

Microsoft Software for Students

Durham Technical Community College is proud to be a member of the MSDN Academic Alliance (MSDNAA). As such, a student that takes a course through the Information Systems Technologies Department has the ability to load licensed software on their personal machines for use in their coursework and personal projects.

How It Works

After registering for a course, attend class and your instructor will ask you for your email address. Your email address will be used to authorize you to Durham Tech's software distribution website called ELMS (e-Academy License Management System). Once processed, you will receive an email from elms_support@e-Academy.com with the subject "You are Registered!". Using the link provided in the email (http://msdn06.e-academy.com/dtcc_is), go to the ELMS website and log in using the username (your email address) and password also provided in the email. Once you've logged into the system, click on the blue "Software" button at the top of the page.

Some software titles can be purchased on CDs from Microsoft for a relatively low fee, but most are download only from Durham Tech's secure server. Select a software title from those shown or to view all the software titles available, click on the "Search by product titles" list box, select a software item and click the "Go" button. To view a list of software products that can be purchased on CD from Microsoft, click on the "Order CDs! Click here" image.

If your software requires a license key (or serial number, activation code), it will be displayed on the order confirmation page (you can always access this through My Software). The license gives you the right to install the product on **one** computer.

Purchase CDs from Microsoft: Students can order a personal copy on CD media. Just select the product you'd like to order, choose the CD Media/Mail Order delivery option and enter your shipping information and billing information (Visa/MasterCard).

Download: You can download a software title either on-campus or off-campus. When you click the download button on the order confirmation page, you'll be prompted to save a small executable file to your desktop (e.g. "Downloader for software_title.exe"). Once you've downloaded this file, represented by a lightning bolt icon, double-click to begin the actual software download for your order. We recommend you save this to the default location on your hard drive, C:\Temp.

Note that it may take an **hour or more to download** the actual software, depending on the title and your connection speed. Downloading (or "unpacking") progress will be indicated by a progress bar at the bottom of a window. During download, a temporary file with the extension .sdc will appear in C:\Temp, but your actual software will download into a folder that it creates in C:\Temp with the same name as your software title.

Once your download is complete, you will be prompted to press a "Launch Install" button. Pressing this button does not install the software, it only opens a window showing you the file(s) that were downloaded. At this point you can copy, or "burn", the contents of the folder onto a blank CD-R¹. If the folder contains just one file, an image/.iso file, the easiest way to start the burn process is to double-click the file; the CD burning software should automatically start up. Consult your instructor for details.

¹ Using a CD-RW: If your download is comprised of several files and folders, format the CD-RW first, else (it's an image/.iso file) let the burning software format the disk at the time of the image burn.