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#### When I upgrade a Microsoft product, do my license rights for that product change?

Yes, the end user license agreement (EULA) included with the upgrade version sets forth the license rights for both the original product and the upgrade. With every new upgrade product, you will receive a new EULA. Upgrade versions are treated as part of the whole product, because an upgrade often needs many of the basic components in the original software in order to run. This is true for both application and system product upgrades.

#### Can I sell or give away old versions of my products when I acquire an upgrade?

No. Since the original full product and the upgrade product together are considered a single software unit, you must retain the old product as part of that unit.

What if I've upgraded from Windows version 3.1 to Windows 95? Do I still need to keep my copy of Windows 3.1 as part of my legally acquired product?

Yes. All copies together are treated as a single product, regardless of how many upgrade versions you've acquired.

# What if I don't upgrade my product but purchase a completely new version? Do I still have to keep my old version of that product?

No. However, as you acquire upgrades for the new product, you must retain both that product and the upgrade versions, which together serve as a single product.

#### What is software piracy? Why should I be concerned about it?

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Software piracy also harms the local and national economies. Fewer legitimate software sales result in lost tax revenue and decreased employment. Software piracy greatly hinders the development of local software communities. If software publishers cannot sell their products in the legitimate market, they have no incentive to continue developing programs. Many software publishers simply won't enter markets where the piracy rates are too high, because they will not be able to recover their development costs.

#### Are there different types of software piracy? Is one type of piracy less damaging than any other?

There are five basic forms of software piracy, and all are damaging both to the software publisher and to you, the end user. The five basic types of piracy are:

- Softlifting or End User Copying: This form of piracy occurs when extra copies of a program are made within an organization for employees to use. "Disk swapping" among friends and associates outside of a business environment is also included in this category.
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## How can I make certain I have legitimate Microsoft® products if they came preinstalled on my computer's hard disk?

Microsoft licenses many personal computer system manufacturers to preinstall systems products directly onto the hard disks of their computers for sale. In some instances, computer manufacturers are also licensed to preinstall specific application products onto the hard disk. These products include system software such as Windows® 95 and server products such as Windows NT<sup>™</sup> Server, as well as applications such as Microsoft Works.

For Microsoft products, the computer manufacturers must include inside the computer box an end user license agreement (EULA), a Microsoft registration card, and for systems products and most application products a Certificate of Authenticity. In most instances, computer manufactures will also include the product manual(s) and a set of product disks or a CD-ROM.

#### How can I identify illegal Microsoft software?

There are several warning signs to alert you to the fact that the software products installed on your hard disk at the time of purchase or available on the retail store shelf are illegal. For instance, Microsoft legally licenses MS-DOS®, Windows® 3.,1 and Windows 95, among other products, to computer manufacturers to include with their computers for sale. However, Microsoft's agreement with computer manufacturers prohibits them from selling and/or distributing Microsoft products by themselves, without an accompanying computer.

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Additional warning signs of illegal software products include:

- No end user license agreement (EULA).
- No product registration card.
- No Certificate of Authenticity for most products accompanying a new computer system.
- No fulfillment mechanism (such as a mail-in card) for backup disks and/or manuals for software preinstalled on a new computer that **does not come with packaged software inside the computer box**.
- No backup disks, manuals, registration card, EULA, and/or Certificate of Authenticity containing an anti-piracy hologram and Confirm label for preinstalled system software that includes a packaged product inside the computer box. Packaged products must contain all these elements.
- The backup disks the computer dealer or store gives you contain hand-written labels, are not shrink-wrapped, and/or appear to be inferior in quality.
- When you request manuals to accompany the software installed on your computer, the computer dealer or store does not supply any but suggests you purchase a book from an outside source on how to operate your software programs.
- The manual(s) the computer dealer or store gives you are photocopied, are not shrink-wrapped, and/or are of
  poor printing quality.
- The person who sold you your computer offers to install software for free—or a nominal fee—at the time you purchase your computer, without providing packages for the software.
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- The operating system product (including MS-DOS, Windows, Windows for Workgroups, Windows 95, and Windows NT software) that you acquired from the retail shelf without also purchasing a new computer contains a line on the front cover of the user's guide that says, "For Sale Only With A New PC" or "For distribution with new PC hardware. Not to be sold as a standalone product."

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Hong Kong: Legal Department, Microsoft Hong Kong, 11/F., Cityplaza 3, 14 Taikoo Wan Road, Taikoo Shing, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong.

Japan: Legal Department, Microsoft Company, Limited, Sasazuka NA Bldg., 50-1, Sasazuka 1-Chome, Shibuyaku, Toyko 151, Japan.

Taiwan: Legal Department, Microsoft Taiwan Corporation, PO Box 27-16, No. 6, 10th floor, Min Chuan E. Road, Sec. 3, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

#### In Europe:

European Headquarters: Legal Department, Microsoft European Headquarters, Tour Pacific, Cedex 77, 92977 Paris - La Defense, France.

France: Legal Department, Microsoft France S.a.r.l., 18 Avenue Du Quebec, Zone de Courtaboeuf, 91957 Les Ulis Cedex, France.

Germany: Legal Department, Microsoft G.m.b.H., Edisonstrasse 1, W-85713 Unterschleissheim, Munich, Germany.

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#### **Europe Headquarters:**

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