

*Exclusive access to Windows Vista Enterprise with these important steps.*

# SOFTWARE ASSURANCE

One of the key Software Assurance benefits is having the exclusive opportunity to access Windows Vista™ Enterprise. What follows is important information that will help simplify the deployment of the Windows Vista operating system within your organization.

## What can Windows Vista Enterprise do for your organization?

Windows Vista Enterprise is the premium business desktop operating system optimized to help your business significantly lower IT costs and reduce risks associated with desktop deployment and management. Windows Vista Enterprise also provides:

- ▶▶ Data protection with Windows® BitLocker™ Drive Encryption, which helps protect sensitive data and intellectual property from being compromised on lost, stolen, or recycled computers.
- ▶▶ Application migration from and interoperability with UNIX: Subsystem for UNIX-based applications.
- ▶▶ Worldwide deployment with multilingual user interface, which helps you to further reduce the cost and complexity of imaging.

## How to access Windows Vista Enterprise.

*Please note: Only customers who have Software Assurance on Windows Client have access to Windows Vista Enterprise.*

There are three important steps to gain access to download\*\* Windows Vista Enterprise:

1. Activate your Windows Vista Enterprise Software Assurance benefit at <https://licensing.microsoft.com>.
2. Select the format in which you wish to receive your Windows Vista media kit: CD or DVD. Your kit will be sent to you by mail.
3. Utilize the new Windows Vista Volume Activation to more securely activate computers running Windows Vista. Please note: There are two types of Volume License Keys: Multiple Activation Key or Key Management Services Key. For more information, go to: [www.microsoft.com/licensing/resources/vol/default.aspx](http://www.microsoft.com/licensing/resources/vol/default.aspx).

## Streamline deployment of Windows Vista with the Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack for Software Assurance.

Microsoft® Desktop Optimization Pack for Software Assurance is a dynamic desktop solution available to Software Assurance customers as an add-on subscription license. It helps reduce application deployment costs, enables delivery of applications as services and allows for better management and control of enterprise desktop environments. **Please see the reverse side of this sheet for more information.**

## Save this sheet for future reference

Whether you upgrade now or in the near future, this information will help you activate your Windows Vista Enterprise benefit, which is part of your Enterprise Agreement. If you have any questions, call us at 866.230.0560 or go to [www.microsoft.com/activatesa](http://www.microsoft.com/activatesa).

# STREAMLINE DEPLOYMENT OF WINDOWS VISTA:

## *Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack for Software Assurance*

Windows Vista Enterprise was designed to help global organizations and enterprises with complex IT infrastructures lower IT costs, reduce risk and stay connected.

### The Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack for Software Assurance extends the value of Windows Vista even further by:

- ▶▶ Helping to reduce application deployment costs
- ▶▶ Enabling delivery of applications as services
- ▶▶ Allowing for better management and control of enterprise desktop environments

Together, these technologies deliver a cost-effective and flexible Windows desktop management solution while transforming the way you manage IT challenges in your organization

### Take control of the desktop.

Ease change management and rollbacks, enhance group policy management, reduce downtime, and provide end users with on-demand access to applications for which they are assigned.

- ▶▶ Lock down desktop permissions and Group Policy Objects (GPOs)
- ▶▶ Centralize policy-based management
- ▶▶ Take advantage of software inventory management
- ▶▶ Consolidate and stabilize OS images

### Accelerate desktop deployment, management, and responsiveness

Simplify desktop deployments and migrations with application virtualization and streaming.

- ▶▶ Virtualization enables applications to run as network services on demand—without ever being installed
- ▶▶ Application compatibility conflicts and regression testing are eliminated
- ▶▶ IT help desk call volume is dramatically reduced by eliminating application conflicts
- ▶▶ Troubleshooting tools pinpoint problems and recover and repair PCs

### Transform software into centrally managed services

The Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack for Software Assurance will enable you to build the foundation for a dynamic infrastructure.

- ▶▶ Create a dynamic enterprise through a virtual IT environment
- ▶▶ Allow end-users to get their applications from any licensed Windows desktop
- ▶▶ Enable IT to easily assign new computers and easily replace hardware
- ▶▶ Facilitate business continuity planning

### Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack for Software Assurance includes:

**Microsoft SoftGrid:** Deploy software applications that are never installed and never require testing, yet follow users virtually anywhere, on demand.

**Microsoft Asset Inventory Service:** Reduce application management lifecycle TCO through advanced software inventory scanning and by translating inventory data for more than 430,000 titles into useful, admin-friendly information available on demand

**Microsoft Advanced Group Policy Management:** Help IT take control of the desktop through effective change management, versioning, and rollbacks via GPOs, and a robust role-based administration and delegation model.

**Microsoft Diagnostics and Recovery Toolset:** Quickly help to repair unbootable or locked-out systems, restore lost data, remove malware from infected systems while the system is safely offline using existing antivirus software, and diagnose system and network issues.

### Microsoft Windows Vista Enterprise is an integral part of your Software Assurance benefits.

See the other side of this sheet for more information about this premium business desktop operating system optimized for mid-sized and large global organizations.

Learn more about Microsoft Desktop Optimization Pack for Software Assurance at [www.windowsvista.com/optimizeddesktop](http://www.windowsvista.com/optimizeddesktop).