

The Shades of



Windows Vista™

New Features

- Polished Graphics
- Improved Security
- Many Features to improve daily life
- Costs between \$100.00 and \$400.00
 - depending on version

Six Editions

- The Starter Kit (currently not available in USA)
- Home Basic
- Home Premium
- Business
- Ultimate
- Enterprise Edition

Windows Anytime Upgrade

- Upgrade Vista to a higher version.
- Click Windows Anytime Upgrade Button
- Pick the version you want
- Complete the online transaction
- Receive a new activation key
- Follow the onscreen instructions
- Upgrade completed

Purchasing Vista

- Purchase a new computer or VISTA DVD
- All Vista versions will be on either above
- Activation key will allow for installation of the properly purchased version

Windows Vista Cost

- Vista Ultimate \$399
- Vista Business \$299
- Vista Home Premium \$239
- Vista Home Basic \$199

Upgrade Prices

- Vista Ultimate \$259
- Vista Business \$199
- Vista Home Premium \$159
- Vista Home Basic \$99.95

Version Upgrade Prices

- Basic to Premium \$79
- Basic to Ultimate \$199
- Premium to Ultimate \$159
- Business to Ultimate \$139

Capable Vs. Premium Ready

Capable

Windows Vista Capable PCs will run core experiences at a minimum. Some features available in the premium editions of Windows Vista—like the new Windows Aero user experience—will require advanced or additional hardware.

Vista Capable

- At least 800 MHz processor
- 512 MB RAM
- DirectX® 9 capable (Windows Display Driver Model (WDDM) support recommended)

Capable Vs. Premium Ready

Premium Ready

These PCs will include the Windows Aero user experience. Features available in specific premium editions of Windows Vista, such as the ability to watch and record live TV, may require additional hardware.

Premium Ready

- 1 GHz 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64)
- 1 GB RAM
- GPU Runs Windows Aero2
- Graphics Memory 128 MB
- HDD 40 GB with 15 GB Free Space
- DVD-ROM drive3
- Audio output capability
- Internet access capability

Windows Aero

- Windows Aero builds on the basic Windows Vista user experience
- Microsoft's best-designed, highest-performing desktop experience.
- Requires a PC with a compatible graphics adapter and running a Premium or Business edition of Windows Vista.

Vista Features

- Lots of new features

Windows Easy Transfer

- Easy Transfer Cable
- Use your Home or Small Business Network
- External Hard Drive
- DVD or CD ROM
- Windows Easy Transfer Companion

Easy Transfer Cable

- An Easy Transfer Cable is a special USB cable that is designed to work with Windows Easy Transfer by creating a direct link between your old PC and your new PC. Using one of these cables is the easiest and fastest method for transfer and particularly recommended if you don't have access to a network. Easy Transfer cables will transfer data from PCs running Windows XP or Windows Vista to a PC running Windows Vista.
- You can purchase an Easy Transfer Cable from many computer manufacturers or retailers. To ensure the cable is designed for Windows Easy Transfer, be sure to look for a "Certified for Windows Vista" or "Works with Windows Vista" logo on the packaging.

Easy Transfer Cable

- **Here's how it's done...it's as easy as 1-2-3**
 1. Install the small software application that was included with your cable or download it on your current PC.
 2. Plug the cable into both computers.
 3. Windows Easy Transfer will launch and guide you through the transfer process. Your information and files will transfer at approximately 20GB per hour.

Use your Home or Small Business Network

- If you already have a wired or wireless network, this is a great way to transfer all of your data. You can use your network to transfer all of your data in real time across your network or by using a shared folder on the network.

External Hard Drive

- If you own an external hard drive, Windows Easy Transfer can copy your data to that drive and then copy data from the drive to your new computer.

DVD or CD ROM

- Windows Easy Transfer can use your PC's CD or DVD burner to transfer your data. This solution is less than ideal but may work well if you're moving only a small amount of data that can fit onto one disc. If you have a larger amount of data that won't fit on one disc, it is possible to use this method of transfer by using multiple discs.

Windows Easy Transfer Companion

- Windows Easy Transfer Companion transfers your programs and program settings from your Windows XP-based PC to your new Windows Vista based-PC. Easy Transfer Companion is designed to be used in addition to Windows Easy Transfer, and can transfer the programs with either an Easy Transfer Cable or a network. Easy Transfer Companion is currently available in Beta version for the US English market.

Download Easy Transfer Companion.

Software and Hardware Compatibility

- **Windows Vista RTM Software Compatibility List**
- **Microsoft Technet**

First Boot

- When booting up a new machine for the first time the screen could stay black. It may stay black for up to 30 minutes. Do NOT turn the computer off. If it is turned off a complete restore is necessary.

Vista Business

- NO games included

Office 2007

- Trial version available for 90-day download
- Pay special attention if you have an office version already installed as there will be problems.

Links & References

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