

Windows 7 ... Is it any good?

In a word? Yes! Windows 7 has been a rousing success.

I wasn't among the Vista-haters, but I must admit that 7 put it to shame. It runs faster on low-powered hardware *and* on high-powered hardware. It is more secure *and* easier to live with. It is more compatible *and* more stable. It's similar enough that you do not need to relearn Windows, but it also includes some solid ease-of-use improvements.

The biggest visual difference with Windows 7 is the taskbar, which is a combination of the old taskbar and the old QuickLaunch from previous Windows versions. Click on an icon and you switch to that program if it is running, or you run the program if it wasn't previously running. Hover over an icon, and you'll see miniature versions of the window(s) that are open by the program, which you can quickly switch to or close. And you can't appreciate the intuitiveness of a touchscreen until you try it yourself (or watch others do it on YouTube).

If you are interested in the many Windows 7 features, I recommend you read about and see them here: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows7/products/features/>

Yes, Windows 7 is good ... but don't take my word for it ... look at Microsoft share prices and market share. Microsoft share prices climbed quite steadily through 2009, from \$16.15 in February to \$30.48 in December. And within 3 months of its release, Windows 7 had already reached 10% market share. Compare that with Mac OS's steady 5% or Linux's 1%, and you can appreciate the magnitude of that figure. (The remaining 80% basically is held by the other Windows operating systems.)

For the duration of Vista (less than 3 years), Teky stocked both Vista and XP computers because we had so many requests for XP. Now there's no need, as Windows 7 satisfies virtually everyone.



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