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Activate Microsoft Office programs

The following information is provided to help you to activate your 2007 Microsoft Office system programs. For troubleshooting information, visit the [Support](#) site.

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What is Activation?

To continue to use all of the features of your product, you must activate the product. Microsoft Product Activation is a [Microsoft anti-piracy technology](#) designed to verify that software products are legitimately licensed.

Activation works by verifying that the Product Key, which you must supply to install the product, is not in use on more personal computers than are permitted by the software license.

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How do I activate my Microsoft Office programs?

When you start your Office program for the first time after installation, you are prompted to enter your Product Key, if you have not already done so during Setup.

Grace period Before you enter a valid Product Key, you can run the software up to 25 times. This is known as the grace period. During the grace period, certain features or programs may be enabled that are not included in the