

# Exploring the "WOW" of Windows Vista

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# Advertising of Vista

The **“Wow”** starts now.

➔ Experience Windows Vista



# Windows Versions

- **Home Users**

- **Windows 1 (1985)**

- **Windows 2 (1987)**

- **Windows 3.0 (1990), 3.1(1992), 3.11 (1993)**

- **Windows 95 (1995)**

- **Windows 98 (1998), 98SE(1999), ME (2000)**

- **Windows XP (2001)**

- **Windows Vista (2007)**

# Windows Versions

- **Business Users**

- **NT 3.1 (1993)**

- **NT 3.5 (1995)**

- **NT 4.0 (1996)**

- **Windows 2000**

- **Windows Server 2003**

- **Windows Vista (2007)**

# Windows Vista versions

- Home Basic – basic computing needs, web browsing, e-mail
- Home Premium – preferred Home edition, has “Aero” interface
- Business – designed for needs of small business, networking
- Enterprise – designed for needs of large business
- Ultimate – for those who want it all

# Comparison of Vista Features

Features	Home Basic	Home Premium	Business	Ultimate
<b>Most secure Windows ever</b> with Windows Defender and Windows Firewall	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Quickly find what you need</b> with Instant Search and Windows Internet Explorer 7	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Elegant Windows Aero desktop experience</b> with glass-like menu bars, Windows Flip 3D, and Live Thumbnails		✓	✓	✓
<b>Best choice for laptops</b> with Windows Mobility Center and Tablet PC support		✓	✓	✓
<b>Collaborate and share documents</b> with Windows Meeting Space		✓	✓	✓

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Features	Home Basic	Home Premium	Business	Ultimate
<b>Experience photos and entertainment</b> in your living room with Windows Media Center		✓		✓
<b>Enjoy Windows Media Center</b> throughout your home with Media Center Extenders		✓		✓
<b>Protect against hardware failure</b> with Windows Complete PC Backup and Restore			✓	✓
<b>Windows Fax and Scan</b> Easily send/receive faxes or scan documents and images with Windows Fax and Scan			✓	✓
<b>Use Scheduled Backup</b> to automatically backup your files		✓	✓	✓

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Features	Home Basic	Home Premium	Business	Ultimate
<b>Easier remote access for your business</b> Get to the resources and applications you need with Remote Desktop Connection			✓	✓
<b>Easier networking connectivity</b> Stay connected wherever and whenever you like with Network and Sharing Center	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Better protect your data</b> against loss with Windows BitLocker Drive Encryption				✓
<b>Easily make DVDs</b> with Windows DVD Maker		✓		✓
<b>Have more fun on your PC</b> with three new premium games: Chess Titans, Mahjong Titans, and Inkball		✓		✓
<b>Create high definition movies</b> with Windows Movie Maker in High Definition		✓		✓

# System requirements

- **Vista Basic**

- **1 GHz 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor**
- **512 MB of system memory**
- **20 GB hard drive with at least 15 GB of available space**
- **Support for DirectX 9 graphics and 32 MB of graphics memory**
- **DVD-ROM drive**
- **Audio Output**
- **Internet access**

# System requirements

- **Vista Home Premium, Business, Ultimate**
  - 1 GHz 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) processor
  - 1 GB of system memory
  - 40 GB hard drive with at least 15 GB of available space
  - Support for DirectX 9 graphics with:
    - »WDDM Driver,
    - »128 MB of graphics memory (minimum)
    - »Pixel Shader 2.0 in hardware
    - »32 bits per pixel
  - DVD-ROM drive
  - Audio Output
  - Internet access

# What Does Vista Cost?

<i>Vista Version</i>	<i>Full Retail</i>	<i>Upgrade</i>
 <i>Basic</i>	<b>\$324</b>	<b>\$179</b>
 <i>Home Premium</i>	<b>\$405</b>	<b>\$269</b> <b>\$159</b> <b>(Academic)</b>
 <i>Business</i>	<b>\$515</b>	<b>\$348</b>
 <i>Ultimate</i>	<b>\$688</b>	<b>\$454</b>

# So What About That WOW !!

- Will now have a look at Windows Vista
- A general overview
- What it looks like and how it operates
  - It is similar to but different to Windows XP ☺
- Look at Genealogy Software and Vista
  - Family Tree Maker
  - Legacy Family Tree
  - The Master Genealogist
  - Generations
  - Brother's Keeper
  - Second Site

# Would I Upgrade or Buy Vista?

- Currently using WinXP
  - If PC meets minimum requirements?
    - “If it aint broke why fix it” come to mind
    - However, I did find Vista nice to use ☺
  - If PC doesn't meets minimum requirements?
    - Probably too costly to upgrade hardware
- Currently using Windows 2000, Windows NT or Windows 98/SE/ME
  - PC hardware too old to run Vista

# Would I Upgrade or Buy Vista?

- **Buying a new PC**
  - Buy it with Vista installed (OEM is cheaper)
  - Home Premium good option for home use
  - Ultimate if you want all the bells and whistles
- **Can upgrade to higher version later**
  - Buy upgrade license, don't have to buy a new version and load it
- **Some software and hardware driver issues**
  - Will be sorted out as updates released

Not sure I would say  
"WOW"!

But Vista is nice  
to use as you become  
more familiar with  
the way it works!