

Cry for Help

Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

Windows 7

Yes - it is great, more stable than XP or Vista, and much easier to use than Windows Vista, but no I wouldn't bother upgrading an old computer while it is currently working fine.

In particular, the "My Computer" screen is very user friendly and always available. It has a more logical structure so finding your stuff is much easier. One thing though, the "My Pictures" and "My Videos" areas are no longer inside your "My Documents", they are on the same level as it. The "Quick Launch" area has now been combined with the "Taskbar" at the bottom of the screen and is more intuitive. Networking is also easier to understand and setup compared to its Vista equivalent.

However, one thing to be careful with is the connectivity with external devices like multifunction printer-scanner-fax-copiers. If you decide to upgrade or replace your computer, you may require new drivers for the multifunction printer. These may or may not be available so check compatibility before you race out to get a new computer.

Lastly, like XP and Vista, Windows 7 comes in several different flavours. One for home users called Home Premium, another for business users called Professional, and then there is Ultimate, which includes an advanced data encryption tool called BitLocker and the ability to work in 35 languages. So be sure to get the one most appropriate for your needs.

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