
Subject: Re: More OT computer stuff
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I would take an inventory of your programs and decide if they can be reinstalled from source or backups and then reinstall your operating system on a clean disk. Disk utilities provide a 'write zeros to the drive' which scrubs all data off the disk. Would the store-bought reinstall guarantee to fix your problem and save your data and provide you with new software (XP)? One caution with dealing with shops: only get work done by the job, not by the hour. Installing a windows operating system takes about an hour. \$80/hr is good wages for someone or money saved by doing it yourself. That's my tip as a former employee of a computer store.
