How to Utilize the Microsoft DreamSpark Web Store

What is DreamSpark?

Through an agreement that the IS department has with Microsoft, you can obtain *any* Microsoft software free, except the Office suite.

How can I log in to DreamSpark?

You need to activate your DreamSpark account before you can log in. Navigate to https://umsl.onthehub.com/WebStore/Welcome.aspx, and click the "Register" link. The username that you can use to activate your account should be "SSO@UMSL.EDU". After you proceed through the registration process, then you will be able to log in to DreamSpark with the credentials you registered.

How can I resolve a problem that I have with my password?

Make use of the "Forgot username or password" link at the login page. If you are unable to resolve the issue, then contact Dr. Dinesh Mirchandani at mirchandanid@msx.umsl.edu.

How can I make use of DreamSpark to provide a license for Microsoft software on campus?

You can use DreamSpark to obtain a product key that you can use to license a Microsoft product on campus, in the rare event that you must provide a license. After you log in, click the "Your Account/Orders" link. There you can select the software packages that you have licensed, and view the product keys that are associated with those packages.

How can I work with .ISO files, in order to install Microsoft software?

WinCDEmu is an open-source program that enables Microsoft Windows to manage an .ISO file like a CD, DVD, or Blu-ray disc. You can obtain that program at http://wincdemu.sysprogs.org/.

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