What Is Upgrade Advantage?

Upgrade Advantage (UA) is a licence that is offered through the Microsoft Open and Select volume licence programs. It runs from the date of the initial order until the end of the Open Licence Authorisation Number or the Select Enrolment through which it is purchased, whichever of those comes first. During the term of the UA it allows you to “Get Current and Stay Current” for the product to which it applies. To be eligible to purchase UA for a specific product, you must have an existing licence for that same type of product.

So if you are currently running Office Standard version 4.2 you could buy Office Standard UA and be able to upgrade to Office XP Standard and be eligible for any new version of Office Standard that is released during the term of your UA.

What does current mean?
“Current” means the most recent commercially available product (the product on the most current product list). The most current product list is available at http://www.microsoft.com/licensing

For more information on Upgrade Advantage, visit http://www.microsoft.com/australia/business/licensing/basics/news.asp

The future of Upgrade Advantage

It is important to upgrade your licences soon to the current version of products. Upgrade Advantage is available until July 31, 2002 and will be automatically rolled into Software Assurance. Starting August 1, 2002, Licence and Software Assurance (LIC/SA), Software Assurance (SA) or acquisition of new licences (LIC) will be the only way to get the most current versions of Microsoft products.

Currently you can purchase:
- Upgrade Advantage (UA)
- Licence only (LIC)
- Licence and Software Assurance (LIC&SA)
- Software Assurance (SA)

Upgrade Advantage is purchased on products that are not current. Software Assurance is purchased on products that are current.

After July 31 Upgrade Advantage will be discontinued and Software Assurance must be purchased at the same time as a licence or within the first 60 days of an OEM purchase - it cannot be purchased at a later date.

Upon the renewal of a Microsoft Select agreement (as long as you previously had Upgrade Advantage or Software Assurance) Software Assurance can be purchased individually (without a licence) but must be purchase within 30 days after expiration of your previous agreement.

Please note that for compliancy reasons, you will need to retain the base licence that you are applying upgrade advantage or software assurance to.
Understanding your quote

If you have a Microsoft Select Agreement.
Software Spectrum has quoted you for the quantity you have requested which has been multiplied by the number of years you have in your Microsoft Select Agreement. The standard term of a Select Agreement is two years.

To find out how many years you have left in your agreement, visit Software Spectrum’s My Account Centre. https://shop.softwarespectrum.com/. Alternatively you can call the CARE Teams on 1800 687 144 (AU), 0800 933 111 (NZ), 800 933 468 (HK), 800 616 1408 (SG) or email your request to ordersap@softwarespectrum.com

Example
A quote has been requested for 2 x Microsoft Project Upgrade Advantage, the customer has 2 years remaining in their Microsoft Select Agreement.

The quote will look like:

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Freight         $0.00
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Being invoiced for Upgrade Advantage

If you have a Microsoft Select Agreement
When purchasing Upgrade Advantage you have the option to pay up front or annually reoccurring for the remaining term of your agreement (i.e. 1, 2 or 3 years). Please state on your purchase order how you would like to be billed for your Upgrade Advantage.

If you are on a Microsoft Open Licence Program.
You will be invoiced for two years of Upgrade Advantage up front.