

Loading Windows XP Professional

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Start the Windows XP Load

Press any key to
boot to the CDROM.



Setup is Loading Files

The first, files will be loaded to the computer.



Welcome to Setup

To setup Windows XP, press
Enter.



Windows XP License Agreement

The next screen is the Windows XP Licensing Agreement where we need to press F8 to agree with the rules for the use of the operating system. We use the Page Down key on the keyboard to review the contract. If we press the Esc key, we will exit the installation.



Deleting an Old Partition

For a brand new computer, we press Enter.

Many times, we need to delete an old partition on an old computer. To delete the partition. We press D.



Delete the Partition

To delete this partition, we press Enter.



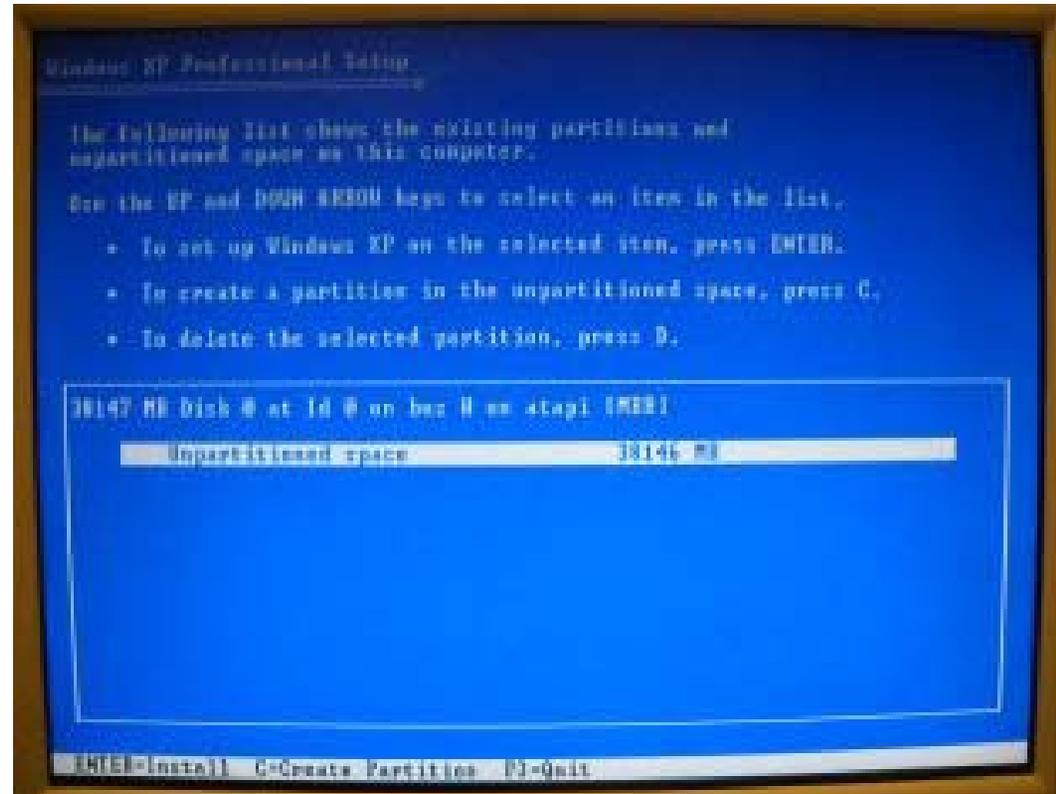
Confirm the Partition Deletion

To confirm the deletion of the partition, press L.



Create a Partition

To create a new partition,
press C.



Size of the New Partition

We typically will set the size of the partition to be the same size as the hard drive.



Continue with the XP Load

Now the partition is set, we will continue with the Windows XP load by pressing the Enter key.



Format the Partition

We will format the partition using the current NTFS file system, so we will press Enter to continue.



Formatting the Disk

Depending on the size of the hard drive, we may have to wait several minutes while the progress bars slides from 0 to 100% while the disk is formatting.



Copying Files

Once the formatting of the disk is complete, we will see the screen change to copying files. Again, this will take several minutes.



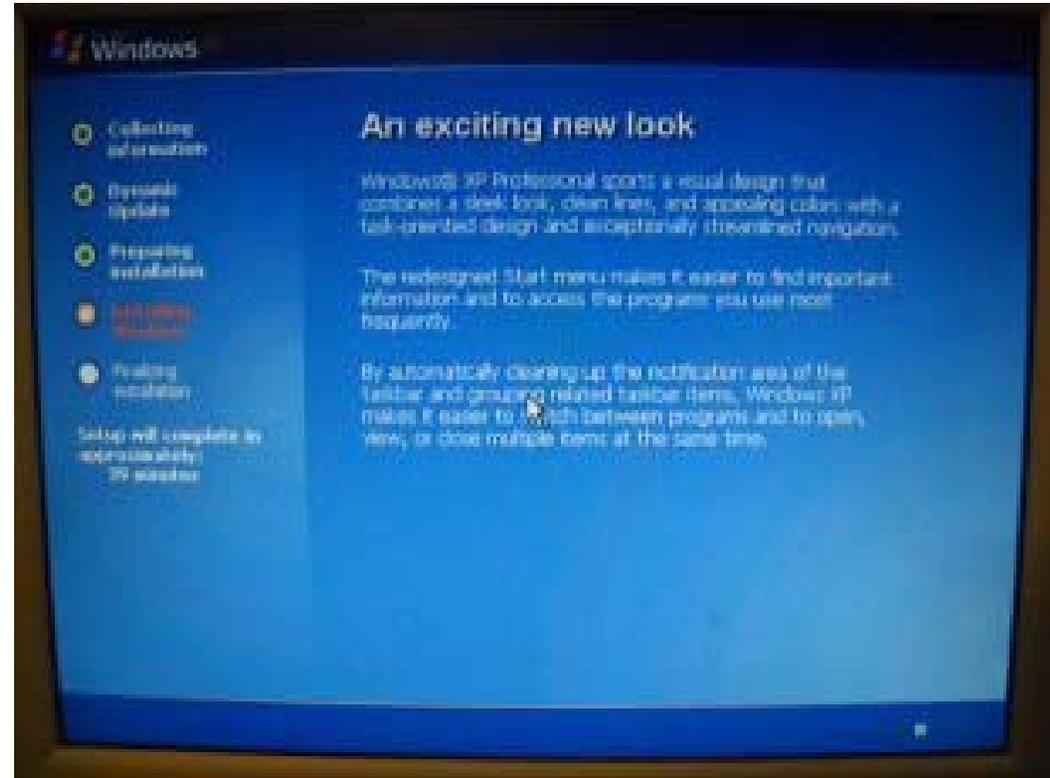
The First Reboot

Now the system will reboot. Even though the Windows XP CD is in the CDROM and the “Press any key statement” will appear, do not press the any keys, but allow the system to boot from the hard drive.



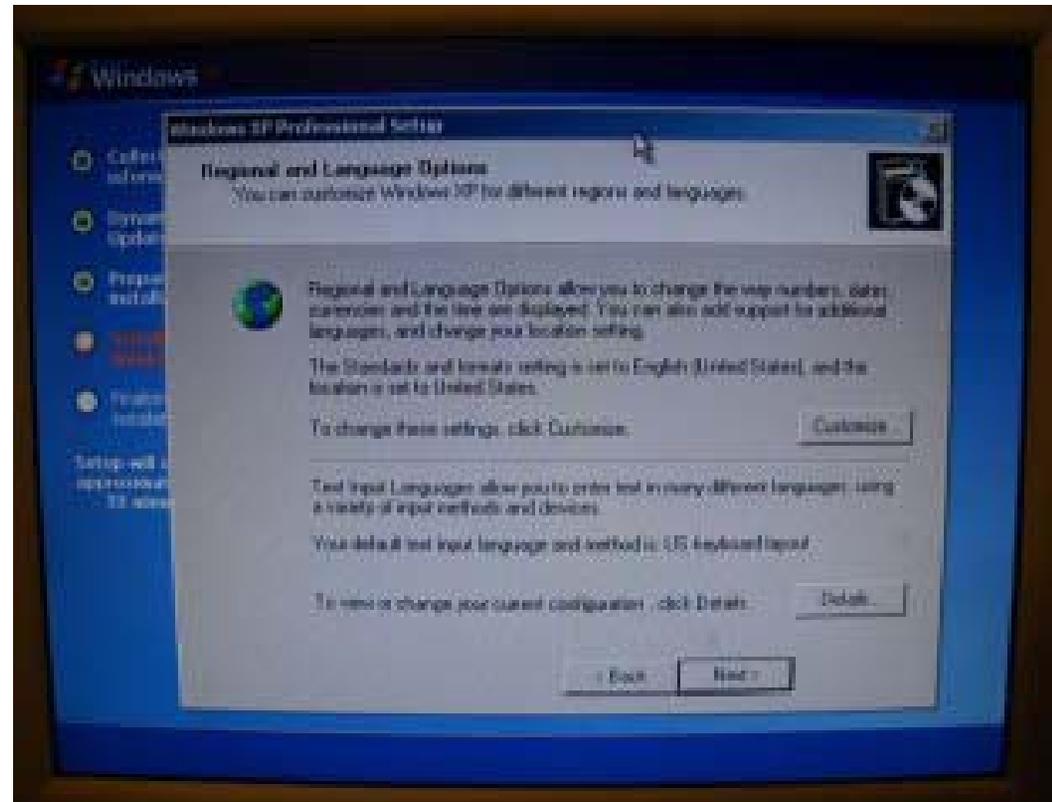
Preparing Installation

We have approximately 40 minutes left to complete the initial load.



Regional and Language Options

The default region is English and the United States, so we will not make any changes on this screen. We should push the Next button.



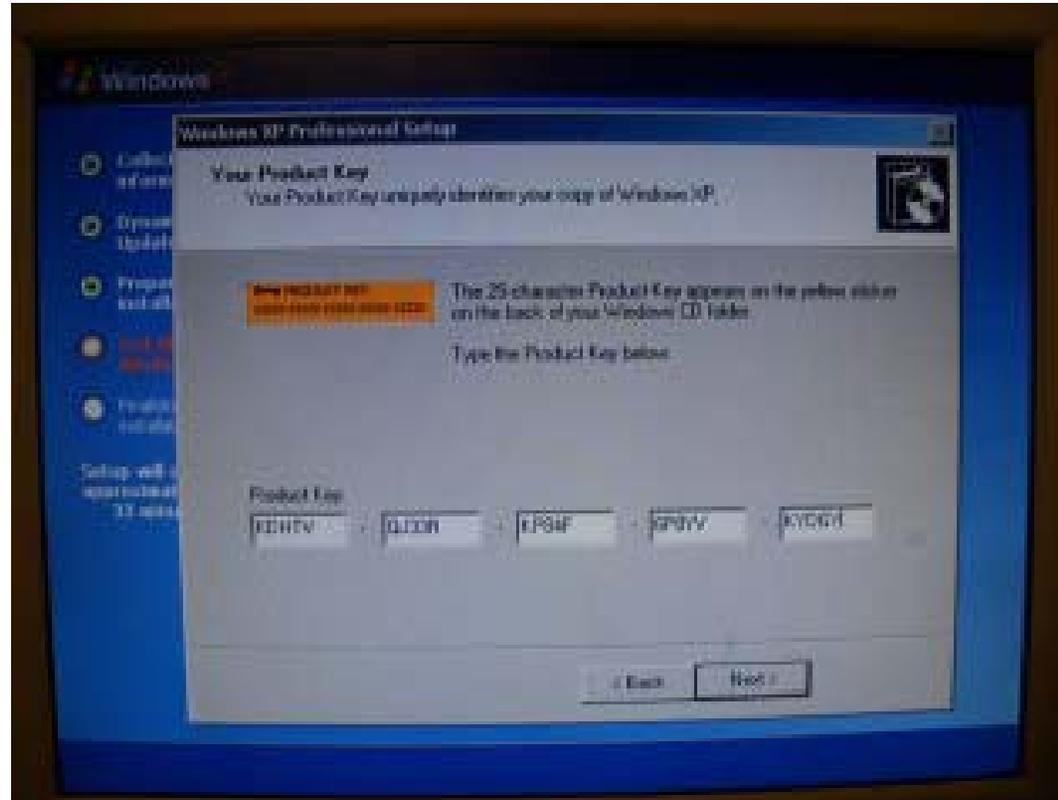
Personalize Your Software

Enter your name and the name of your organization. We should press the Next button.



Your Product Key

Windows operating system have a product key that has five groups of 5 letters and numbers. This key is matched to operating system disc we are using.



Computer Name and Password

A computer on a home network can basically have any name, however, a computer on computer network has to be unique. Many organizations will use a database to create the name so the Big Company can have a computer called “BC10985”. The administrator password should be a smart password that is known by all of the network team for maintenance purpose.



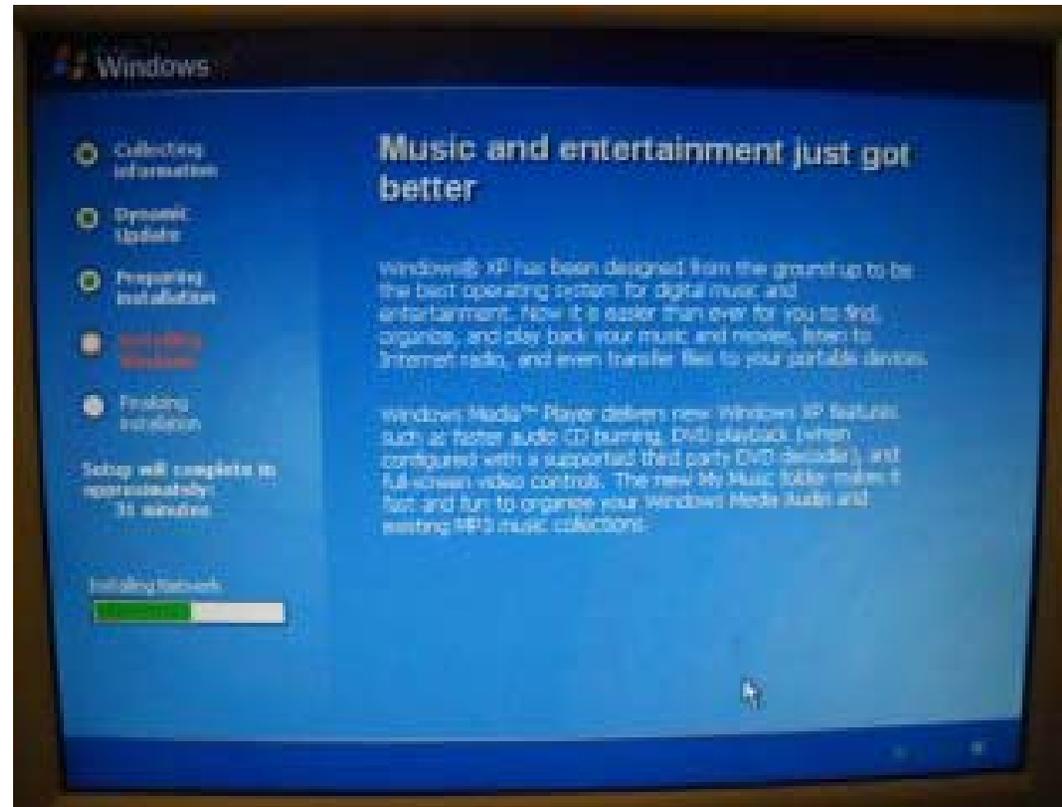
Date and Time Settings

Next we should check to make sure the day and time is correct. The default is Pacific Coast time zone where Microsoft headquarters is located. We changed our time zone to Eastern Time.



Finish and Second Reboot

The installation will continue and then the system will reboot and second time. The system will come up in the Windows XP operating system.



The Next Steps

After loading Windows XP, we will do the following:

- Load all drivers for network interface card, sound card and more
- Setup static IP per your network diagram
- Load Windows Updates
- Load Adobe Reader, Flash Player, Shockwave and AIR
- Setup the following administrators
 - Yourself
 - Other LAN administrators
- Add virus protection
- Add a network printer and test print
- Add Office 2010
- Join your domain

