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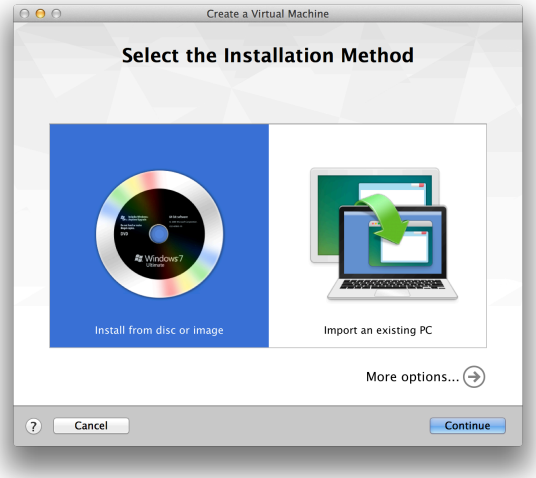
Background

MIT's License of Microsoft Windows is activated automatically using a No key Management Service (KMS) while users are connected to MITnet. There is no Windows License Key to enter. Users who are installing MIT's License of Windows on a computer should never be prompted for a key, but users who are installing MIT's License on a Virtual Machine may be prompted to a Windows Product Key as part of the installation process.

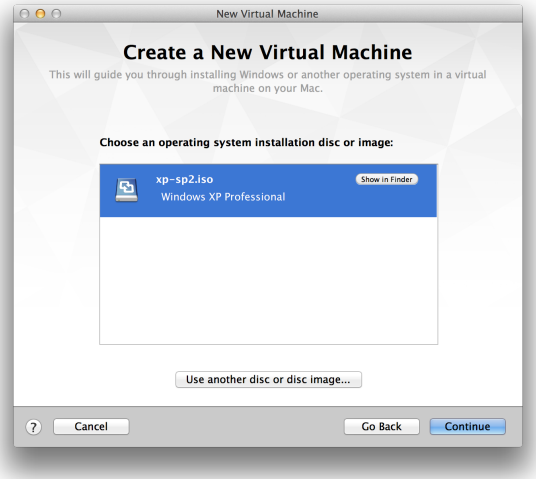
Answer

To avoid this step you need to disable the Easy Install option when setting up your VM*.*

1. **Select the Installation Media**. Choose install from disc or image.



2. **Create a New Virtual Machine** Choose an operating system disc or image.



3. **Microsoft Easy Install** Uncheck Use Easy Install.



4. *Complete the Windows install as expected. You will not be prompted for a Windows License Key.

As an alternative you could instead download and use a pre-built MIT Virtual Machine from the IS&T Software Grid.