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How to use the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard with a wizard disk in Windows XP

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SUMMARY

This article describes how to use the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard with a Wizard Disk.

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How to use the File and Settings Transfer Wizard

You can use the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard to transfer settings from one computer to another computer. The settings that you can transfer include your personalized settings for Microsoft Internet Explorer and Outlook Express, desktop settings, display settings, and dial-up connection settings.

You can also use the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard to create a backup copy of your Windows XP settings. You can use this backup copy of your settings to restore your files and settings if you have to reinstall Windows XP.

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Create a Wizard Disk

To create a Wizard Disk by using the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard, follow these steps:

1. Click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, point to **Accessories**, point to **System Tools**, and then click **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard**.
2. On the **Welcome to the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** screen, click **Next**.
3. On the **Which computer is this** screen, click **Next**.
4. On the **Do you have a Windows XP CD** screen, click **I want to create a Wizard Disk in the following drive**.
5. In the drive list, click the drive that you want. For example, **3-1/2 Floppy (A:)**, and then click **Next**.
6. Insert a blank formatted disk into the drive, and then click **OK** to create the Wizard Disk.
7. Remove the Wizard Disk, and then click **Cancel**.

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Collect the files and settings from the old computer

1. Start the File and Settings Transfer Wizard on the computer that you want to collect the files and settings from:
   a. Insert the Wizard Disk into the drive of the computer that you want.
   b. Click **Start**, and then click **Run**.
   c. In the **Open** box, type:

      drive:Fastwiz

      Where *drive* is the drive that contains the Wizard Disk (such as `A:Fastwiz`).
   d. Click **OK**.
2. On the **Welcome to the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** screen, click **Next**.
3. On the **Select a transfer method** screen, click the transfer method that you want. For example, **Floppy drive or other removable media**, and then click **Next**.
4. On the **What do you want to transfer?** screen, click the selection that you want, and then click **Next**.

   Note When you make a selection, a summary of the items that will be transferred appears in the **Based on your current selection, the following items will be transferred** list. You can use this list to verify that the settings or the files that you want will be transferred.

   The Wizard collects your files and settings. If you selected **Floppy drive or other removable media** in step 3, you are prompted to insert the media disk. When you are prompted, click **OK**.
5. On the **Completing the Collection Phase** screen, click **Finish**.

Transfer the files and settings to the new computer

1. Log on to the Windows XP-based computer.
2. Click **start**, point to **All Programs**, point to **Accessories**, point to **System Tools**, and then click **Files and Settings Transfer Wizard**.
3. On the **Welcome to the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** screen, click **Next**.
4. On the **Which computer is this** screen, click **New computer**, and then click **Next**.
5. On the **Do you have a Windows XP CD** screen, click **I don't need the Wizard Disk. I have already collected my files and settings from my old computer**, and then click **Next**.
6. On the **Where are the files and settings?** screen, click the same transfer method that you selected in step 3 in the "Collect the files and settings from the old computer" section. For example, **Floppy drive or other removable media**.

   Note If you click **Other (for example, a removable drive or network drive)**, locate or type the location that contains the collected files and settings.

   Click **Next**. If you selected **Floppy drive or other removable media**, you are prompted to insert **disk 1**. When you are prompted, click **OK**.

   The Wizard transfers the files and settings.
7. On the **Completing the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** screen, click **Finish**. You receive the following message: You need to log off for the changes to take effect. Do you want to log off now?
8. Click **Yes** to log off.
9. Log on to the computer to apply your transferred settings.

Troubleshooting

Some settings may not be restored to your Windows XP-based computer. Settings for devices that are either not available on or incompatible with Windows XP will not be transferred. A list of files or folders that were not be restored to their original locations appears on the **Completing the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard** screen of the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard.

The following types of items may not be transferred:

- Third-party driver files for devices that are not installed on the Windows XP-based computer.
- Network printers that are not available on the Windows XP-based computer.

REFERENCES

For additional information about other methods of using the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

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