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"chriske911" <[chriske911-spamhater@yahoo.com](mailto:chriske911-spamhater@yahoo.com)> wrote in message  
news:mn.f4c57d4aa4c3b6b3.19335@yahoo.com...

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Not really the EULA is clear on this.

> *if you multiboot using the same copy of the OS:*  
>  
> *you are using 1 license on 1 computer, not on several computers*  
> *you are never using more than 1 instances of the same license at the same*  
> *time*  
>

But you have done more than one install using that license key (that was not a reinstall) and thus are in breach of the licensing agreement.

> *taken to the extreme it would be illegal to install an inplace copy to the*  
> *rescue of the original installation?*  
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Corect it technically is according to the EULA.

> *but if you would modify/swap the system's parameters (read: registry dat*  
> *files) you could have one copy of XP but with different settings, that*  
> *would be legal although it has exactly the same behaviour as multibooting?*  
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Not the same – it is not booting another installed copy of the OS which breaches the licensing agreement.

> *and what to do with multiple OS's in a multiboot fashion that use the same*  
> *(for example) Office program files residing on an extended partition?*

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Without getting into specifics.

You look at the license agreement for that product and it will tell you if multiple installations on the same device are allowed.

> *there are many good reasons why someone has multiple instances of*  
> *sometimes exactly the same installations (thru imaging) of any windows OS*  
> *and I dare you to come up with one that has the explicit intention of*  
> *breaking the EULA*  
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That is not the issue – to do that IS breaking the EULA for whatever reason they are doing it.

> *for my own I cannot agree with the interpretation that is given to the*  
> *EULA concerning multibooting*  
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This is not interpretation – it is the letter of the EULA and has been confirmed by our Legal and Corporate Affairs department when I posed this very issue to them and the Licensing team.

> *but it is known to the corporate world that MS has got a lot of catching*  
> *up to do with it's licensing model :')*

Really !? – we have already stated that dual core CPUs will only count as one CPU for our licensing model – the same cannot be said for Oracle who are insisting that a dual core CPU is 2 licenses (on their per CPU licensing models) and they want paying accordingly.

> *they already have caved concerning the HT feature of Intel in regards of*  
> *severs but that was to be expected B–)*

No "caving" required we have since day one only counted physical CPUs in our products that can detect the difference (e.g Server 2003)

> *also the usual backup policy of a dormant server machine has been*  
> *reluctantly approved*  
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Which products? please provide links to our documentation confirming this. I believe that may have been some exceptions around older version of SQL server in Active Passive clustering but please provide your precise data points.

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There has been no change in this in all the years we have had Windows operating systems and our end use license agreements.

> grtz

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Regards,

Mike

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> Mike Brannigan [MSFT] interrumppeerde het poetertje met volgende input:

>> "Timothy Daniels" <TDaniels@NoSpamDot.com> wrote in message

>> news:N4-dnSfNL-xjfh\_cRVn-tQ@comcast.com...

>>> How many times (or how frequently) does MS

>>> let a user re-install WinXP IN THE SAME MACHINE?

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>> Once and as often as you like

>>

>>> If one wanted to set up and then multiboot several

>>> versions of WinXP, each with a different set of

>>> features installed, on several partitions of one or two

>>> hard drives IN THE SAME MACHINE, would Microsoft

>>> object:

>>> 1) to the multiple installs?

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>> Yes we do - your end use license agreement (EULA) that you agreed to

>> abide by when you install the Windows XP OS clearly states that you may

>> install only one instance of Windows XP to your PC. If you require a

>> multi boot configuration you must purchase additional licenses.

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>> From the EULA (which you can view at any time Start ... run ... winver

>> and click the link)

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>> "...

>> 1. GRANT OF LICENSE. Microsoft grants you the following rights

>> provided that you comply with all terms and conditions of

>> this EULA:

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>> \* Installation and use. You may install, use, access,

>> display and run one copy of the Product on a single

>> computer, such as a workstation, terminal or other device

>> ("Workstation Computer").

>> ..."

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>>> 2) to the frequent "re-installs"?

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>> Not a problem for your single install, will just need to activate via

>> telephone if you are doing this really often.

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>>> 3) would it even recognize that multiple installs

>>> were going on in the same hardware?

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>> See answer 1. so this question is not relevant.

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>>> at a time.
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>> required to purchase multiple licenses.
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