

Re: No OS disk with purch refurb laptop

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 - *Date:* Sun, 20 May 2007 19:45:23 +1000
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No doubt. That is what I said. When I said downloadable I said readily, not legitimately, but if you use a legitimate key, what matters where you get the CD from.

"DL" <address@invalid> wrote in message [news:O\\$ISUMsmHHA.3888@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:O$ISUMsmHHA.3888@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

You cannot download any MS app, other than trial, from any legitimate source (Technet excluded)
The OEM licence is for the PC not the user

"Jeremy" <jeremy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:0E20789A-CCC3-4B57-B643-DA3B7821F70E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

The product key you have is an OEM product key. It is a legit key, but I

am

not sure if the license is transferrable. Ring your county's MS licensing centre to find out. If it is transferrable then you will need an OEM Windows distribution to install from. This is probably readily

downloadable

on the Internet.

Keep in mind that OEM licenses die when the computer does, you aren't allowed to use it on another computer.

Cheers,
Jeremy.

"tmd0309" <tmd0309@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:B7B2D965-AF44-4D4A-81A5-25DE4D98189E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
> Hi: I just bought a used laptop from a local refurb shop.
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> I am beating myself up for not asking before making the decision to > buy,
> but
> I didn't, so now am trying to make the best of the situation: I didn't

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get

- > any disk for reinstalling the OS (Win XP Pro). There's a Microsoft
- > Certificate of Authenticity sticker on the bottom of the machine with > my
- > product key on it, and I've confirmed that it's legit, here on the "How

to

- > tell..." page, but I would like to be able to burn a reinstallation > disk
- > from
- > what's here, if the installation left what I need on the drive for that
- > purpose. I searched around and learned that if reinstallation files

were

- > loaded on the pc, in lieu of providing me with a CD, I'd find them in a
- > very,
- > very large directory c:\i386 OR c:\windows\i386. I don't have that

folder

- > or
- > those files.
- >
- > I called the shop to ask if maybe they'd hidden such a set of files
- > somewhere I'd missed, and the guy said no — that if I were ever to > need
- > to
- > reinstall, I'd need to borrow someone else's WinXP Pro disk to install
- > with,
- > and then register/validate with this product key.
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- > The guy says this is standard practice for refurbished machines, and

even

- > for many new ones – that although the vendor is able to install the OS

and

- > provide me with a legal license/product key: 1) there's no installation
- > disk
- > that comes with the machine, and 2) there are not the files copied to

the

- > hard-drive that the articles I've read suggest should be there.
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- > From what those articles say, when those files do exist, they are
- > basically
- > a copy of the files from an installation cd, correct? And now I'm

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hearing

- > that the licenses that Microsoft sells to retailers don't permit > copying
- > of
- > the install-files to the hard-drive. Maybe they used to and don't any
- > more,
- > or maybe they only do in certain circumstances (depending on what the
- > retailer bought), but generally no -- that would be a violation of
- > copyright,
- > for the shop to have copied the files to the hard-drive.
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- > SO when (not if) I need access to installation files, my only ****legal****
- > options are 1) buy a copy of the OS (even though I paid for a license

for

- > the
- > OS that's running on my machine right now) or 2) borrow a disk and use
- > that
- > (NOT copy it) to install, but then supply the product key of my own
- > license
- > during re-registration/re-validation. Is that right?
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- > AND is this standard with refurbished machines?
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- > Could that be right -- maybe because the only way the vendor could have
- > supplied me with a disk would be for him to have bought and sold me a

more

- > expensive version, the retail version of the software? Is it
- > right/legal/consistent with whatever license he would have bought that

he

- > would install without providing me the means to re-install?
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- > When I confirmed that my software is legit, the last page asked if the

COA

- > had "OEM Product" under the name of the product. It doesn't. The
- > validation
- > page said in that case, I should have received a "recovery solutions" > CD
- > from
- > my PC manufacturer. BUT of course, I didn't buy this from the
- > manufacturer.
- > I bought it from a refurbisher. SO maybe that page is wrong?
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- > Thanks for help shedding light on this absurd situation!
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