

Re: Hard Disk Moved

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Quinn wrote:

> *I have a copy of XP Pro that was on the disk of a computer that fired*
> *the*
> *power pack. I bought a new computer with XP Home. How can I transfer*
> *the old disk into the new computer and use XP Pro on it?*
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> *thanks,*
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> *Earl*

I don't know what "fired the power pack" means, but if I understand you correctly you want to install the old hard drive (which currently has XP Pro installed on it) as a second drive in your new machine. Then you would have a dual boot between XP Home and XP Pro. If my understanding is correct, then you can do this if:

1. The XP Pro on the old disk was a retail copy and not OEM tied to the original machine or otherwise BIOS-locked to the old motherboard.
2. You have the XP Pro cd, because you will need to do a Repair Install.

You would attach the old hard drive in your new machine as a slave. Then boot with the XP Pro cd and do a Repair Install, being careful not to install on the wrong drive. I believe the Repair Install should fix boot.ini to give you the dual boot option at startup but if it doesn't, you can just edit boot.ini manually.

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