't properly install XP Mediacenter. After having

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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  
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

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connection, and then an  
error 3 shows up. When I  
try  
to install the exe file on the  
3rd CD, I get an  
errormessage 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.