
Subject: Micro Xp

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Micro XP is a hacked stripped down version of XP. It's apparently popular with gamers... A friend at work got a hold of a copy and I had a chance to try it. I work at a computer repair shop and the idea behind trying it was to make some of the older P3s usable again. It works! It takes about 10 minutes to do a complete install. When the system is booted up it uses 36 meg of memory and runs 15 processes! Nearly everything has been stripped from the OS. There is no local networking, no scheduling, and no internet explorer. It will run Firefox though so internet is possible. Most XP programs will run on it.

Just for giggles I loaded it on a 900MHz P3 with 256mb ram. Then I installed Cubase LE and loaded in 10 stereo tracks of audio and 15 plugins. It ran it perfectly and wasn't bogged down at all! So I added 10 more stereo tracks and it ran those.

I tried it on my Paris box at home as a dual boot and so far so good. It seems to be immune to some of Paris's bugs.

If you decide to try it get version .08 not version .06 which is more commonly available. I'm still testing I'll do a more complete synopsis when I'm finished....

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