



Re: Buying MS Office on Ebay

> Milly Staples [MVP – Outlook]  
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> Post all replies to the group to keep the discussion intact. All  
> unsolicited mail sent to my personal account will be deleted without  
> reading.  
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> After furious head scratching, BP asked:  
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> | "Edward W. Thompson" <thomeduk1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
> | [news:e8B%23tKOvFHA.3252@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:e8B%23tKOvFHA.3252@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
> ||  
> || "BP" <replytoall@xxxxxxx> wrote in message  
> || [news:tc-dnfEmiso-y7DeRVn-2w@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:tc-dnfEmiso-y7DeRVn-2w@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
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> ||| "Edward W. Thompson" <thomeduk1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
> ||| [news:uiXCINBvFHA.2212@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:uiXCINBvFHA.2212@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
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> |||| "Chris Schatte" <caschatte@xxxxxxx> wrote in message  
> |||| [news:308C2019-7CE9-49A9-BAFE-A6DCDAF6F9D8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:308C2019-7CE9-49A9-BAFE-A6DCDAF6F9D8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
> ||||| 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.msp>  
> ||||| 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

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- > ||||| 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
- > || 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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