

Re: OT: possible to upgrade

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CLJ1219 wrote:

- > *I've got a new computer picked out--well, narrowed down to two, but I really*
- > *want XP Pro. Both come with XP Home. Is it possible to upgrade to Pro?*
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- > *But what exactly does XP Home come with? I need Excel, Word and would like*
- > *Publisher but only Excel and Word are a requirement with me. Are either of*
- > *these (or a compatible program) on Home?*
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- > *Carol*
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- > *My mind not only wanders, sometimes it leaves completely.*

Carol,

It is possible to upgrade to XP Pro as has been said. The advantages to the average home use without a network are nil. XP Pro nor Home come with Excel, Work etc. Pro's main advantages are for networking to other computers. However, a new computer off the shelf "may" be loaded with Microsoft Works, which offers programs that do work similarly to Word and Excel. I don't recall if a Publisher type program is in it. Check what comes preloaded on the computer you are interested in.

Dell's are most recently coming preloaded with Wordperfect (yeck) But offers upgrades to Microsoft Office.

Another consideration may be a free download called Open office. Copy and paste this link for more info.

<http://www.openoffice.org/product/>

It's "suppose" to be a free substitute for Microsoft products at zero cost and from what I've heard, some like it very well. I myself have never tried it but thought it might be of interest to you, as Microsoft office suite is pretty pricey. \$200-500 range.

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Hope this helps!
Dee