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The successor to VISTA is due out Oct 22. I have a the *retail* version of Windows 7 Ultimate and I have been running it since late August.

My PC is a Quad core CPU (Q6600) with 4 gig of memory. By now I have installed ALL of my programs, over 40 so far, and Windows 7 is running as quickly as it did with none installed. XP never behaved that well!

Win 7 also stars up *very* quickly and shuts down more smoothly than XP ever did !

I used these 2 websites very heavily during my initial install and use of Win 7:

<http://windows7forums.com/> and <http://www.sevenforums.com/> .

And yes, it has been pointed out, to transit from XP to Win 7 you MUST erase XP and start with a fresh install of Win 7. Vista users may overlay Win 7 on top of their existing Vista, but I wouldn't recommend it.

As far as I am concerned - stay with XP if you are happy with it. Noone, not even I, says you have to upgrade to Windows 7.

Conclusion: What follows is in no way thorough. These are observations, which I took notes on, and thought I should pass on to you. By the time Win 7 debuts I will have been using it for almost 7 weeks. Please ask more questions.

I DO recommend IE8 and Win 7 for any computers that are already Vista compatible and for all new PCs.

Compatibility

Win 7 is derived from Vista so all programs and peripherals from 2007 onwards are

- to ctrl-alt-del to kill a frozen program.
- 3. **User Access Control turn off and stays off !!** UAC, that nasty screen darkening confirmation screen so prevalent in Vista is present in Win 7 but can be turned off and it stays off !!!
- 4. **Malware pushing websites caught quicker** by IE 8 and Microsoft's Malware Removal tool. However I am running F-Secure for anti-virus and I have SpyBot and AdAware installed for further cleaning.

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