

Re: New Computer

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Another reason I hate Windows! When you're busy you don't have time to wait on hold to deal with that stuff. Of course, they do it because so many people never would bother to ever buy a legal program. The old WP DOS you were allowed to have it on multiple computers per license - if I recall correctly - just not be using it simultaneously. Also, that program you could just copy to a zip disk or back it up and transfer it complete with all files to another computer. "Installation" was not needed.

My computer is dragging. I know DH reformatted his. I can't stand the thought of having to try to remember what all software I may need to get new codes for, etc. What a pain

Maureen wrote:

Barb, I think I recall that you are allowed to install your Word program twice or possibly three times (for some reason I want to say three, but I could be wrong) without any issue. However, once you go over that many installs, you have to call Microsoft them to get another activation code.

Now my recent experience kind of ticked me off because I had installed my version of Word XP onto my original desktop when I purchased it, then put it on the other family computer for the girls and their school work and then finally onto my laptop. I had no problems. Eventually I purchased a new desktop and had to reinstall it and I had to call Microsoft to get a new activation code. Six months later, my husband is home from his surgery and I gave him the laptop to play with - eventually ended up with a virus that I just could not get completely rid of so I reformatted the harddrive and had to reinstall, again no issues, but I did have to call Microsoft also this time to install.

Now just a couple of weeks ago, I went ahead and cleaned up my desktop which was running slow. I backed everything up and reinstalled the software. When I went to activate, it was again prompted to contact Microsoft. No big deal is what I

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thought, until I was informed that I had to pay \$10 (I think, more or less I don't remember off the top of my head) for a new activation code.

Guess I shouldn't complain in a way because I have installed it multiple times, but I wonder if this is just because of that or if they have started a new trend and are charging everyone.

Mauree