

Re: Getting out of Piracy

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I didn't mean in any way to condone past piracy.
Just trying to suggest that it may not be as hard to get out of it as the full retail price might suggest.

I work with small non-profits. Piracy is definitely an issue. My policy is to buy new machines with Office included in the price of the machine, or, where possible, Charity licensing for multiple copies.

"Alun Jones [MS MVP]" <alun@taxis.com> wrote in message news:EXvpb.1451\$4V3.276@newssvr22.news.prodigy.com...
> *In article <uYQiX6#mDHA.2676@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl>, "Bill Sanderson"*
> *<Bill_Sanderson@msn.com.plugh.org> wrote:*
> *>Some folks get into piracy because they don't have much money, or feel that*
> *>the cost of a full office version is too much.*
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> *I don't -uh- buy that argument. You can plonk down a thousand dollars or so*
> *for a computer and other gear, but you can't afford the software that you*
> *need? Re-analyse your priorities and your needs, to find a price for the*
> *hardware_and_ software, look into alternatives (there are some free*
> *alternatives that should free up money to use on those that don't have free*
> *alternatives available), and use software that you're licenced to use.*
>
> *Maybe you are in better financial shape than you were a few years back.*
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> *In which case it would definitely be appropriate to make some form of redress*
> *for past misdeeds, and pay appropriate prices for legal copies of software*
> *you need - assuming, that is, that the companies in question aren't out of*
> *business already.*
>
> *Take a look at the pricing for the current version--maybe you qualify for a*
> *student or education version. There are definitely cheaper options in the*
> *current product which many folks can take advantage of without stealing.*

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- > *Definitely look into discounts, different versions, or competing products.*
- > *There are other ways to get cheap or free software, including attending*
- > *seminars and sales presentations, where such software is often given away*
- or
- > *raffled off, or at the very least, coupons are usually given out.*
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- > *While I will agree that many people are 'strapped for cash', that doesn't*
- > *give them the right to use software against the wishes of the software's*
- > *developers.*
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- > *Alun.*
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- > *[Please don't email posters, if a Usenet response is appropriate.]*
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