

## Re: install oem version of XP Mediacenter 2005

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I still don't understand how a shrink wrapped XP MediaCenter Box with the 3 original CD's inside and a Genuine Microsoft Sticker with Key should only be an XP Key. Also when I add windows components I have the extra sonic and digital media stuff in the selection, those aren't available in a standard Windows XP CD.

Can there be any other reason why the installation of Media Center doesn't work, apart from the wrong key? Or is this the absolutely only reason why it doesn't work?

Could it by any chance have anything to do with using an answer file on a floppy for the installation (winnt.sif)? The main reason for using an answer file is that I definitely can't have the user files (Documents and Settings) on the same partition as the OS is on. The OS is more or less something static that doesn't change too often while any data is dynamic. Those MUST be separated from each other.

"S.Sengupta" wrote:

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.

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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

Read my blog for the latest in Media Center topics (and other topics that interest me)  
<http://jtsang.blogspot.com>

More information by me  
<http://jtsang.mvps.org>  
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"rindi" <rindi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:492E2AFA-B50F-4B30-B3F9-D5CF7CA7B274@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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 be 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.

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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  
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"rindi"

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wrote in message

<news:C95D6412-B8E3-464C-91CA-640B5662B34A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I can't properly install XP Mediacenter. After having finished installing the first CD I have XP installed OK. There is no media center

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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

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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.