

How to install and setup Windows 2000 Pro

This is the checklist of information you will need to install Win2k.

- Is the computer a Pentium 133 or higher
- Do you have 64meg of ram or more
- A 2 gig hard drive with 650 meg of free space
- Network interface Card (NIC)
- Network connection to the internet (for Updates)
- 1 Windows 2000 Pro Install CD

Now with the items in hand we need to set up the computer for the Win2k install and install Windows 2000 Pro.

- Get in to the BIOS of the computer and set the boot sequence so the computer will boot first to CD-ROM then to hard drive 0. Save your new settings and reboot.
- Put the Win2k install CD in the CD-ROM tray and reboot the computer if needed so it will boot off the CD.
- The install will first go through the mass storage detection. This can take some time. Also if at this time you have 3rd party device drives for a mass storage device you need to Hit F6 when it tells you to. This will let you install the drivers after the auto detect. This will have to be done on most RAID or custom IDE cards.
- Now if auto detect finds a mass storage device. It will list all the possible hard drive you can install Windows 2000 on to.
- The install will now ask you to pick or make a partition. If there are partitions on the hard drive you are installing on to you need to delete them on this system. If you are dual booting then leave it in place.
 - If there is a partition you do not what follow the instructions on how to delete the partition on the screen.
 - Now you should have the disk free of all partition. Make one partition that will take the whole drive and select it as your install partition.
- The installer will now ask what type of FAT you would like to format the hard drive as. Select NTFS as the FAT type and sit back and watch the install work. (This last step will take some time as it formats the drive and then copies all needed files of to the hard drive. This can take upward to 45 minute so sit back relax a wait.)
- The system will then reboot and go in to the Windows 2k install shell and ask you some questions. Answer the questions like what the license number is and were in the world you are for time setting. You will also have to setup the keyboard layout and network setting. You can leave those as default and let the install finish up.
- All other setting will be sit after the system install it self.

After all these steps you will have a fresh install of Win2k and now you are ready to install all needed Service packs and updates.

Other Set up steps

You will need to change you computer name so you system will have a unique name on the network. Follow the steps below to edit you system name.

- Right click My Computer and click on Properties
- Then click the Network Identification
- Click the property's button and edit the network name

You would follow the above steps to edit the network name also.