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Hello Gene:

I guess I lucked out and won't have to reactivate since they sent the same exact moverboard and revision number as the first one. I have gone thru a reactivation once when I removed Vista from the same pc and re-installed MCE2005 due to lack of modem drivers and dvd lightscribe software incompatibility. The reactivation wasn't difficult other than asking the man with an East Indian accent to read off the numbers louder and slower lol. Sounds like you probably have experienced enough reactivation that you can understand the numbers in any language lol.

xiowan.....in tucson

"Gene E. Bloch" wrote:

Hopefully you won't have to reactivate :-)

But if you do it's not too bad (nor is it too good...).

At worst, you'll have to call in, at which time you'll find out that the automated system doesn't really work – but it's not too hard to get to a person.

Still, it's twenty minutes wasted.

My problem was that I was trying to set up a combined Parallels/Bootcamp setup and had to do the above about six or eight times. They never denied me, but it was a total PIA. Eventually I gave up the idea, but for reasons of SW stability, not activation.

On 8/10/2007, xiowan posted this:

Hi David B:

Doubt that you will be back to this post to see this, but if you are, I received an an identical replacement motherboard from Intel today and just finished installing it. It went just great. Plugged all the hard drives into the same connections as the old board and after all the other tiny little connections I turned it on. Glory be.....the computer works

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again. The only hitch was re-starting to re-set the clock in the bios and that was no problem. I was able to download all the latest Windows Updates with no problem. Hopefully that means I won't have to go thru a re-activation. Thanks a lot for all your assistance.

xiowan.....in tucson

"David B." wrote:

Try a thumb drive, they're cheap!
As far as the OEM license, Microsoft will likely not give you a problem reactivating on a new motherboard. If you get a replacement board with a similar chipset (and hard drive/RAID controller) you may not even have to do a repair install. If you get an identical replacement board you may not even have to reactivate.

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Hi again David B:
Whew.....that was a chore! Disconnected
6 Sata HDs and the IDE
HD.
Turned power on & inserted recovery CD.
Turned off pc. Turned power back
on
and turned on pc; cd drive lite came on but
cd didn't update with the
recovery bios! Don't think the bios even
tried to copy the file; didn't
hear the sound of a cd spinning. Went ahead
and turned off power and
replaced configuration jumper per intel
instructions. Re-connected

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everything. Black screen.....nothing but the power lights for the pc and drives. No activity on HDs. The download site for intel bios for my motherboard said to copy the bios recovery to a floppy (if it would fit)

or

to a cd. I did both in advance of the original bios update just in case.

When it failed, tried to recover with the recovery floppy. Failed, so I tried the recovery cd. Failed.'

I have since checked the technical manual for the motherboard and it says recovery bios can only be used on a sata or ide cd drive or thumb drive!

Floppy bios recovery is not supported for this newish board. Wonder if I screwed things up using the floppy recovery disk? I don't know why the motherboard download site for this specific motherboard tells you to use either floppy or cd when the technical manual specifically states that floppy

recover is not acceptable! What a mess!

I'm probably back to needing a new motherboard I guess. That means I still don't know the answer to the questions asked about a new O.S. in my first post lol! Thanks again for your help in any case.

xiowan.....in tucson

"David B." wrote:

As far as the boot order, did you leave the floppy and CD in the order, just place them after the hard drive? If so unplug the hard drive data cables, maybe you'll be able to boot from your created recovery discs then.

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Hi All:
I have a
really nice
home-built
pc with
MCE2005
OS and
today I
attempted
to update
the bios
with the
latest Intel
update. I
have done
this
many
times but
this time
after the
update ran
the
computer
was
supposed to
re-boot
automatically
and I wasn't
to touch it
for the
"next 3
minutes".
Usually
the
computer
comes back

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on and the
update is
installed
from the
hard drive
to
the
bios and
then
Windows
starts and a
box pops up
saying bios
update
successful.
Instead, the
computer
came back
on but after
20 minutes
I still had
nothing
on the
display.
Well, I
turned it off
and decided
to try a bios
recovery
floppy I had
prepared
just in case.
Followed
all Intel's
procedures
and
it
didn't work.
So, I then
tried a bios
recovery
using a
recovery cd
I
had
already
prepared.
Didn't work
either.
Black
Screen. It

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may be
because
a
few weeks
ago I
changed the
bios boot
order and
moved the
RAID 0
hard
drives
to first in
boot order
to see if it
would boot
faster. It
didn't. I
should
have went
back and
put the cd
drive first,
floppy
second as it
was
before
but I didn't.
It appears
the
motherboard
is now
useless. I
don't mind
buying a
new
motherboard
but I have
the
following
questions:
1. Will I be
able to use
my current
MCE2005
O.S. or have
to buy a
new
one?
(They didn't
have a retail

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version,
only the
OEM
version)

2. If I can
legally use
the current
OS and am
unable to
just move
everything
over to the
new
motherboard
and have to
re-install
the O.S.
will I
be able to
continue to
access the
content on
all 7 hard
drives?

(a)
According
to Tom's
Hardware
site you can
move a
RAID 0
O.S.
from
one Intel
board to
another and
it will
configure
itself
automatically.

The
drivers for
the ICH8R
and ICH9R
are the same
I guess.

(b) If
necessary, I
thot maybe
I could just

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format the
existing
RAID 0
system
partition
and
re-install
MCE2005
on the same
partition
thus
leaving
the other
partitions
and their
content
intact?

3. If EULA
problems
prevent
re-use of
the current
MCE2005
license and
I
purchase a
new
MCE2005
or Vista
Home
Premium
license will
either or
both
OS's
be able to
continue to
access the
content on
the other
RAID 0
partitions
and
also the
other 5 hard
drives in the
pc?
(a) If
required to
buy a new

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OS, can I
buy a full
retail Vista
Home
Premium
license and
then use it
as an
upgrade to
preserve
access to all
the
current
content? Or
will a clean
install allow
access to all
the
partitions
on the
RAID 0
drives and
the other 5
drives? I'm
worried
about Vista
denying
access to
the recorded
tv programs
by saying
"content
may not be
viewed
on
this pc".
This
happened
once when I
moved a tv
movie from
one pc to
another
even though
the movie
was listed
as not copy
protected .

I'm sorry to
go on at

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such length,
but as you
see all these
alternatives
have me
confused.

I really need
to save my
2 terabytes
of recorded
tv. I spend 3
months

a
year
volunteering
for the
Forest
Service and
take the pc
along in my
RV

and
most places
I work have
electricity
but no tv
signal.

(Mountains
and
forests
lol). The
recorded tv
content is a
real
blessing in
the
evenings
and
on
rainy days !

Any advice
will be
appreciated!

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