

# Getting Free Microsoft Software From CIMS

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## 1 Introduction

You can download for free various Microsoft software products, including

1. Microsoft Access database system
2. Visio for drawing

This is not required for the course. But there may be other software there that you could find useful.

The rest of the document is for those who want to install the software on their own machines, which is especially convenient for those that have a Windows machine. If want to install the software on a non-Windows machine, there are standard techniques for doing that.

## 2 Requirements

1. You need a CIMS (same as CS) account
2. You need to be added to the list of authorized users of CIMS MSDNAA

As a student in the class

1. You have been added to the list of authorized users

- 21 2. If for some reason you do not have access to the software please send email to Guang  
22 Yang (<mailto:gy552@nyu.edu>), who will communicate with CIMS to get you access,  
23 with
- 24 (a) Subject: 2433 need access to Microsoft Software
  - 25 (b) Body containing
    - 26 i. Your name
    - 27 ii. Your N number
    - 28 iii. Your NYU NetID
    - 29 iv. The date you joined the class.

### 30 **3 Getting the software**

31 The following is a typical procedure. The details may vary.

- 32 1. Go to <https://cims.NYU.edu/webapps/msdnaa>.
- 33 2. Log in using your CIMS credentials.
- 34 3. You will have access to a list of software packages. You are entitled to any of these  
35 packages you want, if you agree to the License Agreement, when asked.
- 36 4. Select desired packages. If anything specifically needed for the class you will be told.
- 37 5. “Purchase” the package and write down the license key, if any.
- 38 6. Download the downloader for the package.
- 39 7. The downloader will download the installer.
- 40 8. The installer is generally an `.iso` file, that is an image file for a CD or a DVD.
- 41 9. You can either burn this `.iso` file on a CD/DVD (you must do it as an ISO file), or  
42 the following may also work: you can also unzip the `.iso` file, using for instance 7zip  
43 available at <http://www.7-zip.org/>.
- 44 You cannot just click on the `.iso` file and then double-click on the `setup.exe` file.
- 45 10. Install the software using `setup.exe` or similar.

46 The software can be run as is on a PC or on an Apple computer using appropriate additional  
47 software, as will be explained later.