

Re: New Computer recently purchased

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Not really an answer to what you asked (we need the answers to the questions asked by DL) but just as an FYI, if the trial version of Office came installed on your computer you may want to consider NOT purchasing the trial version through the OEM (the manufacturer of your computer), which is called a MLK (Media-less License Kit). Here are the pros and cons:

MLK Pros:

- MKL version is typically cheaper than a retail version

MLK Cons:

- MLK cannot be transferred to another computer (even if the computer dies and you get a new one)
- MLK can only be installed on one computer
- MLK is limited to OEM support. Typically if your warranty with the OEM has run out you're not getting any help, such as in the event of a lost product key, replacement cds. etc.
- If you don't read the fine print in the information for the MLK version you'll not get a copy of your installation CDs and you need to read the fine print within 90 days of your purchase

Retail Pros:

- Retail version is transferrable. You can install Office on another computer or sell it to another party.
- Depending on the suite you purchase, a Retail version can be installed on more than one computer
- Retail versions are supported by Microsoft (until they discontinue the product)

Retail Cons:

- Retail version is typically more expensive than the MLK version.

Now, if you are going to take the Retail version route then it's wise to purchase Office from your local retailer and not purchase a downloaded trial version. The downloaded trial version is actually more expensive in the end. Initially the cost is the same but if you download the trial and purchase it online then if you want your physical installation CDs you must pay extra for them.

Please post all follow-up questions to the newsgroup. Requests for

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assistance by email cannot be acknowledged.

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<http://www.microsoft.com/MSPress/books/9801.aspx#AboutTheBook>

Word FAQ: <http://mvps.org/word>

TechTrax eZine: <http://mousetrax.com/techtrax/>

MVP FAQ site: <http://mvps.org/>

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<news:5413A29F-CEAC-4669-9F36-E340D176D1F2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Yes, like Ann on 31 Aug, am asking about a Product Key code. However, I do know that what is on the bottom is for Vista, and not Office. Okay, so here is my question: it is imperative that I get on line with the new computer to register it and buy/obtain the free trial version/entire MO programs? Or can I obtain the free trial version key code through another computer? If I can obtain this key code via another computer, can you please direct me to that spot?

Thank you for you help

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