

Re: Adding FC5 to an XP computer –

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Jim Cornette wrote:

Chris Mohler wrote:

I recently purchased a Dell with preloaded XP. This is roughly what I needed to do:

1 – contact the manufacturer, and **insist** that since I purchased Windows XP, that I am entitled to an installation CD (I am). They eventually gave in.

2 – remove all partitions (including the Dell "restore partition"), install windows from the CD – partition/format a suitable place for XP to live, and leave the rest as free space.

3 – install fedora.

This might seem like a lot of work, but the XP system that Dell pre-loaded was so full of bloatware that it was almost unuseable. Something would pop up every 15 seconds, and heavy-duty apps (blender, games, etc) crawled. The "fresh" XP was (subjectively) twice as fast as the preloaded system.

Just my 2 cents...
Chris

If you want to use Norton ghost, you could make an image of your XP installation. Then you could use the ghost image and adjust the XP partition downward. I did this for a work computer and FC6T2 installed fine on the freed up space. This allowed also for noth having the headache of de-fragmenting, resizing and the like for XP and the auxiliary partition. You also have a reliable backup in case the hard disk crashes. You do not need to reinstall all of the service packs for all the M\$ OS and other software again either. This was on a Dell computer.

Since you are planning to use the second drive for Linux and the first drive as XP, it might not be needed.

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It might not be needed but it sounds desirable to me other than that I would probably have to buy a copy of the Norton Ghost application, a Windows program I would have little need for beyond this instance most likely. I will look into that ...

Thanks.

BobG

Jim

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