

## Re: upgrading xp to vista premium question

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xiowan,

Sata, Ide, Masters and Slaves.... are you talking about the book, "Arabian Nights"? :) You've lost me. I think the only way to learn is to get your hands dirty and build as you have done. Me... I have a Laptop, and I'm stuck with whatever is inside it.

I do have two Hard Disks configured as RAID0, and had no problems with the Vista Upgrade. As I recall, the Clean Install simply required F6(?) and loaded RAID drivers from CD. (It was a relief that the installation didn't demand an A: Drive.)

And I have some experience with Image Files because that is how my OS, MCE2005 was delivered to me; on a Recovery Disc. An inalterable Image that plonks itself word-for-word, sector-for-sector on my Hard-Drives each time I need to reinstall the OS.

My understanding is that any type of installation of Vista will do the same type of thing at some stage in the installation. An Upgrade catalogs and stores pre-existing stuff including Documents and Settings then re-installs it after the Image is laid down. If there is no pre-existing stuff apart from the OS, would you end up with a Clean Install after an Upgrade? It was just a mad thought. :)

"xiowan" <[xiowan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xiowan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:E145F47E-E03E-4932-94BF-13351C10AF7A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:E145F47E-E03E-4932-94BF-13351C10AF7A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

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

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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

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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>)

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

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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](mailto: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](mailto:news:A0B85751-2B0F-4628-A2D2-E7A00D7ABDC3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

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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

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"

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<xiowan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

news:F165A21C-5C76-4A15-8AEE-111BAB7003F6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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,  
all  
before I can  
re-install  
from Vista  
Upgrade  
version.  
Then when  
I'm  
done,  
I  
won't have  
a good

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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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Gary  
Tsang  
<http://www.gtsang.com>

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MVP  
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<http://www.microsoft.com/mvp>

"xiowan"

<xiowan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote

in

message

<news:59170153-9A4C-446E-A1CE-B654D662FCAB@xx>

Hi

Gary

Tsang:

This

is

probably

a

dumb

question.

If

someone

does

a

clean

install

using

an

upgrade

license

as

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often

been

described

in

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newsgroup

is

there

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chance

that

Microsoft

will

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discover

this

and

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it

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a  
violation  
of  
the  
license  
and  
somehow  
invalidate  
the  
operating  
system,  
thus  
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

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will  
avoid  
many  
problems  
that  
most  
people  
have  
faced  
while  
doing  
upgrades  
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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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Gary  
Tsang  
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"doomey"

<doomey@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote

in

message

news:EA003CCE-DE7B-4A98-81F2-BDC

If

I

was

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

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need  
to  
have  
an  
existing  
media  
centre  
pc  
to  
upgrade  
to  
premium?  
If  
so  
the  
upgrade  
advisor  
does  
not  
pick  
up  
on  
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you  
ask  
if  
you  
can  
run  
other  
versions.  
My  
advisor  
does  
indeed  
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basic,  
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then  
offers  
premium  
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compare.

Sadly  
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paid  
for  
premium,

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selling  
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considerable  
loss  
no  
doubt  
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ANy  
help  
with  
my  
question  
would  
be  
most  
apreciated.

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