
Subject: XP Install

Posted by [The Elite Officer](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 19:52:33 GMT

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lol I heard it was possible to copy the I386 folder from another computer and then place it on a new hard drive and use it to install windows XP to you computer, and you don't need a Product key.....Is this true? Thoughts and opinions guys?

Subject: Re: XP Install

Posted by [Ethenal](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 20:12:17 GMT

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I'm guessing this counts as warez... in before the lock.

Subject: Re: XP Install

Posted by [The Elite Officer](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 20:15:13 GMT

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what is warez? Are you talking about www.warez.com?

No no it is not illegal I OWN XP for real and I have a product key it's just my XP cd is too scached to do anything about it. I have all off the files from the CD except "SETUP.EXE" it is to corrupted to run the installer. So I guess I just have wo run winnt.exe in dos, or winnt32.exe in windows. (Which is the CD image by the way)

Subject: Re: XP Install

Posted by [Ethenal](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 20:16:14 GMT

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I'm pretty sure you can, but if this is legal, why did you say "without a product key"?

Subject: Re: XP Install

Posted by [The Elite Officer](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 20:33:40 GMT

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Because the product key is controlled by the "setup.exe" and you can get around the setup by using the winnt.exe for dos or winnt32.exe for windows. Except if I need it I have the code it's just the setup.exe it broken.

Subject: Re: XP Install
Posted by [Viking](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 22:08:51 GMT
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Wait, what? You confuse the great Viking! You ANGER the all mighty god that is Viking.

You better explain this better or I will kill you, I will throw you into a fire! Just like you did to your best friend!!!n

Subject: Re: XP Install
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 22:28:38 GMT
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It will let you install, but you will still need a product key.

Subject: Re: XP Install
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 22:58:08 GMT
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I have a old PC which uses a keyless XP install, still works with all updates, the guy we got it from years ago said it was a modified HP recovery disc, this would also explain the HP trial ware when first installed. (PC wasnt even a HP, custom built) I dont even use the PC anymore, but I wouldnt risk using it as a main home PC, I'm not much of a pirate, so....go get some satisfaction and buy the actual product.

Another cool trick, buy vista upgrade, install it claiming you have xp or windows 2000 already installed, it installs but wont activate, reinstall it while keeping the previous vista install on (install over) now try activating, it works with the product key you bought. I tried this on my friends PC back when vista was first out.

Subject: Re: XP Install
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2007 23:35:57 GMT
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Viking wrote on Thu, 20 December 2007 17:08You confuse the great Viking!

Don't make me hurt you.
