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Thanks for the suggestions (some helpful, some...err, not)

Like it or not, MS software is what the organization is trained on and has standardized on, so that's the framework I'm working within. <insert obligatory "think-out-of-the-box-linux-is-better" sarcasm here> =^)

If we have to manage all the keys that's certainly what we'll do. However, given that even with a minimum of 5 orders you can obtain VL media, MS obviously understands the need to avoid the activation hassle in anything but a very-limited user environment.

I can't sell the software – it's specifically prohibited in the donation paperwork.

In response to some other queries, in my experience applying service packs requires re-activating the systems. Certainly not beyond the realm of possibility, but if I can avoid that, I will. In response to another statement, generating a corp key with the greyware floating around out there won't work – there are some different install files on the corporate "volume" media vs. the retail.

MS also has a licencing option for 501c organizations (charity organizations) that's similar to the higher ed in pricing and structure.

The long and the short of it is, in this sort of environment the "right" solution is to install with VL media. I'm almost certian I read an account of someone who'd been in the same situation and done what I'm trying to do. If you have, or know of someone who has, I'd appreciate hearing from you.

(and yes, I am unashamedly looking a gift horse in the mouth! but I'd hate to do all this and then discover "oh, if you'd just have asked this person...")

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Thanks again!

–Aaron

"David Levine" <d\_levine@conknet.com> wrote in message  
news:#xVEa3Q1CHA.2204@TK2MSFTNGP09...

> *"Smallness" is your problem here. Microsoft has a licensing option for  
> higher ed. called Campus Agreement, which is great for Windows and Office  
> deployment. I agree with the other posts that you're lucky to have  
received*

> *the software and maybe ought to consider the inconvenience as part of your  
> cost. Could you possibly configure one and clone your systems?*

> *"adb" <aaron@dontspam.solv.org> wrote in message*

> *news:sae3a.102892\$IG3.13520@sccrnsc02...*

>> *To all those who've fought this beast (and I know you're out there!)*

> *Help!!*

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>> *I'm preparing to migrate a small (30 node) non profit to Windows XP and*

>> *Office XP. We have received a donation of 30 WindowsXP Pro and Office  
XP*

>> *Pro licences to do this. My sticking point is...they're all retail!*

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>> *I don't really want to try to keep 60 different activation keys (for*

> *windows*

>> *AND office!) straight. As we patch and apply service packs, it's going*

to

>> *be a nightmare to keep everything running smoothly. I would really,*

> *really*

>> *like to SOMEhow roll those retail licences into a pair of VL media/keys*

to

>> *make this go as smooth as possible. After getting a "not possible" from*

> *MS*

>> *Customer support, "nope" from CDW (a VL vendor), I finally got MS*

> *Licensing*

>> *(1-888-352-7140) who said "sure!, call Worldwide fulfillment!*

>> *(1-800-248-0655) and they can help!"*

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>> *I called worldwide fulfillment and (no surprise – probably talked to the*

>> *wrong person) they couldn't help. They directed me to ANOTHER volume*

>> *licensing # "try presales # for volume licensing (1-800-426-9400) – it's*

> *the*

>> *main volume licensing dept within MS".*

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>> *Needless to say this last # gave me a flat "No, it's simply not  
possible."*

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>> *Now come on – we have 60 boxes, 60 individual pieces of media, and (on*

>> *official "microsoft donation letterhead", nonetheless!) 60 nice, neat*

>> *license keys. Don't get me wrong – we're very grateful...but there has*

>> *simply GOT to be "the right person" to talk to to get this done! Had we*

>> *actually purchased these through a VL vendor, we could have purchased as*

> *few*

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> > *as FIVE of each, and gotten VL media and keys!*  
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> > *I'm almost positive someone else was in this scenerio and somehow got  
out  
> of  
> > it. I'd appreciate a direct e-mail (remove the obvious from my return  
> > address) or a reply to these groups (I hope google will pick up the  
> thread)*  
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> > *Many thanks!*  
> > *-Aaron*  
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