

Re: Buying MS Office on Ebay

|||| 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

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|||| 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 this

|||| way.

|||| TIA

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|||| "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?

|||| Unfortunately, this is about as good as it gets. Why some post
|||| unjustified remarks about buying software from Ebay, I can't say.

|||| Yes, you can get burned by buying from ebay but if the item is not
|||| accurately described or not delivered and you pay by Paypal you can
|||| recover your money. I always buy from Ebay and although have had
|||| one problem, I have never lost my money and do not conclude from one
|||| problem that all Ebay transactions are fraught with risk. Most

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|| people are honest, at least that is my experience.
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|| The comments concerning OEM software is very relevant. Some, but
|| not all, OEM software is linked to a particular machine and cannot
|| be easily transfered to another. Just ask the vendor if the
|| software can be installed onto your machine. If it will not install
|| you can claim your money back on the basis of mis-representation.
| Thanks for the info. I have bought lots of used software on Ebay,
| mostly games, and have never had a problem either. You just learn to
| read carefully and skip the listings with sparse or squishy
| descriptions. The OEM issue is good to know. But what really concerns
| me now is the possibility that if I buy new, retail Office software
| that somehow I am restricted by the EULA from selling it some years
| down the road should I upgrade to a more current application. If my
| used software will only install on my machine (legally) then I don't
| really own a tangible product, do I? And if I build a new computer
| (something I do every couple of years) or upgrade hardware (often)
| the software I bought can't be (legally) installed? That's just
| retarded, in every sense of the word.

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