Buying Software Online Guide

A great way to buy software

Gone are the days when you have to travel to a shop to buy software.

Buying software online is the smart way to shop. It's fast, convenient, and gives you the greatest choice.

Choice and convenience

When you shop for software online you can compare and choose from a huge range of products - more than you would find in a shop. You can therefore ensure that you get the best product for your requirements.

Electronic Software Distribution (ESD)

In most cases, you benefit from being able to use software you buy online immediately thanks to Electronic Software Distribution (ESD).

ESD simply means that you are given a download link and/or a registration code immediately after purchase so you can start using the software right away.

Always access the latest version

When you buy software on CD or DVD, you won't always have the option of downloading software updates from a website. When buying online, however, you are usually always given access to the very latest version of a product.

How to buy software online

There are many websites that list software available to download and purchase online.

A list of software download websites is published on the Software Industry Professionals site at www.siprofessionals.org .

Of course, you can also search for software using your favourite search engine or a dedicated software search engine such as www.softwaresizzle.com .

Secure online ordering

As when making any purchase online, it is recommended that you always take the standard precautions such as checking that you are purchasing your products from a reputable vendor and that the ordering form is encrypted and secure.

Do I still get a CD or DVD?

In some cases, software publishers might give you the option of also choosing a CD or DVD with your order.

If you want a CD or DVD, contact the publisher to find out if one is available.

Backing up files

Licensing terms and conditions vary between software publishers, but in most cases, you will be permitted to keep backup copies of any downloaded installation files after ordering.

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