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Setting up the Perfect Operating System:

- 1) Load Windows XP
 - a. Install on a Primary, Active, NTFS partition. Assign it to C:\ (use approximately 10gigs to 30gig for this partition) . Name the C:\ drive “XP”.
- 2) Format a Logical drive in the Extended partition using Disk Manager. Make the logical drive an NTFS partition. Assign the logical drive to X:\ and give it the name “Data”
- 3) Move the “My Documents” folder to the X:\ partition.
- 4) Install “True Image” software on C:\.
 - a. Setup a “Secure Zone” by borrowing 10gigs from the X:\ partition and setup up “Acronis Startup Recovery Manager” (F11 – bootup).
- 5) Install Service Pack 2 with all updates.
- 6) Update all hardware drivers (motherboard, cards, and video).
 - a. Create “Download” folder on X:\.
 - i. Create a “Drivers” folder in the “X:\Downloads” folder and download all hardware drivers and place them in the “Drivers” folder.
- 7) Download the listed applications below into the “X:\Downloads” folder. NOTE: Create a folder within the “X:\Downloads” folder for each of the below applications that are downloaded off the internet.
 - a. Macromedia Flash @ www.macromedia.com
 - b. Macromedia Shockwave @ www.macromedia.com
 - c. Adobe Acrobat Reader @ www.adobe.com
 - d. Java 2 @ www.java.com
 - e. Quicktime @ www.quicktime.com
 - f. CD Burning Software – example: Nero, or Easy CD Creator
 - g. DVD Player Software – example: InterVideo
 - h. File Extractor (Windows 2000) Example: Winzip –or- Winrar –or- PKzip
 - i. Google toolbar – @ <http://toolbar.google.com>
- 8) Install the downloaded applications.
- 9) Install “XP Office” with “complete installation” option. Install all internet Updates for “Office XP”.
- 10) Run “Disk Cleanup” for “Windows XP.”
- 11) Run “Disk Defragmenter” on the C:\ partition for “Windows XP.”
- 12) Run “True Image” to backup the C:\ partition to the “Acronis Secure Zone”.

You now have the perfect basic operating system setup!