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Finding Licence Keys

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When you purchased that latest-and-greatest piece of software, did you keep the box and the paperwork? Was the licence key or activation code on a sticker on the back of the box? Did you write it down in the space provided in the user manual? If you have to reinstall that application, will you be able type in the licence information when required?

If you are like many people, and didn't keep careful records of these types of details, you may need a little help from a utility such as Belarc Advisor to locate the software licence keys that are stored on your computer – somewhere!

Once downloaded and installed, running Belarc Advisor will result in the software scanning your computer for details of the installed software, hardware, and networking, and displaying a detailed report (Figure 1) in your web browser.

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System Security Status

SECURITY BENCHMARK SCORE	VIRUS PROTECTION	SECURITY UPDATES
No Score*	Up-to-date	Status unknown*

* Logon as an Administrator to see your benchmark score and the full list of missing security updates.

Computer Profile Summary

Computer Name: Dell-Inspiron (in WORKGROUP)
Profile Date: December 27, 2024 12:15:15 PM
Advisor Version: 12.1
Windows Logon: toaster

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Operating System

Windows 10 Home (x64) Version 22H2 (build 19045.5247)
Install Language: English (United States)
System Locale: English (United States)
Installed: 2015-08-11 2:27:11 PM
Servicing Channel: General Availability
Boot Mode: UEFI (please run as administrator to see Secure Boot status)

System Model

Dell Inc. Inspiron 7547
System Service Tag: [REDACTED] support for this PC)
Chassis Serial Number: 8KPKY22
Enclosure Type: Portable

Processor^a

2.60 gigahertz Intel Core i7-4510U
128 kilobyte primary memory cache
512 kilobyte secondary memory cache
4 megabyte tertiary memory cache
64-bit ready
Multi-core (2 total)
Hyper-threaded (4 total)

Main Circuit Board^b

Board: Dell Inc. 0AM680 A00
Serial Number: 8KPKY22
Bus Clock: 100 megahertz
UEFI: Dell Inc. A08 10/20/2015

Installed Batteries	Made By	Made On	Serial Number	Health*
Dell	S01		25 [REDACTED]	74%

Figure 1. Belarc Advisor System Report

The report is structured in sections that detail specific aspects of the operating system, the computer and its components, and the installed software. Many pieces of useful information are provided in the report such as the details of the CPU, memory, disk storage, communication systems, and peripherals. One section of the report lists the installed programs and, in many cases, the associated licence keys. For example, on my laptop, Belarc Advisor identified the licence key for the installed version of Microsoft 365 (Figure 2).

Software Licenses	
Allaire - HomeSite4	HS40E-98
Allaire - Studio	HS30E-31
Ashampoo - Burning Studio 2017	B217A5-7
Ashampoo - Burning Studio FREE	BSFRA9-77
Belarc - Advisor	1a3d
Intel - DPTF	FFD10ECE-F715-4a1
Macrium - Reflect	75-UICAT-CW5D-R
Microsoft - 365 Apps for business	00265-600((Key: YTMG3-I (Activated))
Microsoft - GDR 2101 for SQL Server 2019 (KB5021125) (64-bit)	SQLv15
Microsoft - GDR 2104 for SQL Server 2019 (KB5029377) (64-bit)	SQLv15
Microsoft - GDR 2110 for SQL Server 2019 (KB5035434) (64-bit)	SQLv15
Microsoft - GDR 2116 for SQL Server 2019 (KB5040986) (64-bit)	SQLv15
Microsoft - GDR 2120 for SQL Server 2019 (KB5042214) (64-bit)	SQLv15
Microsoft - GDR 2125 for SQL Server 2019 (KB5046056) (64-bit)	SQLv15
Microsoft - GDR 2130 for SQL Server 2019 (KB5046859) (64-bit)	SQLv15
Microsoft - Internet Explorer	00326-100 (Key: YTMG3-I

Figure 2. Software Licence Information

It's useful to save the web page as a local HTML file that can easily be accessed for future reference. For example, using *File > Save Page As...* in the Vivaldi browser results in a file named *Belarc Advisor - Computer Profile.html* and an associated folder named *Belarc Advisor - Computer Profile_files* being stored on the hard disk. The folder contains a CSS file and a number of digital images that are loaded automatically in order to display the HTML file as if it were being viewed from the Internet.

The license associated with the free version of Belarc Advisor allows for personal use only and results in watermarks being shown on the displayed report (seen partially in the screenshots). However, these watermarks are semi-transparent and don't interfere with reading any of the important data contained on the page.

The good news is that Belarc Advisor is free to download and use so, if you don't currently have a list of the licence keys for your software products, now would be a really good time to make one and keep it in a safe place until you need it.

Bottom Line

Belarc Advisor (Proprietary)
 Version 12.1
 Belarc, Inc.
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