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SUMMARY

You can download and use software trials from Microsoft. They provide time-limited trial copies their operating systems and their application software programs for you to use.

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- “Windows 7 Enterprise Trial” at <http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/evalcenter/cc442495.aspx?ITPID=wtcpgs>

downloads as an .ISO DVD image file that can be installed into any real computer or virtual machine program.

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- Our general instructions for downloading and installing “Windows 7 Enterprise Trial” are located at http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/win_hardsig/win7eval/win7eval.pdf

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- Our specialized instructions for installing “Windows 7 Enterprise Trial” into a “VMware Player” virtual machine are located at http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/win7intovmware/win7intovmware.pdf

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- Our specialized instructions for installing “Windows 7 Enterprise Trial” into a “Oracle VM Virtualbox” virtual machine are located at http://aztcs.org/meeting_notes/winhardsig/win7intovirtualbox/win7intovirtualbox.pdf

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- “Microsoft Office 2010” trial at http://www2.buyoffice.microsoft.com/usa/?torb=4&WT.mc_id=ODC_ENUS_GenTry_Control downloads as an .exe file that can be installed into any real computer or virtual machine program.

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- “Internet Explorer Application Compability VHD Images” at <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/en/details.aspx?FamilyID=21eabb90-958f-4b64-b5f1-73d0a413c8ef>

that can be used to create virtual machines in “Windows Virtual PC”, “Microsoft Virtual PC 2007”, or “Oracle VM VirtualBox”.

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- When any.VHD file is used to create a virtual machine in “Oracle VM VirtualBox”, you have to connect it to a virtual IDE hard drive controller (instead of the virtual SCSI hard drive controller that is provided by default by “Oracle VM VirtualBox”). See <http://www.sysprobs.com/virtualbox-p2v-disk2vhd-errors-fix>

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF "WINDOWS 8 PRE-BETA"

- The "Windows Developers Preview" pre-beta of "Windows 8" became available to the general public on September 13, 2011.
- To download a copy as an .ISO file that is "burnable" to a DVD, go to <http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/apps/br229516>

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY..(continued)

- The "Product Key" for the "Windows Developers Preview" pre-beta of "Windows 8" is available at <http://social.msdn.microsoft.com/Forums/en-US/windowsdeveloperpreviewgeneral/thread/ea402fb2-7192-4599-b999-22ad6b28c55a>

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY..(continued)

- The expiration date for the "Windows Developers Preview" pre-beta of "Windows 8" is March 8, 2012

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