

## Re: Installing English windows onto a Japanese PC

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What keyboard layout do you have?

Make sure that the English version of XP is compatible with the keyboard layout or else you'll have some small confusion with special characters and their location. These include: ~, #, \$, {, }, [, ], :, ;, ", ' and so on.

As for drivers, it is unlikely that any PC made today doesn't have XP driver files available on the manufacturers web pages.

"Carey Frisch [MVP]" wrote:

- > Visit the support website of the manufacturer of your laptop
- > and search for the English version of Windows XP drivers.
- > If they are available, then there is no reason why you cannot
- > reformat your hard drive, install the English version of Windows
- > XP, then install the drivers.
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- > Follow this procedure:
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- > The Windows XP CD is bootable and contains all the tools necessary
- > to partition and format your drive. Follow this procedure and allow
- > Windows XP to partition and format your drive:
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- > NOTE: It would be best to physically disconnect all your peripheral hardware
- > devices, except the monitor, mouse and keyboard, before installing XP.
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- > NOTE: If you have an internal Zip Drive installed, physically disconnect the
- > EIDE and power cable to it before proceeding, otherwise your main
- > hard drive may not be assigned the customary C: drive letter.
- > After installing Windows XP, you may then reconnect it.
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- > 1. Open your BIOS and set your "CD Drive as the first bootable device".
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- > ==> Accessing Motherboard BIOS
- > ==> [http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/bios\\_manufacturer.htm](http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/bios_manufacturer.htm)

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- > 2. *Insert your Windows XP CD in the CD Drive and reboot your computer.*
- > 3. *You'll see a message to boot to the CD....follow the instructions.*
- > 4. *The setup menu will appear and you should elect to delete all the existing*
- > *Windows partitions, then create a new partition, then format the primary*
- > *partition (preferably NTFS) and proceed to install Windows XP.*
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- > 5. *Clean Install Windows XP*
- > <http://michaelstevensstech.com/cleanxpinstall.html>
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- > [*Courtesy of Michael Stevens, MS-MVP*]
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- > 6. ==> *Immediately after installing Windows XP, turn on XP's Firewall.*
- > ==> <http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/protect/default.aspx>
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- > 7. *After Windows XP is installed, visit the Windows Update website*
- > *and download the available "Critical Updates".*
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- > 8. *After installing the critical updates, be sure and visit the support website*
- > *of the manufacturer of the computer to download and install any*
- > *available Windows XP compatible drivers, such as video adapter*
- > *and audio drivers.*
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- > 9. *If you happen to run into any installation difficulties, use the following resources:*
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- > *How to Troubleshoot Windows XP Problems During Installation*
- > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:310064>
- >
- > *Troubleshooting Windows XP Setup*
- > [http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp\\_setup.htm](http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_setup.htm)
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- > [*Courtesy of MS-MVP Kelly Theriot*]
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- > --
- > *Carey Frisch*
- > *Microsoft MVP*
- > *Windows XP - Shell/User*
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- > *Be Smart! Protect Your PC!*
- > <http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/protect/default.aspx>
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- > *"moo\_s79" wrote:*
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- > *| I bought a laptop in Japan, but I want to install English windows onto it. It*
- > *| currently has Windows XP home edition installed in Japanese, and I know I*
- > *| need to buy the English version in order to change the language. I went to a*
- > *| computer shop to buy the software and I was advised against doing it as some*
- > *| of the drivers may not recognise the English version of XP. I was told I*

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> / would need to order new drivers before installing English Windows. Is this  
> / correct? I've been reading through other discussions about changing the  
> / language and nothing has been mentioned about drivers. If I do need new  
> / drivers how do I go about doing that? I have no idea what drivers I would  
> / need and don't know how to find out. Any advice would be appreciated. Thank  
> / you.  
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