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Matthew Jones wrote:

> *Does that mean virtually all software is shareware then?*

No...

> *There are only a few products I'm aware of where you can't try before you buy.*

> *Microsoft can give you a 30-day trial of Office, so I presume that is*

> *marketed as "shareware" too? And Borland Delphi, which has a trial*

> *version too?*

The difference is...Microsoft will give you your MONEY back after 30-days, whereas software being marketed as shareware will initially cost you nothing while you evaluate it. You must purchase Office first before the 30-day "trial" begins.

> *... but shareware used to mean (to*

> *me, broadly speaking) software that continued working but which you*

> *should pay for. I just can't see a difference any more.*

Here are a few definitions of "Shareware" from the internet. The link for the definitions is:

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oi=defmore&q=define:shareware>

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Regards,
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