

Windows 7

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Why Upgrade to Windows 7?

- Makes the things you do every day faster and easier.
- Simple to use
- Easy to browse the web
- Easy to connect multiple PCs on home networks
- Easy to communicate and share

Why Upgrade to Windows 7?

- Improves the performance of your PC
- Improved security
- Media on your terms
- PCs with touch screens easier and more intuitive to use.

Things to Consider

- Windows[®] 7 Standard Editions
 - Starter
 - Home Basic
 - **Home Premium (retail)**
 - **Professional (retail)**
 - **Enterprise (retail)**
 - Ultimate

Things to Consider

- Windows® 7 Upgrades
 - From Vista via in place upgrade or a clean install
 - From XP only via a clean install
- Standard Upgrade Editions
 - Users upgrade from any previous XP or Vista versions to any of the three retail editions.
 - Discounted upgrade pricing
- Standard Upgrade Editions (Family Packs)
 - Gives licenses to upgrade three machines from XP or Vista to Home Premium edition

Things to Consider

- Anytime Upgrade editions
 - Upgrades from a lower edition of Windows 7 to a higher one
 - Starter to Home **Premium**
 - Home Premium to **Professional**
 - Professional to **Ultimate**
 - Home Premium to **Ultimate**

Things to Consider

Does Your Computer Supports Windows 7?

- Requirements are the same as those for Vista
- Upgrade components such as video cards and memory before installing Windows 7.
- Run Microsoft's downloadable **Windows Upgrade Advisor** diagnostics tool
- Upgrade software (drivers) to Windows 7 versions
- Weigh the cost and skills needed to upgrade your computer against the cost of a new computer

Things to Consider

Will Your Programs Run on Windows 7?

- find out if your programs are compatible with Windows 7
- Windows Update Advisor can indentify potential issues with programs installed on your computer
- If you have XP only programs, you will need Windows 7 Professional or higher editions

Things to Consider

Will You Benefit from Windows 7's New Features?

- Simplified networking options which allows users to share files and peripherals over a network
- Improved Backup and Restore feature
- Better power-management features for extended life
- Easier wireless connectivity
- Improved user interface,
- **Extended Support for Windows XP does not retire until 2014, and Vista's three years after that**

Things to Consider

Which way do I choose to install Windows 7?

- In-place upgrade
 - your existing system settings, installed applications and user settings, are preserved
 - Potentially less time consuming
 - Problems may carry over to the upgraded system
- Custom install
 - will reformat your hard drive and install a brand new Operating System on your computer
 - Likely to be faster and more responsive
 - Time-consuming to reinstall all applications

Steps to Take

Before Installing Windows 7

1. Take inventory of your data
2. Make physical copy of critical system related information
3. Run a system backup and test the restore
4. Remove all spyware
5. Clean up data you no longer need
6. Check you hard drive for errors
7. Defrag your hard drive

Steps to Take

After Installing Windows 7

1. Run a full system backup
2. Run Microsoft updates to get latest updates
3. Reinstall your programs
4. Check for latest program updates
5. Restore your user settings using Windows 7 Easy Transfer Wizard
6. Restore you data files
7. Run another separate full system backup

Too Many Steps for You?

You have some options

- Buy a new computer with Windows 7 already installed
- Pay a local computer businesses to do the installation for you
- If your existing XP or Vista system is running fine don't install Windows 7