

# Windows Irritations

## Reactivation

If you reinstall Windows XP, you normally have to reactivate it, but there's a way around reactivation. Windows XP maintains the activation information in the file **WPA.DBL**, which you'll find in the Windows\System32 folder. After you activate, back up the file to another disk. If you need to reinstall Windows XP for any reason, go through the installation routine, then copy the latest version of **WPA.DBL** to the Windows\system32 folder. You must have exactly the same hardware configuration as when you first ran the activation.

## Disable balloon tips

Run **REGEDIT** and Navigate to:

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion \Explorer\Advanced

Set the value of '**EnableBalloonTips**' to 0.

## Disable error reporting

Every time a program crashes you do not want to send a report to Microsoft. To find out how to disable this feature.

- Open **Control Panel**
- Click on **System**
- Click on **Performance and Maintenance**
- Then click on the **Advanced** tab
- Click on the Error Reporting button on the bottom of the Windows.
- Select **Disable error reporting**
- Click **OK**