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 - *Date:* Mon, 23 Apr 2007 02:38:06 -0700
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thanks, but I'd prefer to move the whole "Documents and Settings" folder to drive D, and not just some of the folders within. Using Tweakui I can only move some, but not all. I'll check if I can achieve my goal by editing the registry.

"CSM1" wrote:

I think that is correct, you can not move the location of Documents and Settings without a huge can of worms. (means bad stuff). You can move My Documents, My Music, My webs and the other "My" folders.

I even move Favorites (IE bookmarks) and Outlook Express data store to the data drive

The warning about moving a special folder is there every time you move one of the folders.

Not a problem most of the time.

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CSM1
<http://www.carlmcmillan.com>

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"AllanF" <not.known@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:enaAGh9gHHA.4952@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

This seems to be a more difficult task than one would expect.

Using TweakUI > My Computer > Special Folders > My Documents > Change

Location.... says:

"Changing the location of a special folder will not move the files to the new location.

To change the location of a special folder and simultaneously move the files, right-drag the folder to its desired new location and select 'move here' rather than using this dialog"

... and, as far as I can see, it applies only to the "My Documents", "My

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Music", etc folders, not the entire "Documents and Settings" folder.

Also see: http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_shell_folders.htm

According to KB Article which applies to XP Pro and XP Home only :
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/314843/en-us>

MCE 2005 is Windows XP Professional with Media Center as a program running in Windows XP Pro.

Anything that applies to Windows XP Professional will apply to MCE 2005 except for the Media Center parts.

"If you try to move or rename the Documents and Settings folder in Windows XP, you may receive the following error message:
Documents and Settings is a Windows system folder and is required for Windows to run properly. It cannot be moved or renamed."

The specified Resolution is to add extra text to an Answer File called "Unattend.txt", which is the general approach taken by the OP. Strictly speaking, with an MCE Set of CDs, you can't perform an Unattended Installation because you need to be in Attendance to physically swap the CDs. I'm guessing that this may be part of the problem... when the Answer File is called, it needs to have more information.

The KB Article also describes a method for moving the entire Documents and Settings folder when the unattended.txt File doesn't work. It involves the Registry Editor.

I have no idea if it works with MCE....

"CSM1" <nomail@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:CyfWh.517\\$im2.83@xx](mailto:news:CyfWh.517$im2.83@xx)

I had no trouble partitioning my Media Center 2005 into two partitions.
I have a 500 GB drive partitioned into 40 GB for Windows & Programs and 460 GB for data.

MCE did ask for the format of the drive, and when asked I reduced the suggestion of the whole drive to the 40 GB I wanted for Windows.

After MCE was completely installed, I then ran the

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Computer Management
and partitioned and formatted the remaining 460 GB.

There is Microsoft TweakUI that allows moving the
Documents and Settings
to the Data drive.

Tweakui is part of the Microsoft Powertoys. Most work with
MCE 2005.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/powertoys/xppowertoys.msp>

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CSM1

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"rindi" <rindi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
message

<news:1D494F66-D941-4AFA-905D-D872A6F48DFF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I've reinstalled Media Center the way an OS
should never be installed.

The
standard, M\$ preferred, Single Partition way.
Like that it works. But I
NEED
to completely separate the OS and the Data
(Documents and Settings) to
different partitions. I can't believe M\$ forces
you to install things
the
wrong way!

Does anyone know how I can change the
location of the "Documents and
Settings" Folder after the installation?

Also, regarding the last post about not
mistaking an o for a 0 etc, had
I
entered the key wrongly, I wouldn't have
been able to install at all,
because
the setup routine won't go forward without a
valid key.

"CSM1" wrote:

I would double check that
you have entered the
Product Key correctly.

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Do not confuse an O (Oscar)
for 0 (zero) or B (Bravo) for
8 (eight).

Media center OEM is Three
disks.

Disk 1 is Windows XP
Professional,

Disk 2 is the Media Center
software and

Disk 3 is the Roll up 2.
Which is on Windows
Update also.

I second, use the CDs not
the ones you copied to your
hard drive.

Boot from the first CD
(Disk 1)

You may have to make the
CD your first boot in BIOS.

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CSM1

<http://www.carlmcmillan.com>

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"Jaime"

<jaimelobo@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

<news:uW60Y80gHHA.1332@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I think the
simplest
thing to try
would be a
reinstall,
using the
CD's
(not
copying to
the HD) in
the
prescribed
manner.
Just to see if
it
installs
correctly, as
Doug said,
during the
install you

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should start
with Disc
1,
be
prompted
for Disc 2
(MCE bits),
and then
you will be
prompted
for
XP SP2
(that means
it want Disc
1 back, not
a separate
SP2 disc
you might
have).

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James
Orlando
(Goofy says
"Hey!"),
Florida

"rindi"
<rindi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in
message

news:C64C5B29-94DA-45B2-9465-EC6B180E9D71@xxxxxxxxxx

I
still
don't
understand
how
a
shrink
wrapped
XP
MediaCenter
Box
with
the
3
original
CD's
inside
and
a

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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"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

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(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>

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

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Pack
2
CD
(this
is
the
1st
CD).

Doug
Knox,
MS-MVP
Windows
Media
Center\Windows
Powered
Smart
Display\Security
Win
95/98/Me/XP
Tweaks
and
Fixes
<http://www.dougkno>

Per
user
Group
Policy
Restrictions
for
XP
Home
and
XP
Pro
<http://www.dougkno>

Please
reply
only
to
the
newsgroup
so
all
may
benefit.
Unsolicited
e-mail

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is
not
answered.

"rindi"
<rindi@xxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
news:C95D6412-B8

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

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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

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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