Windows 7 Clean Install Step-by-step Guide

Windows Vista to Windows 7

Step 1 Preparation

1.1 If your computer does not come with a DVD or BD reading device, you will need to provide an external one to continue.

1.2 You can download the latest drivers for Windows 7 and save them in an USB flash disk. The drivers can be found on GIGABYTE product support page. Please go to www.gigabyte.com.tw for more information.

1.3 If you are not following the upgrade path for Windows 7, you will need a clean installation.

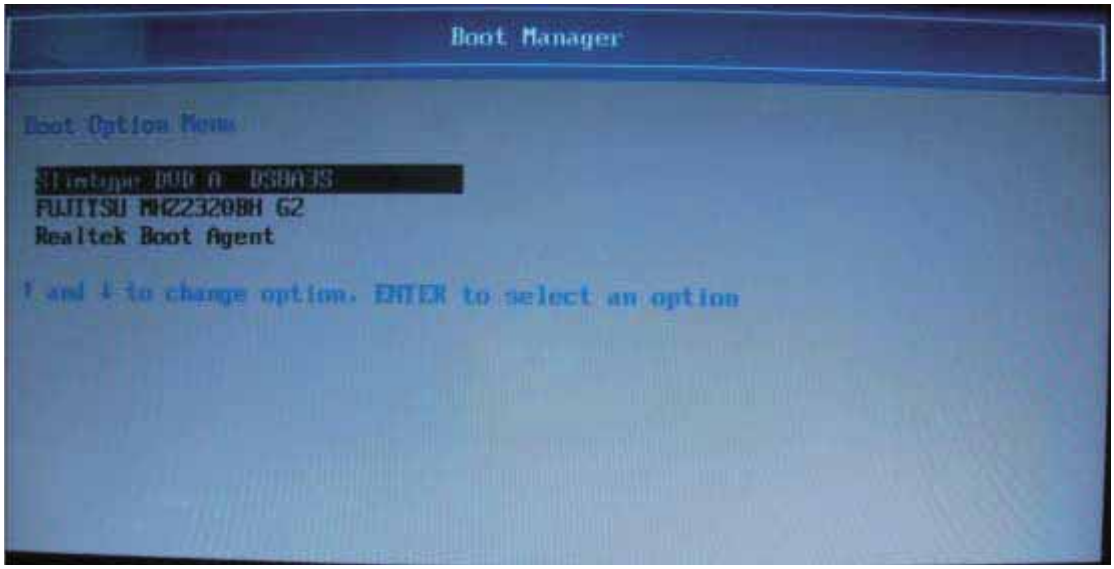
During the Windows 7 installation, your Hard Drive Disc will be formatted and all the data will be lost. Please **backup your data** before installation.

Step 2 Step-by-step installation

2.1 Insert the Windows 7 Installation Disc into the external DVD or BD reading device. Turn on your computer.

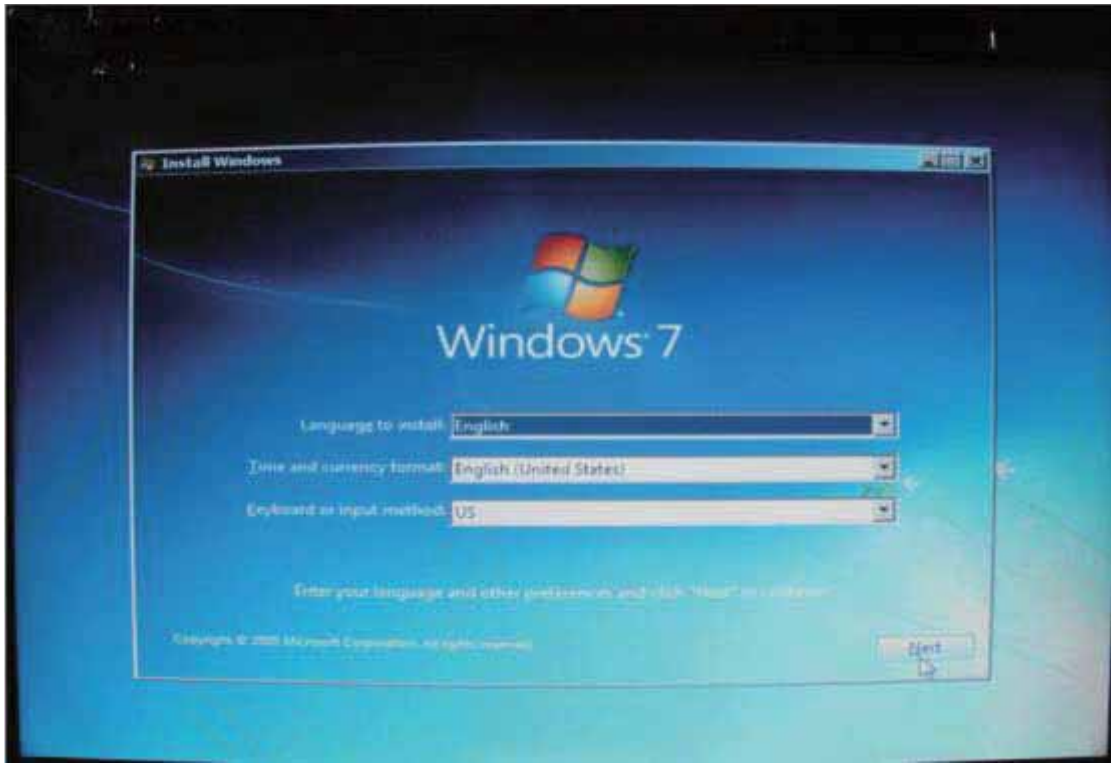
2.2 During the boot up screen, press [**F12**] on your keyboard to enter **Boot Manager**.

2.3 Once entered Boot Manager, choose the DVD or BD reading device where you insert the installation disc.

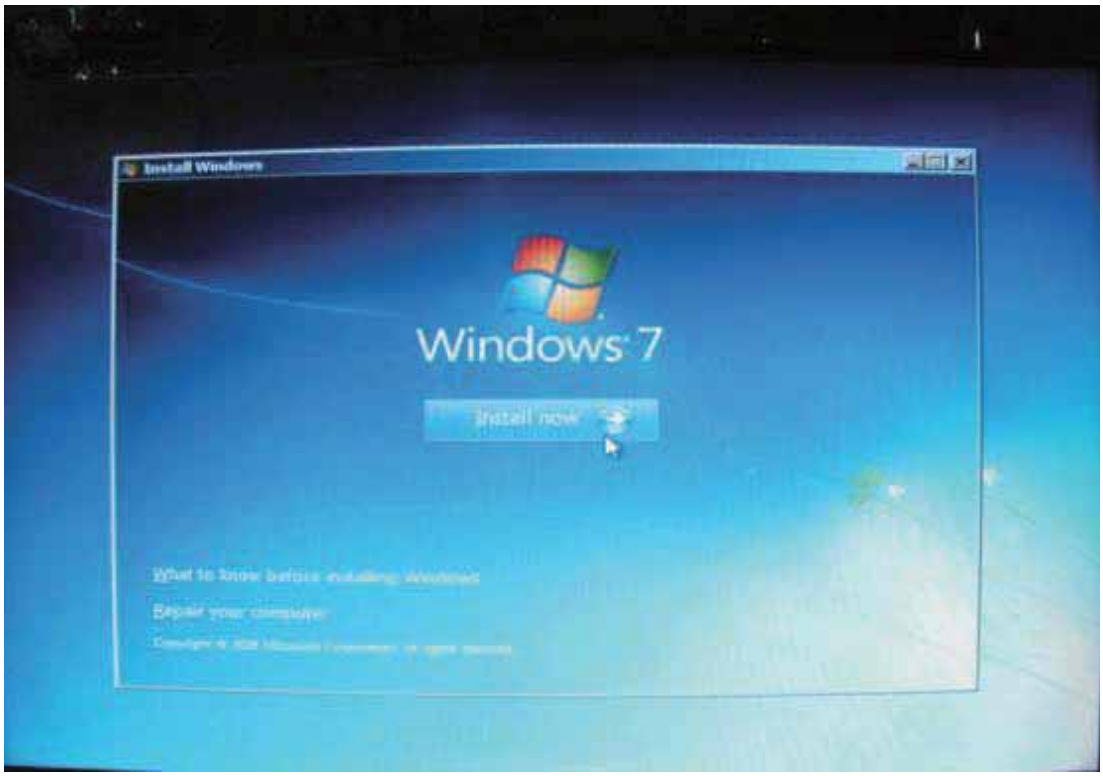


2.4 Press **any key** on your keyboard when you see the message to reboot from the DVD or BD reading device.

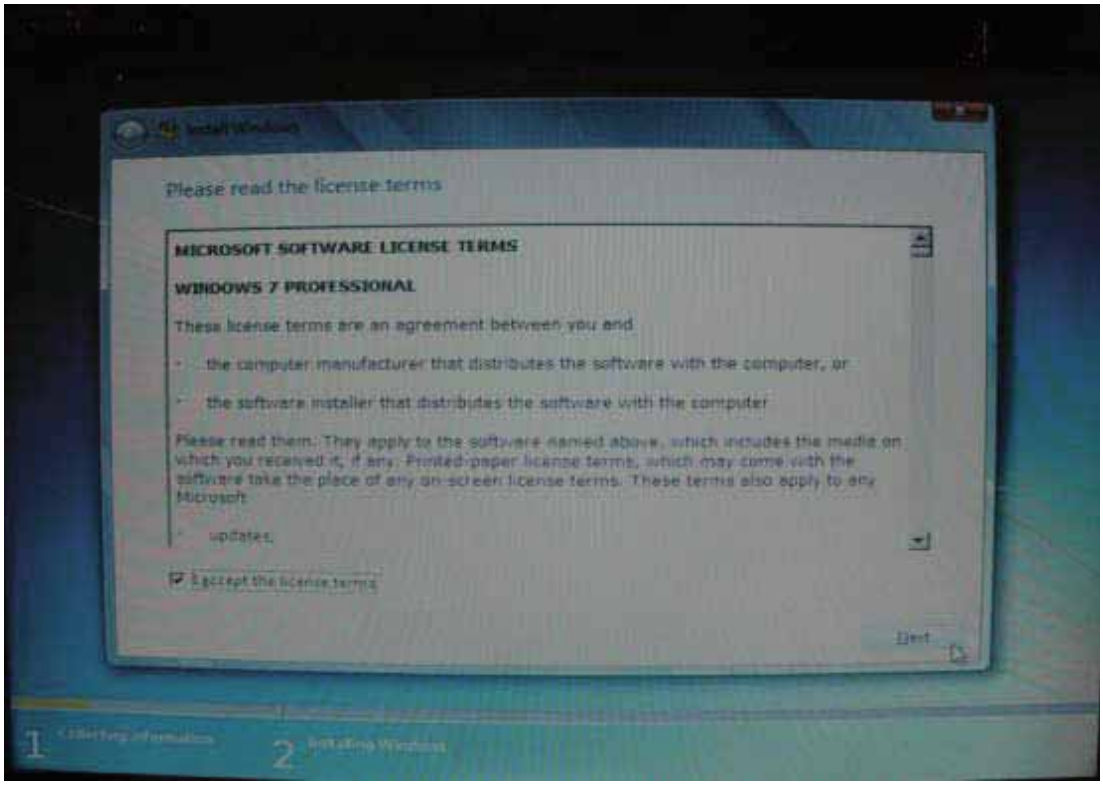
2.5 After rebooting, you will see the Windows 7 Installation page. Follow the instruction by your own reference.



2.6 Click "**Install now**" to continue.

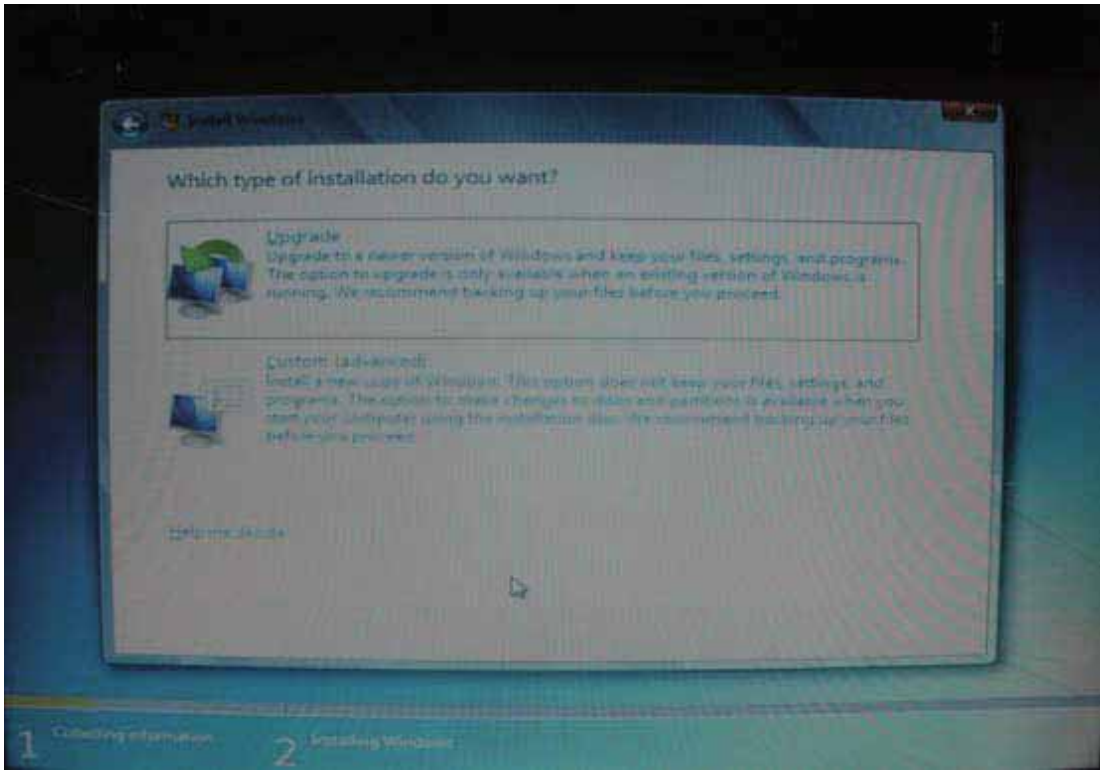


2.7 Check "**I accept the license terms**" and click "**next**".

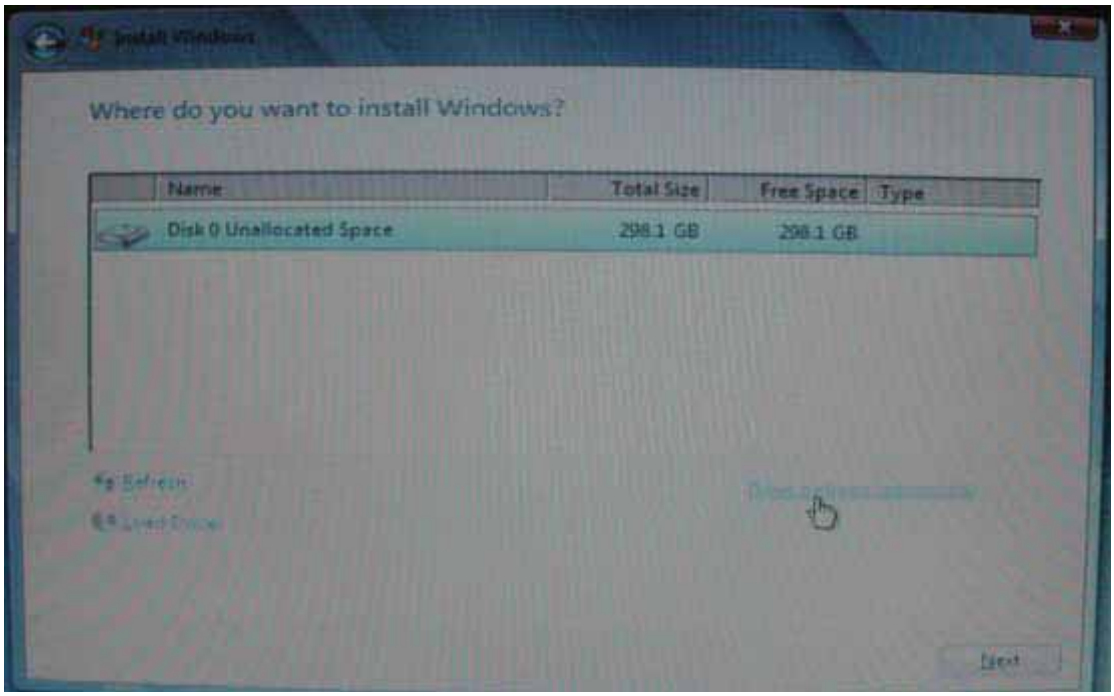


2.8 Since this is not a parallel upgrade (as stated in Step 1.3), you need to choose

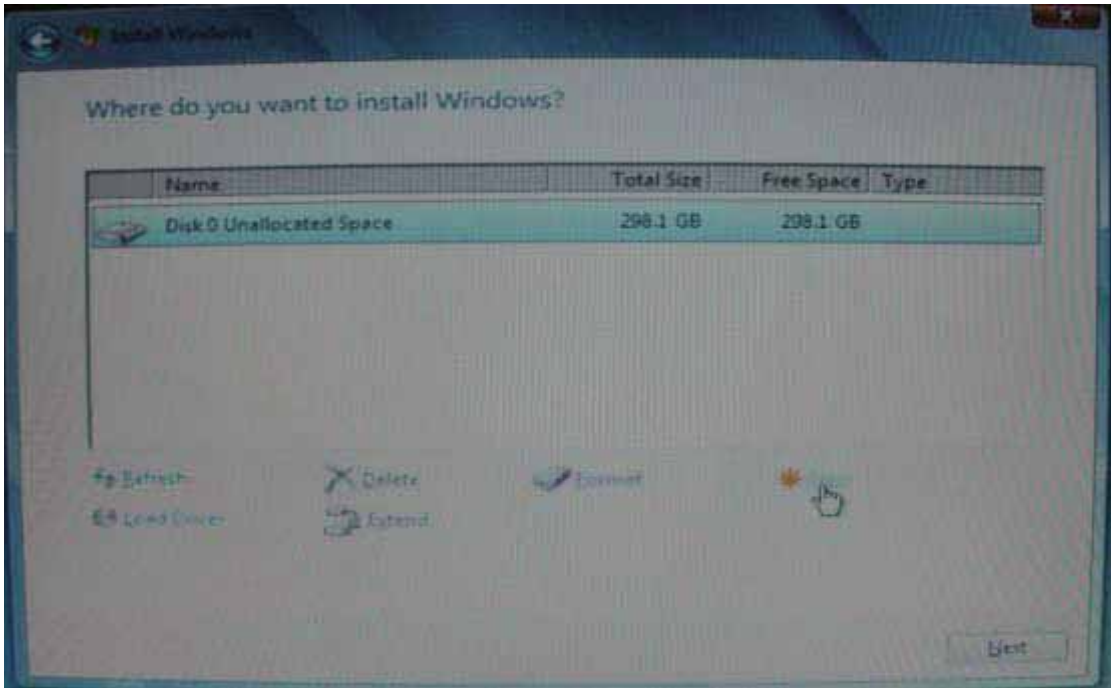
"**Custom**" to continue.



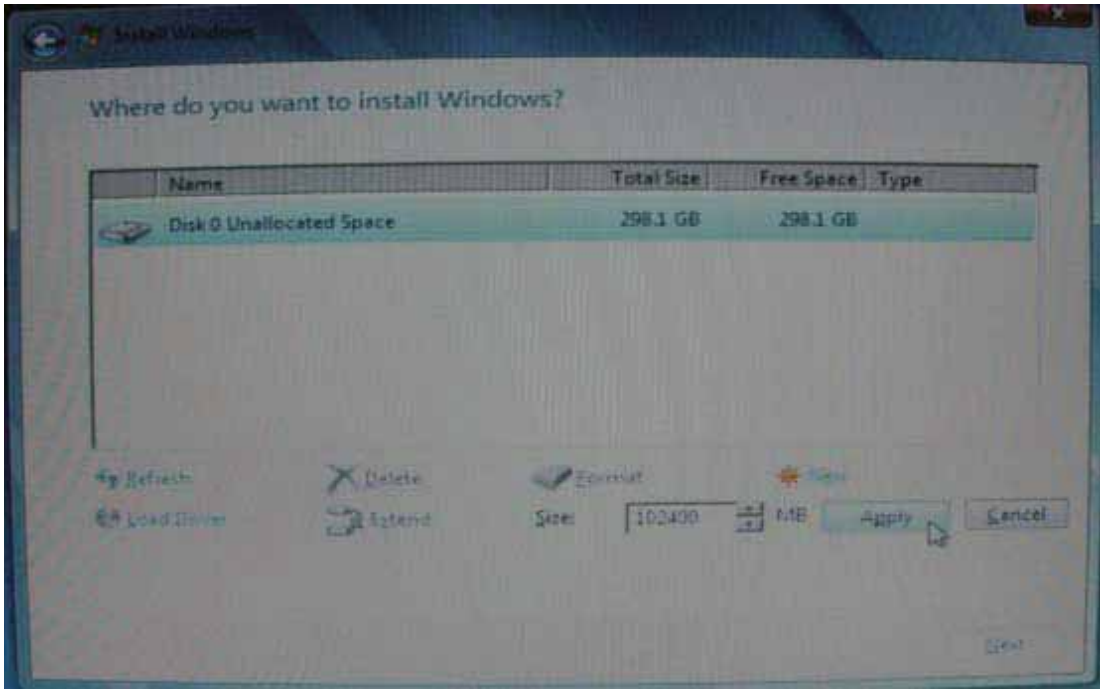
2.9 Click "**Drive Option**".



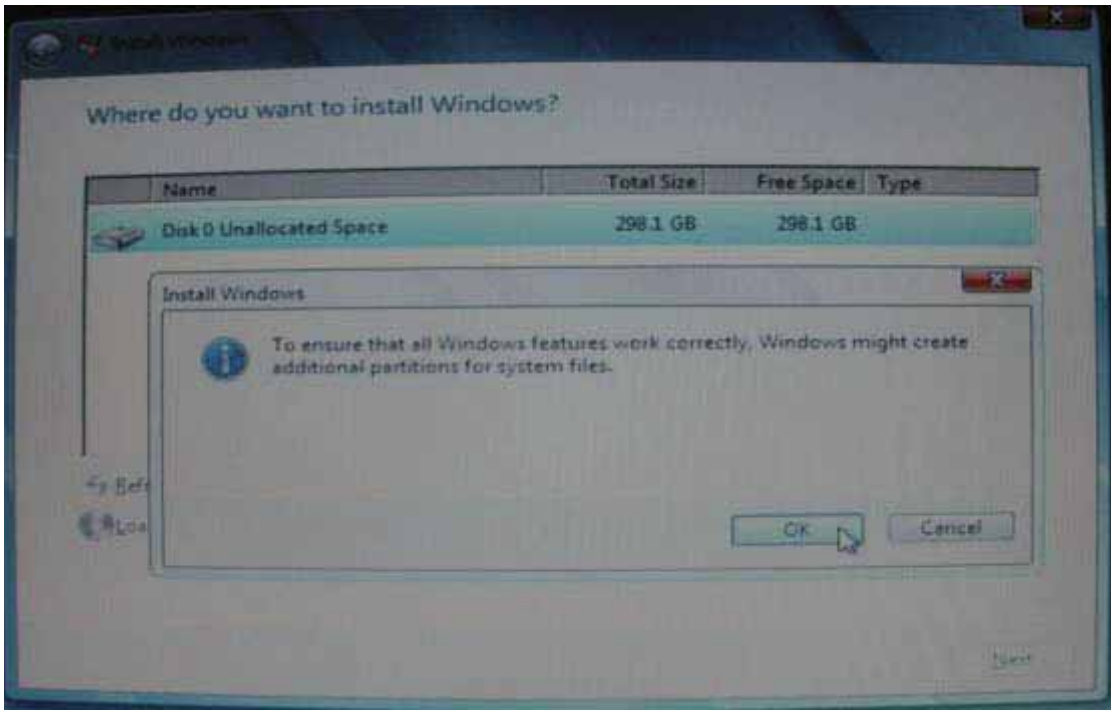
2.10 If you need to create a new partition, you should click "**New**". Otherwise, click "**Next**" to continue (jump to step 2.12)



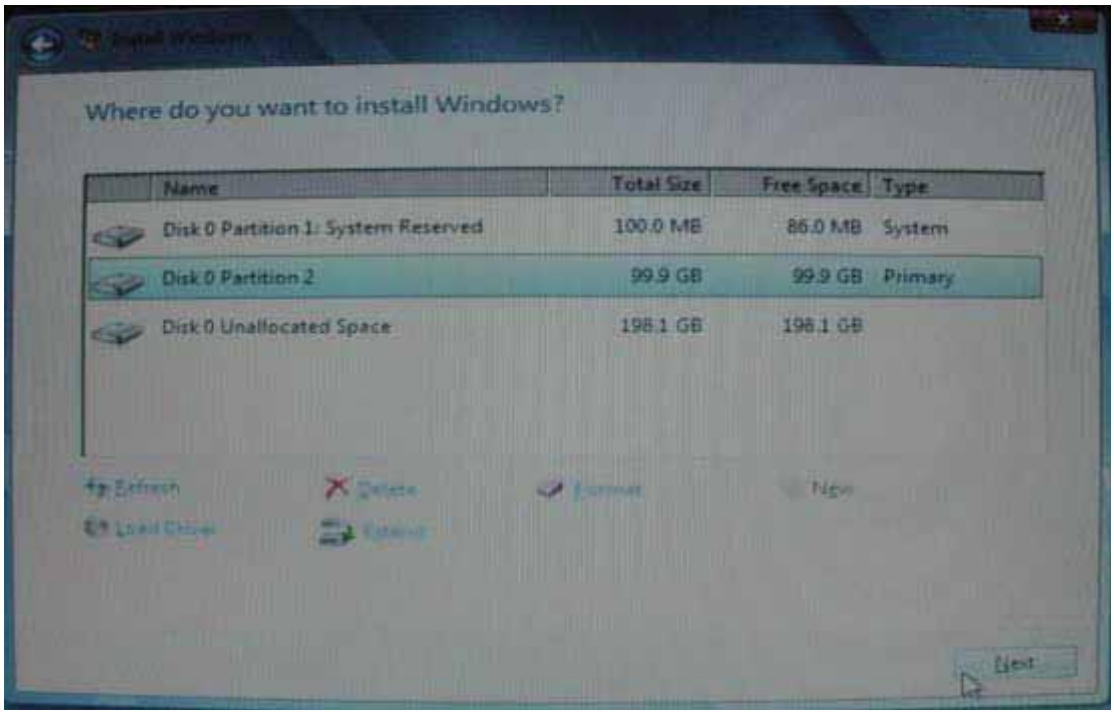
2.11 Specify the size of your new partition and click "**Apply**".



2.12 Windows will require a minimum space of 100MB. Click "**OK**" to proceed.

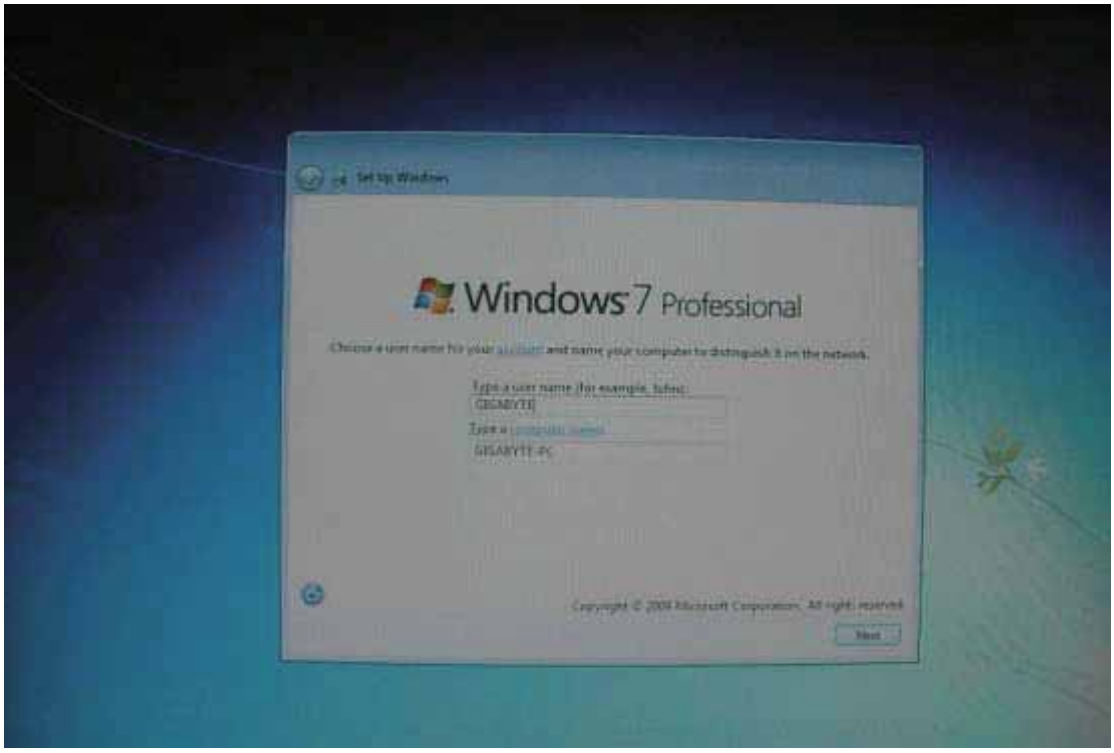


2.13 In this picture, the **Disk 0 Partition 2** is a newly created partition. When we specified certain space during step 2.10, Windows will automatically assign 100MB to be reserved for system (and marked as **Partition 1**). Hence you will see the remaining space in Partition 2. You can repeat the partition creation for more partitions if you are using a Hard Drive Disc with fair large storage volume. When all partition process is done, choose your desired partition, and click "**Next**".

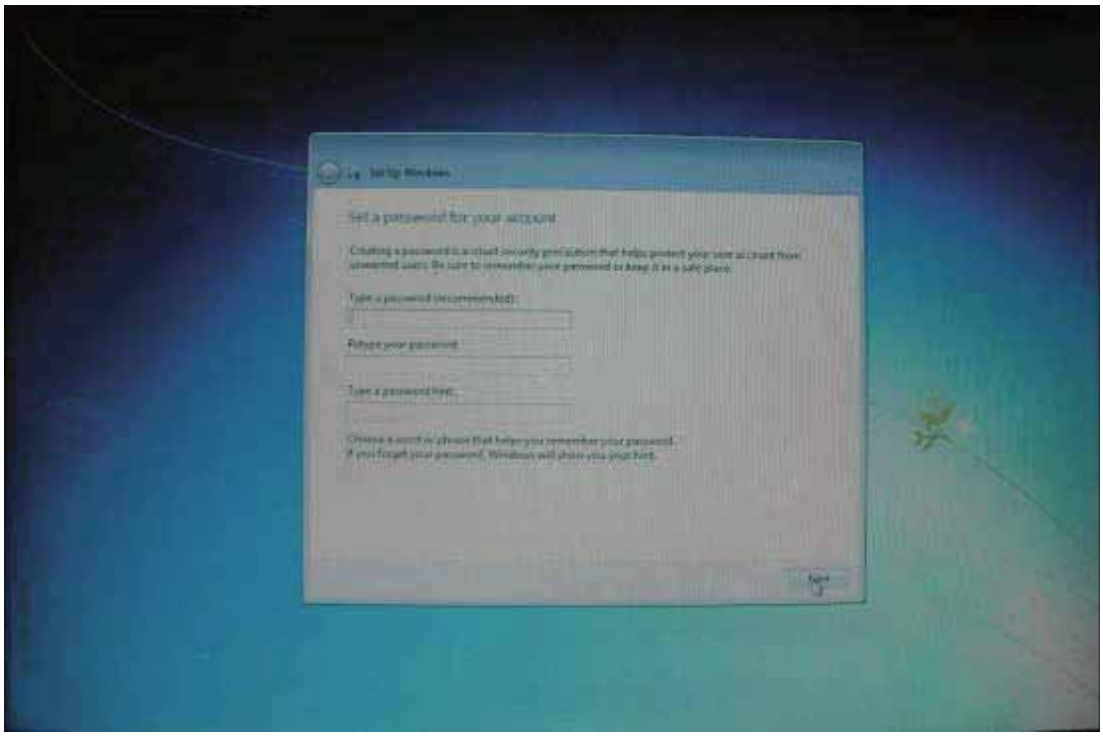


Step 3 Complete the Windows 7 Installation

3.1 Specify a user name.



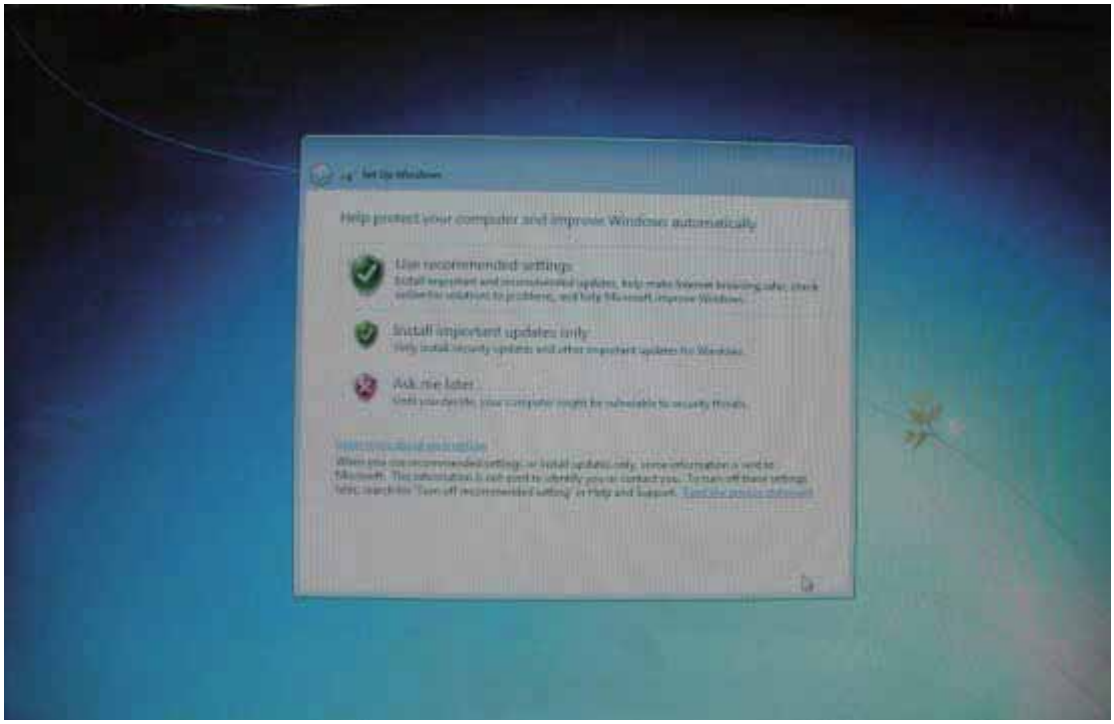
3.2 Specify your password, or skip this by click "**Next**".



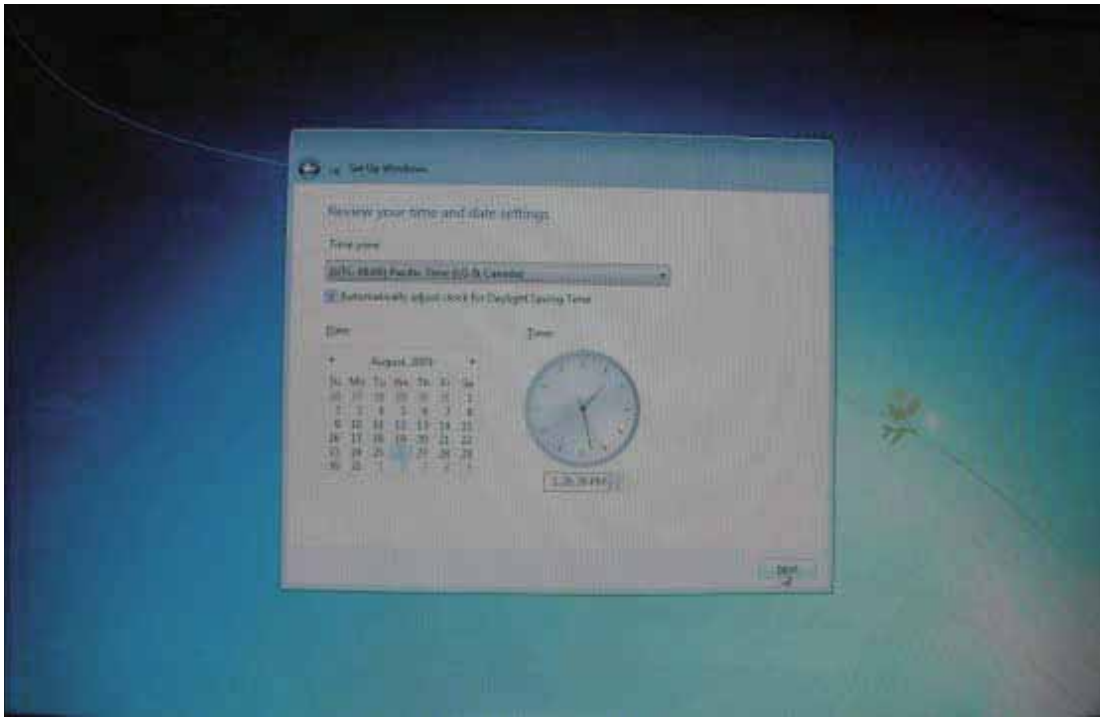
3.3 Windows will require you to type in the **product Key**. You should find your product key in your disc package. (If not, please contact your disc providers.) You

can still continue by click "**next**" to skip this step. You will need to provide a valid product key to activate your Windows 7 **within 30 days** after installation.

3.4 Set up your "Windows Update" options. The default setting will be "**Use recommended settings**".



3.5 Set up your preferred time zone, time and date.



3.6 Once the Windows 7 desktop shows, your installation is complete. Welcome to Windows 7!