

Vero Beach Computer Group

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Topic: Exploring Windows 7



New Features:

Let's see them! – Themes, Jump Lists, Windows Search, One Button Minimize Desktop, The Title Bar Shake, The Window Snap, HomeGroup, Flexible Account Control, Integrated Messaging (Fewer Popups), Live App Thumbnails, Moveable Gadgets, Ease of Access

Ultimate Edition – BitLocker

What's so Great?:

- A Better Vista – less annoying, faster, prettier – finally worth the upgrade
- 64-bit Support, finally use that 64-bit CPU in your computer
- Faster than Vista, but faster than XP?
- A Neat GUI – fewer clicks, more intuitive
- Built-in Troubleshooting and Healing without a lot of questions we can't answer
- Handles multiple monitors much better!
- Handles laptops much better! (power management, monitors, docking)
- Windows Easy Transfer works pretty well
- More wizards that solve real problems or offer real advantages to the user

What's not so Great?:

- It isn't free
- Most upgrades require reformatting your hard drive (erasing everything, but make backups or run easy transfer first!)
- Some cool features only in Ultimate Edition

Tips:

- Windows Home Premium Family Pack Upgrade – best deal!
- Windows XP Support ends in 4 years, so upgrade to Windows 7 or buy a new computer before then.
- Once you upgrade, you can't go back unless you made a complete image backup or erase and reinstall XP
- Outlook Express is removed. If you need an email client, you can get one from <http://download.live.com/wlmail/>

Pricing:	Windows 7 Home Premium Upgrade	\$119
	Windows 7 Home Premium Family Upgrade	\$149 (for up to 3 home computers)
	Windows 7 Professional Upgrade	\$199 (business users)
	Windows 7 Ultimate Upgrade	\$219

My Notes:

1. See handout for last Windows 7 Upgrade/Install in November on www.vbcg.org!

Your Notes:
