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Thread: [Windows 7 Fresh install or In-Place install?](#)

DubIA - November 23, 2012, 9:08 am

I'm currently running Windows 7 Ultimate x64 and its very glitchy and some what corrupted, lots of errors and what not..

I'm thinking of doing a fresh install but iv also heard about an "in-place" install, all i want to do is get the errors fixed and there are also a lot of programs/ files on my PC that i do not want to back up/ move....

should i do a fresh install or a in-place install?

Euclid. - November 28, 2012, 7:07 pm

You can try ccleaner, or programs like that.

Fresh install is probably the way to go, to clear of any trouble. I THINK theres an option to keep your files in a windows.old file while you are installing freshly, try that!

?Mind_?Control™ - November 28, 2012, 8:29 pm

Definately do a fresh install. Do NOT forget to backup your files or you will lose them. If you want a 100% clean install, load up the Windows 7 install, and before the install, do a double format of the hard drive so you make sure everything is clean and gone. After that, proceed to installing windows 7. It will be just like you bought a new computer. I love the feeling. :3

Polymath 1.0 - November 30, 2012, 5:00 pm

If you simply want to repair your existing installed O/S then I highly recommend doing that BEFORE giving up and simply reinstalling your O/S. Repair rather than replace is always preferable unless the O/S is completely beyond redemption.

If you do a clean install you will lose ALL your current program settings, personalized aspects, as well as any program you installed for which you don't have the original installers available. Yes you can backup some files such as e-mail databases, contacts, bookmarks, music vids etc. and drivers (use the free Double Driver <http://www.boozet.org/dd.htm> to backup/restore drivers for a pain free driver backup solution) However backing up/recovery of installed program settings is virtually impossible as such setting are invariably held in the registry.

To repair your O/S use the tools Windows provides that address O/S issues such as the System File Checker to address System file issues. As well the Recovery Console available when pressing F8 at the Windows boot logo has a number of options to address O/S problems. To invoke the SFC open an Administrative command prompt and type `sfc /scannow` + enter. Allow SFC to complete (do not cancel it) to have system file corruption addressed. If you have a laptop, make sure it is plugged in as losing power/cancelling the process can create even more problems. You may have to run it more than once as not all issues may be fixed in a single run.

Take care