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# FAQs

**I have Microsoft Office XP, but only Microsoft Office 2003 Edition licenses are on the price list. My business currently has machines that have Microsoft Office XP installed. What license do I need to buy to run Microsoft Office XP on the new machines I will be purchasing?**

If you buy the Microsoft Office 2003 Edition license through a Microsoft Volume Licensing program, you may use any prior version of the software in place of the version you order, including Microsoft Office XP.

**We are currently using Microsoft SQL Server™ 7.0. We need to allow Internet access to our Microsoft SQL Server server computer, and the Microsoft SQL Server Internet Connector is no longer available. What do we do?**

Acquire SQL Server 2000 per-processor license(s) for the server machine that will be accessed over the Internet. When you do that, you are governed by the applicable Product Use Rights (PUR) for that product. These use rights will continue to be applicable to your use, even if you choose to downgrade to a previous version of Microsoft SQL Server. What this means for you is that the rights associated with the Microsoft SQL Server 2000 per-processor license that allow anyone, from anywhere, at any time, to access your Microsoft SQL Server data on that server would still be applicable even if you are using downgraded SQL Server 7.0 software bits on the server machine. Even though this option did not exist with SQL Server 7.0, by licensing the current product and using the current PUR and the applicable downgrade rights, you can run SQL Server 7.0 in this manner. This holds true for any new product acquired under the current PUR and downgrade rights associated with Microsoft Volume License agreements.

**Can I downgrade my OEM version of Windows Vista Business to Windows XP Professional?**

Yes. OEM downgrade rights for desktop PC operating systems apply to Windows Vista Business and Windows Vista Ultimate as stated in the License Terms. Please note, OEM downgrade versions of Windows Vista Business and Windows Vista Ultimate are limited to Windows XP Professional (including Windows XP Tablet PC Edition and Windows XP x64 Edition). End users can use the following media for their downgrade: Volume Licensing media (provided the end user has a Volume Licensing agreement), retail (FPP), or system builder hologram CD (provided the software is acquired in accordance with the Microsoft OEM System Builder License). Use of the downgraded operating system is governed by the Windows Vista Business License Terms, and the end user cannot use both the downgrade operating system and Windows Vista Business. There are no downgrade rights granted for Windows Vista Home Basic or Windows Vista Home Premium.

**If I have Microsoft Office Professional Enterprise Edition 2003, what can I downgrade to?**

Downgrade rights in the Volume Licensing programs provide customers with the right to downgrade to any prior version of the same product. Therefore, Microsoft Office Professional Enterprise 2003 can be downgraded to the Microsoft Office XP, Office XP 2000, Office XP 97, Office XP 95, or Office XP 4.3 versions. You would not, however, be able to downgrade to Microsoft Office Standard Edition 2003 as that is a different product and not considered a previous version of Microsoft Office Professional Enterprise Edition 2003.

**Which 2007 Microsoft Office system suites are eligible to downgrade to Office 2003 suites?**

Customers who have licensed Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2007 are eligible to downgrade to Office Professional Enterprise 2003 and all previous versions as described above. Customers who have licensed Microsoft Office Standard 2007 are eligible to downgrade to Office Standard Edition 2003 and all previous versions of Office Standard Edition.

**Microsoft Office Enterprise 2007 contains several additional components that were not available in any Office 2003 suite. If I have a license for Office Enterprise 2007, then what can I downgrade to?**

Customers who are licensed for Office Enterprise 2007 can downgrade to Office Professional Plus 2003 plus the Microsoft Office OneNote® 2003 note-taking program. Additionally, Office Enterprise 2007 licensees who had licensed Microsoft Office Groove® 3.1 and held Office Groove maintenance that was active on July 1, 2006, may also use Office Groove 3.1 as a downgraded component. Customers choosing to downgrade and use these components must use them on the same device in the same manner they would use the components in the version of the suite for which they acquired a license.

**If I have Windows Vista Enterprise, what can I downgrade to?**

Downgrade rights in the Volume Licensing programs provide customers with the right to downgrade to any prior version of the same product. Windows Vista Enterprise is a new type of product and does not have a prior version. However, customers licensed for use of Windows Vista Enterprise are licensed for Windows Vista Business, and it can be downgraded to the Windows XP Professional, Windows 2000 Professional, Windows NT® 4.0, Windows NT 3.51, Windows 98, or Windows 95 operating system. You would not, however, be able to downgrade to Windows Vista Home Basic or Windows Vista Home Premium, Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition, or Microsoft Windows Millennium as those are different products and not considered previous versions of Windows Vista Business.

**Since I can no longer purchase Multilanguage User Interface (MUI) for Windows outside of Software Assurance, can I downgrade and use MUI versions of the Windows operating system under my Windows Vista Business Software Assurance if I downgrade my PC to Windows XP Professional?**

Yes. Customers that acquire rights to MUI on their new Windows Vista PCs through Windows Vista Enterprise in Software Assurance are permitted to use prior MUI versions of the Windows operating system.

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