How to Use Windows 7 Without Activation

Most of you might be aware of the fact that it is possible to use Windows 7 and Vista for 120 days without activation. This is actually possible using the **slmgr -rearm** command which will extend the grace period from 30 days to 120 days.

However, in this post I will show you a small trick using which it is possible to use Windows 7 without activation for approximately an year! Here is a way to do that.

Step-1: Go to "**Start Menu -> All Programs -> Accessories**".

Right click on the "**Command Prompt**" and select "**Run as Administrator**". If you are not the administrator, then you are prompted to enter the password, or else you can proceed to step-2.

Step-2: Now type the following command and hit Enter:

slmgr -rearm

Step-3: You will be prompted to restart the computer. Once restarted, the trial period will once again be reset to 30 days. You can use the above command for up to 3 times by which you can extend the trial period to 120 days without activation.

Step-4: Now comes the actual trick by which you can extend the trial period for another 240 days. To do this, open the **Registry Editor** (type **regedit** in "Run" and hit Enter) and navigate to the following location:

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HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows
NT\CurrentVersion\SoftwareProtectionPlatform
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Step-5: In the right-side pane, change value of **SkipRearm** to **1**.

Step-6: Now, you should be able to use the **slmgr -rearm** command for another 8 times so that you can skip the activation process for another 240 days. So you will get **120 + 240 = 360 days** of free Windows 7 usage.

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120 days using "slmgr -rearm" command before registry edit
+
240 days using "slmgr -rearm" command after registry edit
= 360 Days
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