



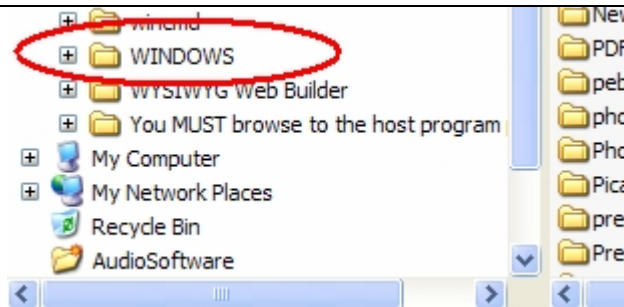
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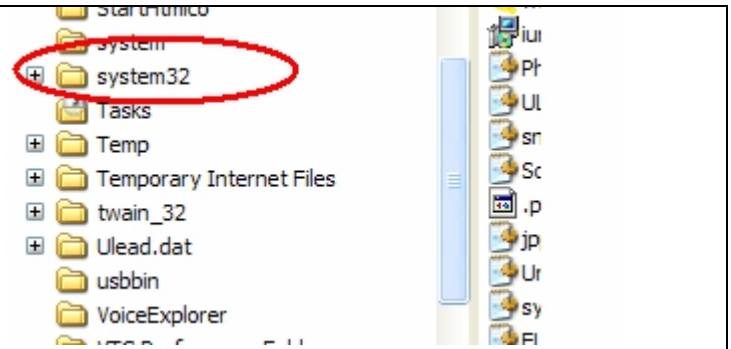
AVOID THE RE-ACTIVATION HASSLE

There may come a time when you'll need to reinstall your Windows XP. It could happen. Maybe you'll add a new motherboard or hard drive. Or there could be constant errors and problems that just won't go away. **If you reinstall Windows XP, then you'll need to re-activate it, that is, unless you use this handy tip.**

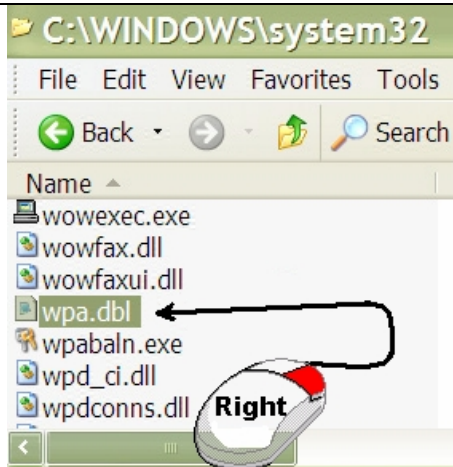
When you activated XP for the first time it created a file called "**wpa.dbl**" that is stored in the WINDOWS\system32 folder. By creating a backup of this file on disk, you can simply put it back into the folder after reinstalling XP and avoid the whole re-activation hassle.



Open Windows Explorer and scroll down to the **Windows** folder. Open this folder.



Scroll down the list of folders in the **Windows** folder and open **system32** folder,



Find the file wpa.dbl

Right-click and choose "Send To", either a Floppy Drive (make sure you have a disk in) or CD-R/RW.

Now, when you reinstall Windows XP you'll come to the activation screen—decline to activate and let the install finish.

Restart your computer in Safe Mode (keep hitting F8 at start-up then when the Advanced Boot Options menu appears arrow down to Safe Mode).

Find your way back to the WINDOWS\system32 folder. It's a good idea to rename the wpa.dbl file you're replacing just in case you run into problems, so call it something like "wpa.nothing".

Get the backup disk and copy the old wpa.dbl file back to the WINDOWS\system32 folder and reboot.

Task completed. Note: Your wpa.dbl file might NOT work on another computer.