

Win XP Home Ed. Install, WPA, and Partitioning Questions

Source: <http://www.derkeiler.com/Newsgroups/comp.security.misc/2003-12/0446.html>

From: Reticulum (*cathexis_at_erols.com*)

Date: 12/21/03

Date: Sun, 21 Dec 2003 04:30:23 GMT

Greetings,

Will be making the move to Win XP, Home Ed. as soon as Santa brings the new PC down the chimney. Here are a few questions on partitioning I hope someone can answer:

1. Will XP allow a dualboot install even if no other OS is installed ?
(That is, say yes to dualboot – but load the 2nd OS later).
2. If XP is loaded already(out of the box), can Dualboot still be done ?
3. Will XP require another WPA if XP is installed twice – once for each boot option ?
4. Whether or not the Dualboot option is used, If a HD Partition is created will this be a large enough "change" such that XP will call for another WPA ?
5. If any such additional WPA's ARE needed, is this OK considering I have only *one* license ? (Will MS balk at giving new WPA?)
- 6 Any other unruly behavior from XP I might expect on this?

So you should see by now that the desired option is to leave most of the PC as the Family Computer as Santa intends it -- But to create a more secure 2nd area/partition running DCPD or BestCrypt or such along with other programs of similar ilk. Since spreading passphrases,etc. over entire family is dubious and not needed anyway, this seems best solution.

Thx!

Andrew
Reticulum

Remove "your.hat" when replying via e-mail