

RE: Change CD Key on Windows 2003 Server Installation

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Hello Keith,

Just go through the Activation Wizard and choose the Telephone option button.

On the Telephone option page there is the option to change the product key. If you have activated the machine, then the wizard does not present these options, but since this machine is not activated, this should work for changing from MSDN to Retail product keys.

This does not work for changing between most channels,(OEM to Retail or Volume to Retail for example would not work) In most cases you can only change the product keys to another key in the same channel. (OEM to OEM would work, Volume to Volume with work)

However it does work for changing MSDN to Retail product keys.

Thanks,
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|>I installed a Windows 2003 Server R2 SP2 Enterprise edition from an MSDN

|>download on a server on a temporary basis for me to do work on. Now that

we

|>are almost ready to hand over to the customer, we want to install a

Windows

|>2003 Server R2 SP2 Enterprise Retail edition which we purchased for that

|>customer. We have not activated the Windows server yet – and want to do

so

|>when the purchased edition's CD key is in place

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|>How do I go about the process of changing the CD key. If I install on

top of

|>my existing installation, can I do this in a way to preserve my existing

|>settings?

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|>I know there is a key changer utility available from Microsoft but that

is

|>only for Windows XP.

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|>Keith

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