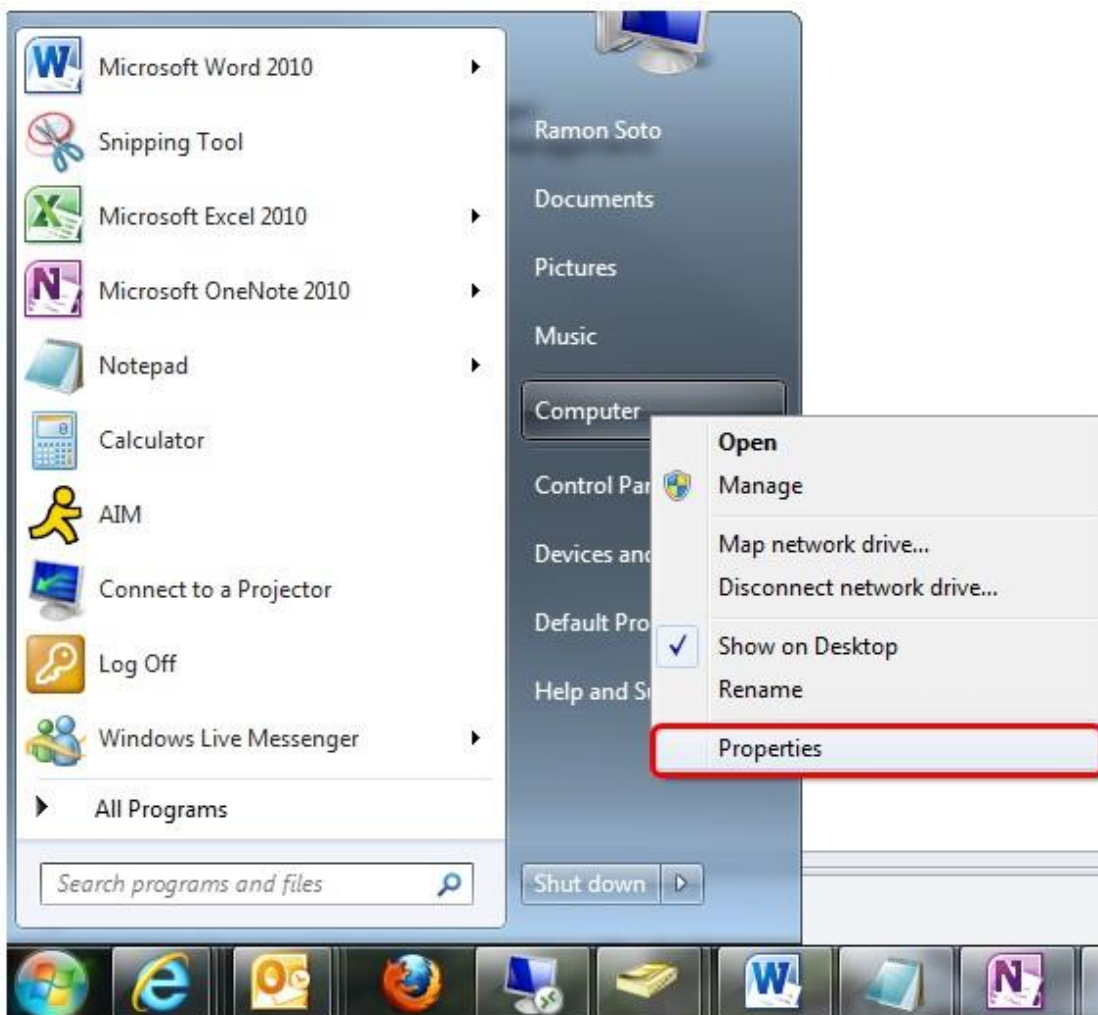


## How do I Activate my Windows 7 Professional After installation?

After you are done installing Windows 7 Professional you will need to activate it. The copy you initially install of Windows is temporary and will require a product key. There will be an alert that shows up in the system tray notifying you that Windows needs to be activated.

Also, please note that you **must have a valid Windows 7 license to activate your copy of Windows.** If you do not have a Windows 7 Product Key yet, please see the document [“How Do I Obtain a Windows 7 Licence?”](#) for instructions on how to get one.

Step	Procedure
1	<p><b>Note:</b> Make sure you have an internet connection before you begin. You will need to be connected to the internet in order to activate your copy of Windows.</p> <p><b>To activate Windows 7 Professional,</b> go to the <b>Start</b> menu, <b>right-click</b> on <b>“Computer,”</b> and <b>select “Properties”</b>, as shown below.</p>



Step

2 Scroll to the bottom of the page and **click** on the link "**Change Product Key**"

The screenshot shows the Windows 7 System Control Panel window. The breadcrumb path is "Control Panel > All Control Panel Items > System". The window title is "Windows 7 Enterprise" with the copyright notice "Copyright 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved." and the Windows logo.

On the left sidebar, there are links for "Control Panel Home", "Device Manager", "Remote settings", "System protection", and "Advanced system settings".

The main content area is titled "System" and contains the following information:

- Rating: Your Windows Experience Index needs to be refreshed
- Processor: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU ES405 @ 2.00GHz 2.00 GHz (2 processors)
- Installed memory (RAM): 4.00 GB (3.25 GB usable)
- System type: 32-bit Operating System
- Pen and Touch: No Pen or Touch Input is available for this Display

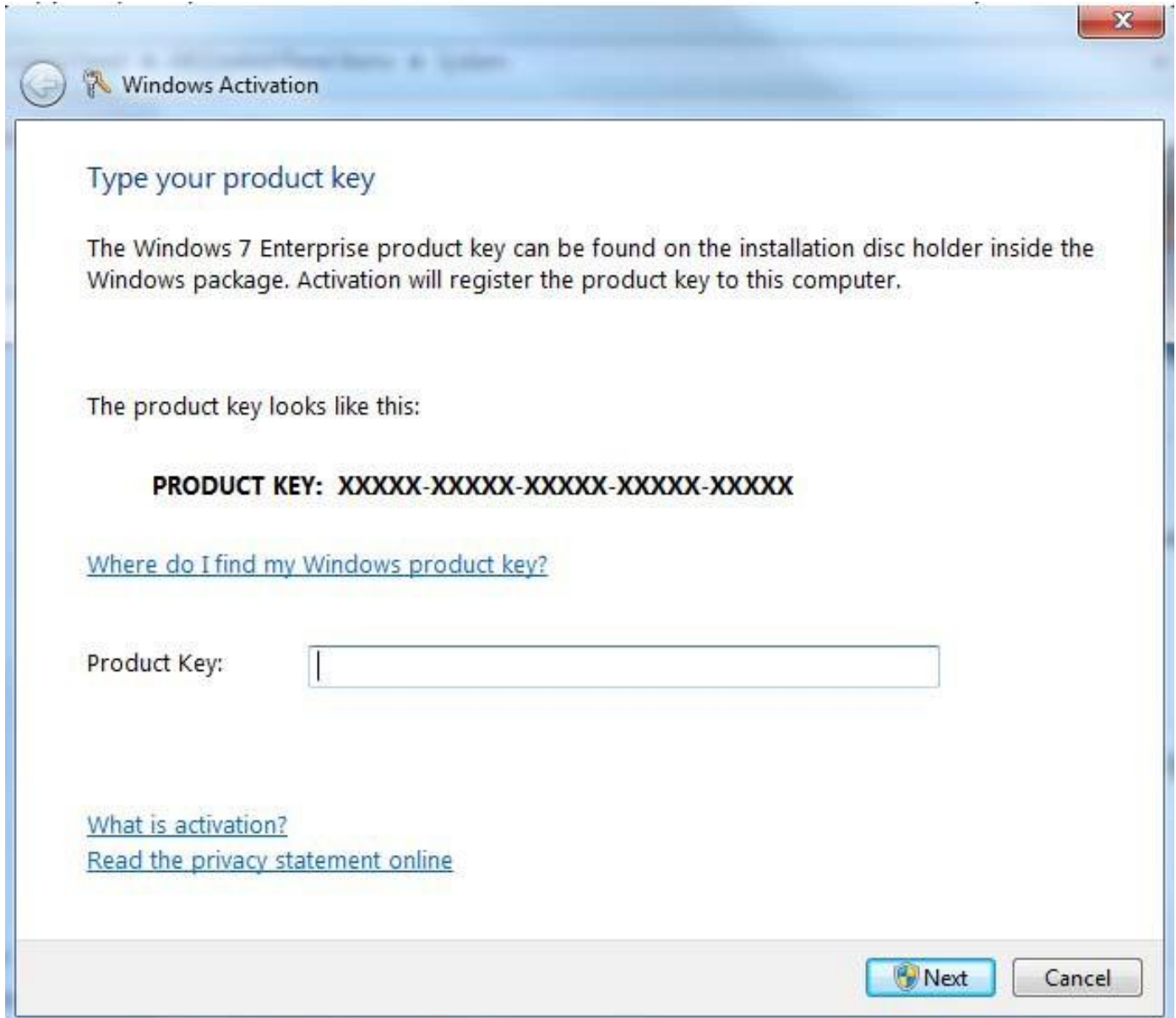
Below this, the "Computer name, domain, and workgroup settings" section shows:

- Computer name: Sequencer-PC (with a "Change settings" link)
- Full computer name: Sequencer-PC.haas.uc.berkeley.edu
- Computer description:
- Domain: haas.uc.berkeley.edu

At the bottom, the "Windows activation" section shows "Windows is activated" and "Product ID: 55041011-1343127-86914". A red box highlights the "[Change product key](#)" link.

At the bottom right, there is a "ask for genuine Microsoft software" logo.

Step	Procedure
3	<p><b>Copy and paste your Windows 7 Product Key</b> into the text box and click <b>“Next”</b>.</p> <p>Wait for your Windows to Activate (this will take a few seconds) and you will see a window saying that your copy of windows has been activated.</p>




Step	Procedure
4	Once you see "Windows is Activated" under Properties for My Computer, you are done.

Windows activation

( Windows is activated ]

Product ID: 00392-918-5000002-85013 [Change product key](#)



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