Access to Microsoft Visio Software

The Data Modeling portion of this course, including Homework assignments and the project, will require access to a computer with graphing software called Microsoft Visio.

Through Valencia's participation in the **Microsoft Academic Alliance**, you may acquire **Visio** to install at home. This is a full-featured version--not a trial version. *NOTE: You are not required to install this software on your own computer. This software is available to use in the Business Computer lab (Building 4-room 201) on East Campus.*

To acquire this software you will need a copy of the software to install and the install key for the software. To get the software, you may:

(1) copy it from a file downloaded to a server at the East Campus OR

(2) you may download it directly from MSDNAA.

To Get the Software from Valencia:

- Take take several blank CD's to the computer lab (East Campus, 4-201). The software has been downloaded to the lab computers. There is a folder on the desktop called MSDNAA that contains the software available from Microsoft. There is a **Word document in this folder that contains instructions on how to burn an .iso image** to your disk. Select the software that you want and burn the image to a CD.
- Once you have the software, you will need a user name and password from Microsoft to get the **install key** so you can use the software on your home computer. This user name and password will come from Microsoft directly to your **ATLAS EMAIL ACCOUNT**. (The email may have something like **system_mail@e-academy.com** in the FROM portion--not necessarily Microsoft.) **It is your responsibility to check your Atlas email account for the email.** During the first week of school, your email address will be sent to Microsoft and they will send your information directly to you.
- Once you receive the email with your user name and password from Microsoft, you will go to the MSDN Academic Alliance Software Center using the link provided by Microsoft in the email and log in using this username and password. You may then select from the available software products. Add the software to the cart and proceed to checkout. At checkout, you will get the necessary install key. (You

already have the software.) There is no charge for any of these products. (Note that the link is different from the regular Microsoft site.)

- To install the software, insert the CD, with the .iso image you burned in the lab, in your computer to get the setup dialog. When prompted, provide the install key that you received from Microsoft. You should not need to unzip the .iso file if you burned the image to the disk as described in the instructions in the MSDNAA folder.

To Get the Software from MSDNAA:

- To get the software from MSDNAA, you will need a user name and password from Microsoft to get the software and the install key so you can use the software on your home computer. This user name and password will come from Microsoft directly to your **ATLAS EMAIL ACCOUNT**. (The email may have something like **system_mail@e-academy.com** in the FROM portion--not necessarily Microsoft.) **It is your responsibility to check your Atlas email account for the email.** During the first week of school, your email address will be sent to Microsoft and they will send your information directly to you-- hopefully by the end of week two of class.
- Once you receive the user name and password from Microsoft, you will go to the MSDN Academic Alliance Software Center using the link provided by Microsoft in the email and log in using this username and password. You may then select from the available software products. Follow the instructions to download the software and get the install key. There is no charge for any of these products. (Note that the link is different from the regular Microsoft site.)
- To install the software, follow the instructions below *(copied from FAQ at MSDNAA site)*

Q: How to burn an ISO file to a CD in order to install the software?

A: ISO images are images of a disk containing all files as well as boot files necessary for automatically launching the installation wizard. These files need to be burned to a disk specifically **as an image**, instead of a 'data' disk, which will extract the ISO into the required setup files. By burning the file to a disk as a data disk, you will simply end up with an .ISO file on the disk, which cannot be used for the installation.

Once you downloaded the software, you will end up with the ISO file which by default is saved in the C:\temp folder. You will have to burn it on a CD to

make it "bootable." You need special software to do this. If you don't have one, try the following:

A **free** disk burning program, Active@ ISO Burner, is available by NTFS.com that will allow you to burn ISO or disk images to a disk.

You can download Active@ ISO Burner from
http://www.ntfs.com/downloads/Iso-burner.exe

Instructions on how to use the software can be found at
http://www.ntfs.com/iso_burner_free.htm

Additional disk burning programs can be downloaded free at the following link(s):
http://www.thefreecountry.com/utilities/dvdcdburning.shtml

Other Microsoft Software (except Microsoft Office)

You may also acquire other Microsoft software through MSDNAA. See list at Microsoft link in email.

Microsoft Office 2007

Valencia is not licensed to provide Microsoft Office software such as Word. Text can be submitted using a text editor such as Notepad if you do not have a word processor.

In addition, you will have access to the Business Services Computer labs in 4-201 which has the software installed.