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RE: Microsoft Software Campus Agreement – Vista and Office 2007

In a recent webcast, Microsoft released new information about academic licensing of Microsoft software through educational volume licensing programs such as the MSCA program (Microsoft Campus Agreement). In particular, the information addresses the release of Vista and Office 2007. Three versions of each of these products are available through the various volume licensing programs. The current status of The University of Montana's MSCA agreement follows.

Vista

For Vista, there is "Windows Vista Business" (more or less analogous to Windows XP Pro), "Windows Vista Enterprise," and "Windows Vista Ultimate." UM's license includes at least the "Business" and "Enterprise" editions. More research will determine to what extent we are licensed for the "Ultimate" edition. Microsoft lists the essential differences as follows:

- "Business" edition includes the Vista core OS, including connectivity, security, and compliance features.
- "Enterprise" edition includes all of the features of the Business edition plus:
 - Virtual PC express
 - Windows BitLocker drive encryption
 - Multi-lingual user interface
 - Subsystem for Unix-based applications
 - Virtual PC is now a free download to all Windows Vista Enterprise customers
 - Windows Vista Enterprise customers are licensed for 4 virtual OS installs
- "Ultimate" edition: The webcast provided no descriptive information except that Microsoft is not providing volume license keys for this product. The product might be covered under UM's MSCA agreement, but it will not be part of the standard distribution. UM will have to interact with Microsoft by phone to obtain an installation key for *each* installation. Further research is necessary.

Office 2007

For Office 2007, there is "Office Standard 2007," "Office Professional Plus 2007," and "Office Enterprise 2007." UM's license includes all three of these products. The Office Standard and Office Pro Plus editions are roughly analogous to the current Office Standard and Office Pro versions. Microsoft lists the essential differences as the following.

- Office Standard 2007 includes:
 - Outlook
 - Word
 - Excel
 - Power Point

- focus on personal productivity
 - core content create with streamlined user interface
 - e-mail, personal information management, basic collaboration
 - developer extensibility
- Office Professional Plus 2007 includes:
 - All modules and features of Office Standard 2007
 - MS Access
 - Publisher
 - Info Path
 - Communicator
 - Integrated enterprise content management
 - Integrated electronic forms
 - Information rights and policy
 - Focus on comprehensive toolset for business productivity
 - Tools for managing and analyzing data
 - Integrated content management and workflow
 - Integrated instant messaging and application sharing
- Office Enterprise 2007 includes:
 - All modules and features of Office Professional Plus 2007
 - MS OneNote
 - MS Groove
 - Focus on extended collaboration and mobility
 - Facilitates collaboration across geographic, organizational, or network boundaries

Core CALS (Client Access Licenses)

One other piece of the MSCA program is the Core CALs that are included. This year, the standard core CALs include:

- Windows Server CAL
- Exchange Server Standard CAL
- Office SharePoint Server Standard CAL
- System Management Server CAL

A new Enterprise CAL package is also available for purchase under our MSCA agreement but UM has not yet done so. In addition to the Core CALs, the Enterprise package includes:

- Office "Live" Server CAL
- Office SharePoint Server Enterprise CAL
- Exchange Server Enterprise CAL
- Windows Rights Management Services CAL
- Operations Manager Client CAL
- Office "Live" Enterprise CAL
- Forefront Security Suite

There is a significant additional cost for the Enterprise CAL package compared to the standard Core CAL package that is already included in our agreement. Please let Steve Henry know your opinion of how important you feel these additional CALs might be (Steve.Henry@umontana.edu).

In any case, when UM receives the software distribution media, apparently we will automatically receive the Vista Enterprise and Office Enterprise editions, along with the licenses for the standard Core CALs.

Microsoft Campus Agreement – Current Status

As to the status of UM's Microsoft campus agreement, we extended the old agreement (that normally expired in August) through the end of September so the new agreement supposedly took effect on October 1 and will run through September 30, 2007. However, there appears to have been some delays in getting the old agreements folded into the new one and, thus far, we have not received any product license keys or distribution media for the new agreement. We will let you know as soon as further information is available.

Also, in the Microsoft webcast, they indicated that Work-at-Home copies of the new Vista and Office 2007 software will not be available until sometime in April. You should all be aware that anyone hoping to obtain those things for home use will either have to wait awhile or will need to acquire them through other channels.