

Re: Buying MS Office on Ebay

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- *From:* "BP" <replytoall@xxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Sun, 18 Sep 2005 07:59:30 -0400
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"Edward W. Thompson" <thomeduk1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:uiXCINBvFHA.2212@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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> "Chris Schatte" <caschatte@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:308C2019-7CE9-49A9-BAFE-A6DCDAF6F9D8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> BP,
>> Why not just purchase a retail copy that you know is new and not
>> activated
>> by someone else previously? Retail copies of Office 2003 allow for 2
>> installs, one desktop and one mobile and is fully upgradable. OEM copies
>> are
>> bound to the system you install on only, non-transferrable to any other
>> machine.
>> Buying software previously owned is never a good idea. You could do a
>> search
>> on this group for the multitudes of problems people run into by
>> purchasing
>> software in this way...
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>> Chris Schatte
>> --
>> use the Office Online web based newsreader here:
>> <http://www.microsoft.com/office/community/en-us/default.aspx>
>> In Office System 2003 applications:
>> Help/Assistance Pane/open Communities
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>> "BP" wrote:
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>>> I need to upgrade from my Office 97 suite. I am looking on Ebay at
>>> Office
>>> Pro 2003. There are many "new" full retail and OEM versions but there
>>> are
>>> also some "used" (previously installed) versions available at a much
>>> lower
>>> price. I know Office 2003 has an activation procedure. What are the EULA
>>> and
>>> practical restrictions/problems with buying someone else's software in

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>>> this
>>> way.
>>> TIA
>>>

> "Why not just purchase a retail copy"? To answer your question it is a
> simple matter of cost . Not everyone can afford the inflated price MS
> charges for their software, yet the widespread adoption of the MS software
> virtually obliges its use. The word monopoly comes to mind. Yes, I do
> know about Open Office.

I'm new to this group and I suddenly feel like I just walk in to a new car dealership to ask about buying a used car from the newspaper.

Can you suggest a newsgroup where I might find a little more unbiased info on this matter?

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◇ *From:* Edward W. Thompson

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