How to activate Windows XP using an Unattend.txt file

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SUMMARY

This article describes how to activate Microsoft Windows XP using an
unattended installation.

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Note Before the automatic activation of Windows XP can occur, you must first establish an Internet connection.

MORE INFORMATION

To activate Windows XP by using an unattended installation, add the following information to the Unattend.txt file:

- In the **Unattended** section, type:

  AutoActivate = Yes

- Under the **UserData** section, type:

  ProductID = *yourProductID*

  (Your Product ID is located on the Certificate of Authenticity (COA) sticker.)

  Note Every Windows XP retail installation must have a unique Product ID for activation.

If the Internet connection is through a proxy server, specify the proxy settings in the Unattend.txt file:

- In the **Unattended** section, type:

  ActivateProxy=Proxy

- Type your computer's proxy settings in the **Proxy** section.

For information about how to customize unattended installations, visit the following Microsoft Web site:

  http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/Windows/XP/all/reskit/en-us/prbc_cai_khud.asp (htt
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REFERENCES

For additional information, click the following article numbers to view the articles in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

  291983 (http://support.microsoft.com/kb/291983/) Ports used by Windows Product Activation

  155197 (http://support.microsoft.com/kb/155197/) Unattended Setup parameters for Unattend.txt File

APPLIES TO

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- Microsoft Windows XP Professional

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