Subject: Windows XP help
Posted by ballstein on Tue, 15 Jan 2013 07:58:25 GMT
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So, my laptop died and I broke out an old computer that I bought around 2000ish. At the time it had Windows ME and I got a buddy to install what I thought was Windows XP. It turns out it was a version of ME skinned to look like XP.

My question is: I just bought a version of XP through Ebay thinking it was the full retail version of XP but it turned out it was just an upgrade. Not sure if the seller sent me the wrong one or I got duped. Trying to get back in touch with the person to see what's going on.

When I try and install it I get an error saying the OS I currently have doesn't support an upgrade. Is there anything I can do to fix this or am I going to need to start looking for another copy of XP?

Thanks for the help guys!

Ballstein

Subject: Re: Windows XP help
Posted by badam on Wed, 16 Jan 2013 00:18:45 GMT
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I know you can do it with a vista upgrade disk, I believe xp is the same. The disk has to be formatted, when you proceed with the install do not enter the product number, it should install a trial version, then reboot to the disk and upgrade that version. Sounds odd but I know it works with vista and up just not sure of the xp. I can check my books tomorrow though. If anything find an install of xp online then upgrade on top of that with your upgrade product key so that it is validated....   or just go for win7 or 8 since xp isnt supported anymore.

Subject: Re: Windows XP help
Posted by cmatt42 on Thu, 17 Jan 2013 08:27:06 GMT
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Do you absolutely need Windows on this machine? I mean, you could try checking out Ubuntu or Linux Mint or another Linux distro.

Subject: Re: Windows XP help
Posted by Veyrdite on Fri, 25 Jan 2013 02:45:30 GMT
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cmatt42 wrote on Thu, 17 January 2013 19:27Do you absolutely need Windows on this machine? I mean, you could try checking out Ubuntu or Linux Mint or another Linux distro.

I second this - faster & free. Renegade works under Wine (see my sticky guide in the TT forum)
and if you don't like it you have not wasted any money.

I have heard of problems upgrading from ME - I believe it may be an upgrade-path dead end.
You can upgrade from Windows 3.1->95->98->2000->XP->Vista->7 all in a row, as long as you
avoid ME.

Subject: Re: Windows XP help
Posted by ballstein on Sat, 26 Jan 2013 06:20:08 GMT
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It's an old computer. Probably wouldn't support anything later than XP. I figured it out and got it
installed. Thanks for the info, I'll have to check out some of y'alls suggestions at some point.

Now I just need to find my renegade discs.