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OK, this is our 3rd newsletter; suggestions on topics you'd like to know more about are always welcome! Also, we will be sending these out 1-2 times a month, so you will not be bombarded with emails from us! And of course, your email address and info will remain confidential.

Windows 7

Its no secret that Vista, the long awaited follow-up to Microsoft's venerable XP operating system, is not wildly popular. While people have many different reasons for their dislike, some common ones include: Vista's seemingly endless hunger for memory and CPU cycles, UAC, and driver issues.

Love it or hate it, Vista did do a few things right (Aero was just one!). Windows 7 takes the right things, improves them and also eliminates or greatly improves many of the wrongs.

I installed Windows 7 on my computer last week. So far, I am impressed. I also have an XP machine and a Vista machine, but I think MS got it right this time.

Like Vista, Windows 7 comes in different flavors: Home Premium, Professional, and Ultimate. The Enterprise edition is for large firms and not available through retail or OEM. Other versions are available in different parts of the world. Your needs will drive the choice of the version, and you will have to choose whether or not you want the upgrade (cheaper) version or the full. Windows 7 comes with both a 32 and a 64 bit disk, so either way you'll be covered there.

Here's the rub: if you want to upgrade from XP to windows 7, or a 32 bit version of Vista to a 64 bit version of Windows 7, you can't do it without

reformatting your hard drive. This means you will lose all your programs, drivers, and data.

There are a few ways to get around this. Microsoft did not design Windows 7 to be upgraded from XP without a clean install, but you can back up your data before you do the clean upgrade. Of course, you have to know what to back up, where to find it, and how to restore it. What's worse, not all programs that worked in XP will work in 7 (more on this later).

All is not lost though, CCS can perform a non-destructive upgrade to Windows 7 from XP or Vista and save you the hassle of backups, reinstalling drivers, and the time intensive act of reinstalling all your programs. We can also set it up to run XP within Windows 7 so you can still use your legacy apps (Some of these will need to be reinstalled)!

A few things to note though. Microsoft has minimum requirements for Windows 7. These are: 1GB RAM (2GB for 64 bit versions), 1GHz processor (if your processor is slower than this please buy a new computer), 16GB free hard drive space (20GB for 64 bit). Keep in mind that this is the MINIMUM they recommend for stability and decent performance; your situation may differ, and the list may not be all-inclusive. Running XP in 7 requires an additional feature: hardware based virtualization (i.e. Intel VT). CCS can determine if your computer can run Windows 7 (and the optional XP add-in), and perform the upgrades to get it there if need be.

And it can be done at an affordable price. See the coupon below to save money on a Windows 7 upgrade. As always, we are here to help, so please call us if you have any questions!



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Sincerely,

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