

# Installing MS Windows 7 Home Premium

## Upgrade on Windows/XP

If you have XP installed you there are two options.

### Standard Option

- After doing the recommended backups and saving your data, you can insert the install CD (32 bit or 64 bit) and let the system install.  
*You do not reformat the disk.*
- After that you find the application on your original product CDs and re-install them one by one.

The second option, if you do not have the original product CDs is as follows:

The tools I used were:

- Belarc Advisor - Free Personal PC Audit (Version 8.1e)  
[http://www.belarc.com/free\\_download.html](http://www.belarc.com/free_download.html)  
This hardware and software audit of you PC and might be important if you have a driver problem later on.
- I ran a registry cleaner and emptied the re-cycle bin
- I went to the Control Panel, Add/Remove programs, and cleaned out any miscellaneous program that I did not want to move.
- I downloaded the Laplink PC mover documentation from  
[http://www.laplink.com/documentation/pdf/pcmover/pcmhome/PCmover\\_Home\\_QSG.pdf](http://www.laplink.com/documentation/pdf/pcmover/pcmhome/PCmover_Home_QSG.pdf)  
and read it several times.

- I downloaded the PC Mover software to my machine from Amazon. It cost approximately \$10. And is good for only one conversion. You may want to think about PC Mover Pro which will cost more.
- I installed and ran PC Mover and sent the working folder it generated to an external drive.
- I installed the Windows 7 Upgrade without reformatting the drive per MS instructions.
- Then I ran the second pass of PC mover picking up the working folder generated in the first pass. Here you get a list of programs that will be moved. Now is the time to really check what you want to move. There is no point in moving junk. The time this takes depends upon how much you have on your machine.
- Then you should have a working system. Some of the applications will still need to access XP settings. When you attempt to run them Windows 7 tries to make that happen. Be aware though you will need to have 2MB on the machine to run in Windows/XP compatibility mode. Also be aware that compatibility mode is not an emulator. It is a software adjustment.
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