REGISTRATION USER INFO

To change the registered user information (name & organization you entered when you installed Win), you'll need to venture into the REGISTRY. (Note: Always BACKUP your registry before changing anything in it. Then if necessary you can replace the registry as it was before changes were made.) Of course now with XP you can do a System Restore which is a replacement of the registry as it was on a prior date.

1. **Click START…RUN…and type regedit. Click OK.**
2. **Go to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion.**
   You'll see RegisteredOrganization and RegisteredOwner string values in the right window.
3. **To modify, right-mouse click the value to be changed and select MODIFY.**
4. **In the resulting dialog box, type the new information on the Value data line and click OK.**
   Repeat these steps for any values you wish to change.
5. **Close the Registry Editor and you've changed your Windows identity!**

To confirm, rightclick MY COMPUTER and click Properties. You should no longer see the owner name as it was before the above change was made.

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Computer Owner Name XP

In Windows 95 and 98, it was fairly simple to change the registered owner's name by editing it in the registry. However, in XP when the registration must be validated via Microsoft to edit the registry and change the name of the owner means you will no longer get the automatic updates provided by Microsoft.

You can change the name of the computer and change the names on the User Accounts.
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Registration Key for Windows OS

To find the registration number for your Windows Operating System right-click on My Computer and select Properties. The registration number is the last item under "Registered to:" You may want to write this number down and keep it in a very safe place in case you ever have to reinstall Windows.