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Hi AllanF:

That's an interesting idea to remove all the add in software & hardware (except dvd drive) prior to using an upgrade install of Vista. My first install of Vista Home Premium full retail version was to my main MCE2005 which was on a Raid0 volume and I did an upgrade install to preserve the RAID0. I wound up with so many problems I have since moved it to a new pc I built and did a clean install and love it. Some of the problems were with the motherboard software and since then Intel has provided Vista chipset, audio and graphics drivers which I used successfully on the new pc with the same m-board. I also have since found a vista compatible 56k modem for the new pc. It's an older US robotics modem than the one that didn't have Vista drivers lol. The failed install on that first pc also involved an installation on a pc that has 7 hard drives.....6 SATA and 1 IDE. The IDE drive was set as Master and the DVD drive was Slave. Well.....With 2 Sata Drives in RAID0, 4 ACPI Sata Drives and 1 IDE drive, wouldn't you know it, Vista put the boot files on the IDE drive. I found out later I would have been better off disconnecting all but the 2 RAID0 drives and re-installing the others after the O.S. install. It's been a fun learning process but for a senior citizen who built his first computer last December it was a real challenge. I think it has re-juvenated my brain.....I beat the Vista Titan Chess game at level 10 two out of the last three games LOL. The tips and input from the volunteers in the newsgroups has been invaluable. I've decided to buy another full retail version of Home Premium and do a clean install on my main pc as soon as the "coming soon" drivers for it's modem arrive. I need another challenge to complain in newsgroups about lol!

xiowan.....in tucson

"AllanF" wrote:

The upgrade paths are an interesting mish-mash (with a bit of logic thrown in). For instance, with XP Pro x64 and Windows 2000, you are eligible for the Upgrade but need to do a Clean Install. And from MCE2005 and XP Pro, if you wanted to do a Downgrade Upgrade to Home Basic, you would need to do a Clean Install (buy the full version?), but to Ultimate get the Upgrade.

(See:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/windowsvista/buyorupgrade/upgradepaths.mspx>)

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From what I can see, the only reason to buy a Full Version would be if you don't have an Upgrade Path (pre Windows 2000 or no OS). The discount on the Upgrade Versions is a reward for having previously purchased an OS which has an Upgrade Path. What you do after that is up to you.... the method of performing a Clean Install from an Upgrade Version was leaked by MS, and I can't believe it will cause any future problems. Time will tell, but as I indicated in my previous post, I really can't see any benefit in a Clean Install when you have an Upgrade Path. Installing Vista is a different kettle of fish to previous OSs.

"AllanF" <not.known@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:O4946HsiHHA.492@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

My two-bobs-worth...

With Vista RC1, I tried the Upgrade method, then the Clean Install. Much preferred the Upgrade because it saved time, and managed to install and configure my hardware (notably a USB Tuner), which caused some problems installing manually after a Clean Install.

My understanding is that the Upgrade performs a perfectly Clean Install from an Image File, then automatically reinstalls pre-existing compatible software and hardware for you.

I guess you would prefer a Clean Install if you were not happy with your pre-Vista setup, and wanted to manually install your hardware and software bit by bit.

Wonder what happens if you uninstall all your pre-Vista hardware and software, then perform an Upgrade. Would you end up with a Clean Install of the Vista Image (plus a bit extra like the archive of your "old" system.)?

"xiowan" <xiowan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:A0B85751-2B0F-4628-A2D2-E7A00D7ABDC3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Hi tomlives2000:

Thanks for the info. Good to know of that scenario. My main concern was that I'd be violating M-S's license to use an upgrade version to do a clean install.....if they permit that soon no one would buy the retail version and that would put a dent in their revenues. It may be that they intended for some people to do this because of early adopters of Vista having

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lots of problems with software & hardware driver compatibility and will continue to allow it. I don't know if they would have to change the software to prevent clean installs or if they can later discover the systems that were installed in this "clandestine" lol manner and take some kind of action to enforce their license terms. In the end I'm guessing it's just a matter of conscience as to whether to take advantage of this loophole in their O.S. procedure.

xiowan.....in tucson

"tomlives2000" wrote:

I did a clean install from an upgrade. then later had to do it again. I did not have to put original software on it first. Hope it helps.

"xiowan"

<xiowan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

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Hi Gary Tsang:
Sorry....I knew it was a dumb question! I'm about to change another pc over to Vista and it tempts me to use the upgrade version and do a clean install but I don't want to later be stuck re-installing XP MCE2005 from the back up disks I made for my Gateway pc and then update it, validate it,

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all
before I can re-install from
Vista Upgrade version.
Then when I'm
done,
I
won't have a good clean,
smooth running pc anyway
LOL! Guess I'll
have
to
wait til my budget allows
another retail
version.....darn it.

xiowan.....in tucson

"Gary Tsang" wrote:

I suppose
anything is
possible,
but I don't
know the
answer to
that.

Sorry.

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wrote in
message

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Hi
Gary

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Tsang:
This
is
probably
a
dumb
question.
If
someone
does
a
clean
install
using
an
upgrade
license
as
has
often
been
described
in
this
newsgroup
is
there
a
chance
that
Microsoft
will
later
discover
this
and
view
it
as
a
violation
of
the
license
and
somehow
invalidate
the
operating
system,
thus

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requiring
a
re-installation
of
XP
and
install
of
Vista
within
XP?

xiowan.....in
tucson

"Gary
Tsang"
wrote:

You
can
do
an
upgrade
as
per
xiowan's
post,
but
I'd
highly
recommend
doing
a
clean
install.
In
the
end,
you
will
avoid
many
problems
that
most
people
have
faced
while

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doing
upgrades
(it
might
require
more
up-front
time,
but
you'll
gain
that
time
back
by
avoiding
issues
that
would
otherwise
come
from
the
upgrade
process).

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"doomey"
<doomey@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote
in
message
<news:EA003CCE-DE7B-4A98-81F2-BDCB54C77>

If
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was

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to
upgrade
to
vista
from
a
standard
xp
pc,
to
premiuml,
would
I
need
anything
else
to
make
it
work?
I
ask
this
because
I
am
trying
(unsucesfully)
to
upgrade
from
xp
to
vista
premium.

Do
I
need
to
have
an
exsisting
media
centre
pc
to
upgrade
to
premium?
If

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so
the
upgrade
advisor
does
not
pic
up
on
this
when
you
ask
if
you
cna
run
other
versions.
My
advisor
does
indeed
advise
basic,
but
then
offers
premium
if
you
compare.

Sadly
having
paid
for
premium,
I
need
to
work
out
a
way
to
make
it
work,
or
take

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hit
and
lose
out
by
selling
it
at
a
considerable
loss
no
doubt
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ANy
help
with
my
question
would
be
most
apreciated.