

Windows Activation

Unless you have the matching disk to your Windows activation code, it is impossible to get windows XP to install.

It may be possible to borrow a pals copy or to obtain one of the many illegal copies of WinXP that are available on the internet.

(I don't condone the use of illegal copies of Windows, but if the intention is just to get the OS installed to use a LEGAL activation code, then I guess this would be OK)

Once Windows XP is installed, the LEGAL Activation key may be applied.

Follow the instructions below:

1. Click Start and then Run.
2. In the text box in the run window, type 'regedit' and click OK.
This will open the registry editor program.
3. Locate the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE folder under 'My Computer' and click on the (+) sign next to the folder name to expand the folder.
4. Continue to expand the folders until you reach the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\WindowsNT\Current Version\WPAEvents registry key.
5. Click on the WPAEvents folder
6. In the results that appear in the window on the right, locate OOBETimer.
7. Right-Click on the OOBETimer entry and chose Modify from the resulting menu.
8. Change at least one digit in the value data text box and click OK
This will de-activate Windows XP.
9. You may now close the registry editor.
10. Click on Start and then Run.
11. In the text box in the run window, type 'regedit' and click OK.
%systemroot%\system32\oobe\msOOBE.exe /a.
12. When the 'Let's activate Windows' window appears, choose Yes, I want to telephone a customer service representative to activate windows and then click 'Next'.
13. Click the 'Change Product Key' button at the bottom of the window.
14. Don't worry about filling out anything on this screen.
15. Type your new, valid Windows XP product key in the New key: text boxes, and then click the Update button.
16. You should now activate Windows XP by following the instructions on the activate Windows by phone window which you should now be seeing, or via the internet by clicking the back button and following the instruction on that screen.
17. If you'd rather postpone activating Windows XP until a later date, you can click the 'Remind me later' button
18. After activating Windows XP, you can verify that activation was successful, by repeating steps 10, 11 & 12 above.
19. The Windows Product Activation screen should say:
'Windows is already activated, Click OK to exit'