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Windows 7:



The Lowdown On Microsoft's Newest Operating System:

Microsoft has now released 6 separate versions of Windows 7, the new OS Microsoft just launched. Some versions will not be available in the United States, don't fret, these are the versions of Windows 7 you wouldn't want. They lack the ability to share an internet connection and run more than 3 programs simultaneously. Not an ideal application for use in a business setting.

The run-down on the version Features:

Windows 7 Home Premium: Includes multi-touch capability, media functionality, and the ability to create home network groups; geared more towards the home user.

Windows 7 Professional: Includes enhanced networking feature, backup and offline folders. This version is geared towards small business users.

Windows 7 Enterprise: This edition will only be sold through volume licensing to companies that have a Software Assurance contract with Microsoft.

Windows 7 Ultimate: Windows 7 Ultimate contains the same features as Windows 7 Enterprise, but unlike that edition it will be available to home users on an individual license basis. Windows 7 Home Premium and Windows 7 Professional users will be able to upgrade to Windows 7 Ultimate for a fee using Windows Anytime Upgrade if they wish to do so.

Still Love XP? Use Windows 7 In XP Mode:

What is XP Mode:

Windows XP Mode was designed to integrate XP with Windows 7 so that you can still run XP-based applications even if you upgrade to Windows 7. In fact XP will launch inside its own window inside of Windows 7. You will be running an actual copy of the XP operating system. You can copy and paste between any window inside XP and any

window in Windows 7. The Windows clipboard is shared between the two. You can also use the printer attached to your Windows 7 machine, as long as you install the proper driver inside XP.

The downfall?

Your PC may not be able to handle Windows XP mode. XP Mode requires that your CPU be capable of hardware virtualization. Hardware virtualization consolidates multiple environments into a single PC. Many PC's on the market currently DO NOT have this feature built in.

Unique Features In Windows 7

Jump Lists: Like A super jazzed up Recent Documents menus, Jump Lists provide quick access to application-specific documents and/or tasks. For example, you can right-click the Internet Explorer taskbar icon and choose from a list of frequently visited Web sites or from a list of available tasks . Try them out, you will love them!



Libraries: Most of us have our documents, music, pictures, and video scattered across multiple folders on our PCs. Libraries are special folders in Windows 7 that catalog these items under a single roof, regardless of where you actually store them on your hard drive.

Device Management: Windows 7's Device Stage allows you to browse files and manage the media on you Cameras, phones, printers, and other external devices with ease!

Login multiple users: Do multiple users utilize your pc or another PC in your office? Has anyone ever forgotten to logoff? Well with windows 7 that doesn't matter. You can switch between users by simply hitting ctrl+alt+delete and select the switch user option . Any user will be able to logon with their credentials with ease.

Taskbar: Just like jump lists, the task bar allows you to have multiple windows or document open within the same program. For example say you are working on 3 separate word documents instead of opening and closing each one, the task bar stacks them onto one button (in this case the word logo). When you scroll on the word icon the open document pop up allowing you to choose which one you want to maximize.

Sticky Notes: Located in the start menu. Sticky notes are just like the paper version minus the paper! Write reminders, phone #'s , etc. Once you have finished writing on it the sticky will appear in your taskbar.

Snipping Tool: Want to select a certain area or image from a document or internet browser. Utilize the snipping tool located in the start menu to select the object and snip it.

Personalize Windows: Windows 7 is equipped with more options in terms of the layout, and color scheme of your desktop. Click the "start button or the windows icon, find getting started on the menu and then select Personalize Windows. From here you can select from an array of themes, color schemes, etc for your PC.

Helpful Hints To Navigating Windows 7

Start Button: If you are upgrading from XP.. the start button may seem to be missing but don't fret it's not. The traditional start button has been replaced with the windows logo in the same location.

Programs: Any software on your machine will be located here and listed alphabetically.



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