

## Re: windows xp media center on Dell Inspiron

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First, right-click on the start button and select "properties", then "Classic start menu". That may fix a lot of things.

You are going to have to go to the dell web site and download ALL of the drivers for your particular model. Could be a dozen or more.

You are stuck with F: unless you start over completely. Not sure what you did to cause this, but you can't change the drive letter of the drive on which Windows itself is installed.

Blitzen wrote:

Hi,

I just got a new Dell Inspiron E1505 (I'm told it is also called the Inspiron 6400) with built-in wireless NIC and Bluetooth. It came with Windows XP Media Center pre-installed, with all its zillions of bells and whistles. I re-partitioned the hard drive (eliminating the volume at the end meant for system restoration, as I desire that extra 10% HDD space more), with another OS on the first half, and using the CD to re-install XP Media Center fresh on the 2nd half. I then used the "Utilities and Drivers" CD provided by Dell to try and get it restored to the way it was before; however, I must have skipped something, as a number of issues remain incomplete:

1. The desktop now has no icons except for the "Media Center" shortcut and the Recycle Bin. No "My Computer", "Network Neighborhood" or any other shortcuts. The start menu, however, does have all the basic stuff in it. Still, there used to be like 50 programs (some were trials and ads, others were utilities like CD burners and jukeboxes) before the reinstall.
2. Most devices are still not recognized, and the CD only has other Inspiron models listed under "System Models". The closest one to mine is the Inspiron 6000, which I tried installing the network stuff for, but still no dice. I suppose if I could just get the NIC or Wireless NIC working, I could get online and download the chipset along with the bells and whistles from Dell, but I'd need to get that far first.

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3. The C:\ drive is now seen as F:\ . This is not really a show-stopper, but you have to change the drive letter in everything you install now. I wonder if this is related to the re-partitioning that confuses Windows drive assignment?

Thanks,