

CD KEY TO REINSTALL A PROGRAM

If you've lost the Windows cardboard envelope that had the CD Key on the back of it and need to reinstall Windows, you can track down your CD Key by peering into the Registry.

1. Click START...RUN and type in regedit. Click OK..
2. Once you have the Registry Editor up, double-click HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE.
3. Click the + by each following subkeys in succession:

Software
Microsoft
Windows

4. Doubleclick CurrentVersion
5. Write down the number by ProductID on the right side of the screen.
6. Click File and Edit to close Regedit.
7. At the desktop, rightclick MY COMPUTER and click properties. The number you've just copied from the registry should be the same as the number on the My Computer Properties screen.

CAUTION: Using Regedit is not recommended for new computer users. EVEN EXPERIENCED USERS SHOULD CREATE A NEW SYSTEM RESTORE POINT BEFORE MAKING ANY CHANGES IN THE REGISTRY. IF YOU FIND YOU'VE MADE AN ERROR, YOU CAN USE THAT RESTORE POINT TO RETURN THE REGISTRY TO THE WAY IT WAS PRIOR TO MAKING THAT CHANGE.

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