

Re: Install the Genuine Windows Validation Component

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Q: "MS assumes you don't have legit software/license or whatever you want to call it and makes you prove it TWICE."

A. Its strictly a compliance check and not an assumption that the software is illegal. Microsoft reserves the right to verify that a legitimate version of it software is installed. Microsoft owns the software and you own the right to only use it as spelled out in the licensing agreement you agreed to before installing it.

P.S. Do you feel insulted when a sales clerk requests to see a picture ID when using a credit card? Aren't you glad this is done to avoid a possible fraudulent transaction from occurring that you would have to deal with if an unauthorized user had possession of your credit card?

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"Alias" wrote:

| Nonetheless, MS assumes you don't have legit software/licence or whatever
| you want to call it and makes you prove it TWICE. The fact that you have had
| no problems with the minuscule amount XPs you've worked with does not mean
| that problems haven't happened or that the won't continue to happen. It's an
| insult and doesn't stop piracy or "casual copying" one iota. ALL it does is
| insult the paying customer and generate bad PR for MS. It may affect MS'
| bottom line, though, because what would have been a paying customer may very
| well go for a pirated copy just to avoid activation, validation and being
| insulted by MS and people like YOU.
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