

Windows XP Home vs Pro

Convert Windows XP Home to HomePro Light

- Boot with a Vista installation DVD or [BartPE](#) CD, then run *regedit* from this environment
- Load hive c:\windows\system32\config\system (from harddisk, file *system* without extension) into HKLM\HomePro
- Delete content of key
HKLM\HomePro\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\ProductOptions\ProductSuite (do not delete key)
- NOTE: If you need to update the service pack, the ProductSuite needs to be set back to "Personal" for the update
- Unload hive and reboot into your new HomePro system
- Run *regedit* from your new HomePro system
- Edit key HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Lsa\forceguest from "1" to "0". It is not necessary (and not possible) to disable option *simple file sharing* in folder view.
- The new functionality for your new HomePro system is now activated

Feature comparison

Features	Home Edition	HomePro Light	Professional
GUI for access control of folders and files	-	yes	yes
Account and group management in computer management	-	yes	yes
Extended file sharing options	-	yes	yes
Runas-option / safecred	-	yes	yes
Domain integration	-	yes	yes
File encryption	-	yes	yes
User <i>Administrator</i> can login into running system	-	yes	yes
Offline files	-	yes	yes
Dynamic filesystem	-	-	yes
Group <i>Main users</i>	-	-	yes
Remote Desktop Server	-	-	yes
Netware Client	-	-	yes
Webserver IIS	-	-	yes
Group policy editor gpedit.msc	-	-	yes
Security settings in Control Panel	-	-	yes
Commandline tools <i>tasklist</i> and <i>taskkill</i>	-	-	yes

References

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