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You have been pirated, if you did not get a legit CD & COA# sticker. The pro version also comes with a certificate. Report him to Microsoft, the BSA, & the local authorities. Take him to small claims court & get your money back & the money for a legit version. If the local authorities do nothing, then contact the FBI. You may want to check my posting.....possible piracy. I received a lot of great information.

"Ben Miller" wrote:

Very good instructions Bruce. I would like to add that you need to report that person as installing pirated copies of XP. This can be done by emailing piracy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx or by following the instructions on this page:

<http://www.microsoft.com/piracy/Reporting.mspx>

On a side note, I think that you should get your money back from that consultant as a result of these problems.

Hope this helps!

-Ben

"Bruce Chambers" wrote:

cakeman wrote:

i had my computer repaired by a local engineer that sad he had to format my drive. When it came back it had an illegal copy of XP Pro installed. Is it possible to reinstall XP Home without looseing all my data, would appreciate any help

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Sorry, no. The only way to change from WinXP Pro to WinXP Home is to format the drive and start over. There is no supported downgrade path or technique.

After backing up any data you wish to preserve, and using the File and Settings Wizard to preserve personal settings, simply boot from the WinXP Home installation CD. You'll be offered the opportunity to delete, create, and format partitions as part of the installation process. (You may need to re-arrange the order of boot devices in the PC's BIOS to boot from the CD.)

HOW TO Install Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB:en-us:316941>

<http://www.michaelstevestech.com/cleanxpinstall.html>

http://www.webtree.ca/windowsxp/clean_install.htm

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Bruce Chambers

Help us help you:

<http://dts-1.org/goodpost.htm>

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. –Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. –Bertrum Russell