

Re: OEM Windows and Office Software – Question.

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Most of those offers for cheap OEM software you get in emails are illegal.

1>They are not sold with qualifying hardware per the OEM license agreement.

2>They are versions sold at reduced prices in eastern Europe which are banned by license agreement from being re-imported into the US.

Besides that—Do you trust giving your bank/credit card info to an unknown company in another country which is not bound by US law?

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Unofficial FAQ for Windows Server 2003 at

<http://pelos.us/SERVER.htm>

"Mr Wiffy" <nospamthanks@spamfree.com> wrote in message
news:2r6ep8F16lo9nU1@uni-berlin.de...

>I regularly get emails offering OEM software, such as Windows XP, and
>Office XP. My partner needs both for her PC, and I was wondering whether
>to go ahead and buy it. Being "OEM", it is just the Product CD and a
>software key, and is 100% legal. This is fine, but I need to know whether
>both products will be fully upgradeable, i.e. Can I perform Windows and
>Office Update on these products? They state there is no Technical support
>available from MS, which does not bother me at all, but I would assume that
>I can still update the software as with all other OEM software.

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> Your help would be much appreciated. Sorry if I sound thick here.....

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> Ian

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