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Windows xp activation codes

By ExtremeTech Staff on October 24, 2001 at 3:33 pm This site may earn affiliate commissions from the links on this page. Terms of use. By Dave Salvator on October 25, 2001 at 11:32 am This site may earn affiliate commissions from the links on this page. Terms of use. While much ado has been made about Windows Production Activation (WPA), the fact is that XP is in many ways the best version of Windows yet. Yes WPA is a pain, and it's only a matter of time before it's easily hacked, but we shouldn't let that overshadow the fact that XP gains the stability of the NT code-base. And its media awareness shows an unprecedented attention to detail to the things consumers want to do with their machines-catalog music, burn CDs, bring in and edit video, and the like. This is an intelligent extension of AutoPlay that was introduced way back in Windows 95, where the OS made the breakthrough discovery that if you're putting a disc in your CD-ROM drive, odds are you want to actually use the bits on that CD, be it a program to install or an audio CD for your listening pleasure. To Microsoft's credit, this new media awareness extends itself to writeable CDs as well, where CD-Rs and CD-R/W disks can be written almost as though they were hard disks. To their discredit somewhat, is the fact that the available actions when a device is installed are somewhat limited, and most actions either direct you to a Microsoft app, or to some Microsoft commerce "partner" to try to sell you something. But all told, XP represents substantial progress in the area of making OSes more prescient. XP can anticipate and facilitate your next move, and while this trend has some potentially unsettling aspects, the features that debut in XP are nonetheless of great utility. Leon HoFounder of Lifehack Read full profile Share Pin it Tweet Share Email Free PC Tech has a bunch of quick tips for Windows XP. Tips like Make Use Of Your Windows Key, Set Processes Priority, User Accounts and Fast User Switching, Win XP Won't Completely Shutdown are quite useful tricks to know. Windows XP Tips and Tricks - [Free PC Tech] Share Pin it Tweet Share Email Page 2 I'm home with my six month old son today. My wife has my daughter, so I'm in charge of this ball of energy and non-communication. He's having a tough time sleeping, which means I'm having a tough time working. I just tried laying down with him to take a nap with him, to see if that made a difference. And out of this, came some visualization and relaxation tips: Take six deep breaths- After you get comfy, take six really deep, slow, breaths. If you can, breathe in from the nose, and out through the mouth. Nice, slow, easy. Feel your aches- Without moving, take a quick inventory of the aches and pains you feel, especially around the face, the neck, your jaw, and your lower back. Think of warmth- Imagine sending liquid warmth through those parts, such that the warmth pours over the aches, and washes them down out of your body, off the bed, and onto the floor. Release your worrisome thoughts- Say to every bothersome thought that comes into your head, "I can't fix you right now. I'll get back to you later." Everything that comes up isn't meant to be solved right now. Your brain's just trying to get rid of them. Even reminders. "I'll remember you when I wake up." Let them all go. Assure yourself you'll wake up on time- This is important for nappers, but also for people who have trouble waking up. Just give yourself a quick reminder of when you want to wake up. Think of the numbers on the clock. Think of a hammock- You're up off the ground, wrapped in a cocoon of comfort, swaying gently in the open air. The sun is warm on your face, and there's a breeze blowing you back and forth. This visualization helps you "see" what sleep's reward will be, getting you more in the mood to sleep. Visualization has proven helpful in developing the appropriate brain wave patterns to achieve restful sleep. The more you practice these techniques and build them into a ritual, the better your opportunity for repeatable success. I've found that the speed at which I get to sleep after practicing these improves as I move forward, not that speed sleeping is a goal. It's just nice to see the practice paying off. -Chris Brogan is awake and dreaming of new ideas at [chrisbrogan.com]. In case you haven't heard, Windows XP is being phased out. If you love it, like many users do, this is not good news. Windows XP allows users to seamlessly run multiple applications and toggle between them with ease. Also, many software application are dependent upon the use of Windows XP.While many people feel like Microsoft is doing the right thing by moving away from Windows, there are still many people who like the "feel" and easy-to-use features of Windows XP. There is a "Windows XP mode" in Windows 7, but it is restricted to Professional versions of the hardware. You can, however, get Windows XP with Windows 8, and you do not have to buy any additional products or software keys. You will need to download several free programs (if you do not already have them installed). The first step is to download the Windows XP Mode installer file directly from Microsoft. You will then be asked to validate your version of Windows. If you are using a pirated or shareware version of Windows, Microsoft will not let you download this file. After you have successfully validated your version of Windows, download the file as prompted, but make sure you do not run the installer. At this stage, just download the file. (If you are asked to choose between two files, choose: WindowsXPMode-en-us.exe). Next, you will need to extract the files. If you do not currently have extraction software you will need to get one (7-Zip and WinZip are both good programs and are free to download). Once you have extracted the files from the Windows XP Mode installer, you will need to view the files. Locate the file marked "xpm" and drag it to any folder on your computer to extract it. Repeat the same process with the file marked "VirtualXPVHD." This file is a virtual hard drive file, so once you extract it (if done correctly) you should now see the .VHD extension. If you do not, right click the file and rename it to "VirtualXPVHD.vhd". Once you have successfully completed these steps, you can delete the "WindowsXPMode-en-us.exe" and "xpm" files in order to save space on your hard drive. Now, you have a .VHD file we can boot in a virtual machine program. If you do not have one already, try VirtualBox because it's free and runs on all versions of Windows 8. After downloading, click the "new" button to create a new virtual machine and follow the instructions. When asked for the operating system, select "Windows XP (32-bit)." In the next step, you can select as much memory as you like to be allocated to VirtualBox. I would suggest sticking to the recommended 192MB simply because it causes less issues. For the hard drive, select the last option ("use an existing virtual hard drive file") and select the .VHD file you saved earlier. You can now boot your Windows XP Mode system by clicking the Start button in VirtualBox. You'll have to enter a few details to finish setting it up, but you won't have to go through the entire installation process or enter a product key. From here, the process is about the same as if you had installed Windows XP inside a virtual machine from a Windows XP disc. Install any old software that requires Windows XP inside the virtual machine and you are ready to go! You will now be able to use all of your old programs inside the VirtualBox, while still maintaining the use of Windows 8.Featured photo credit: Windows XP/Alfred Hermida/Flickr via flickr.com Software piracy is rampant, and Microsoft is the target for a large percentage of theft due to its dominance in the market. The company has a right to try to stop or at least control that privacy. Product activation seems to be a fair way of ensuring that only legitimate software owners get to benefit from using it. That said, many users loathe the process of product activation. Unfortunately, they might very well run into a situation where they do. Product activation monitors the system configuration. If it detects a significant hardware change or even too many minor hardware changes within a set number of days, then it crosses the threshold and requires reactivation. April 8, 2014, was the last day Microsoft issued security and non-security updates to Windows XP. With the operating system no longer being supported, Microsoft suggests that users upgrade to the newest version of Windows. This article is for reference purposes only. Users who reformat their hard drive and perform a clean installation of the operating system will find that they need to reactivate the product. But, as long as the new installation is on the same system and there won't be any hardware changes, it is possible to transfer the existing product activation and skip having to go through the product activation process again. Follow the steps below to save the activation status information in Windows XP and restore it once you rebuild your system. (We also have instructions on how to change the Windows activation key in Windows 10, 8, 7, and Vista.) These steps won't work for transferring activation information from one computer to another or if you alter the hardware because then the information contained in your "wpa.dbl" file will not match the configuration of the machine. This trick is only for reinstalling Windows XP on the same computer after formatting the hard drive. Double-click My Computer. Double-click on the C drive. Go to the C:\Windows\System32 folder. (You may have to click on the link that says Show the contents of this folder.) Find the files "wpa.dbl" and "wpa.bak" and copy them to a safe location. You can copy them on a floppy drive or burn it to a CD or DVD. After you have reinstalled Windows XP on your reformatted hard drive, click No when asked if you want to go ahead and go through the activation process. Reboot your computer into SafeMode. (You can either press F8 as Windows is booting up to see the Windows Advanced Options menu and select SAFEBOOT_OPTION=Minimal. Double-click My Computer. Double-click on the C drive. Go to the C:\Windows\System32 folder. (You may have to click on the link that says Show The contents of this folder.) Find the file "wpa.dbl" and "wpa.bak" (if it exists) and rename them to "wpadbl.new" and "wpabak.new." Copy your original "wpa.dbl" and "wpa.bak" files from your floppy disk, CD, or DVD into the C:\Windows\System32 folder. Restart your system. (If you followed the directions in starting Windows XP in SafeMode, you might need to go back into MSCONFIG to turn off booting into SafeMode). Windows XP is now reinstalled on your reformatted hard drive. Thanks for letting us know! Tell us why!

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