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Thread: [\[Empire\] Windows 7 vs Windows 8](#)

King Cin - March 14, 2014, 2:34 pm

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This thread was made because I have received several questions regarding upgrading to Windows 8. I have also seen this question a lot in this section, and it's time to settle this.

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Let's start, I'll show you a collage.

Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

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There are quite a few differences between Windows 7 and Windows 8, I own a Windows 7 PC and a Windows 8 Notebook.

Windows 7 is definitely good for you if:

- You want a stable operating system
- You want a operating system for work
- You want a operating system to game on
- You want a highly customizable operating system
- You want an operating system that uses a small amount of RAM in general.

Windows 8 is definitely good for you if

- You want a nice-looking new operating system
- You're a developer for Windows 8 apps
- You have a TouchScreen device
- You can get used to a different OS fast
- You are prepared to discover bugs frequently

I'll explain my statements.

Windows 7 is a stable operating system, more programs support Windows 7 and are still being developed to be compatible with Windows 8. The apps Windows 8 has, use more RAM than a normal program would on Windows 7. Windows 7 has a lot of third-party programs that could help you to customize it. Windows 8 also has programs like that, but fewer in number. Windows 8 can only reach it's max potential with TouchScreen devices, look at the design. It's obviously made to work in cooperation with TouchScreen devices. So if you do not possess a touchscreen device, I recommend Windows 7. Windows 8 has a entirely different design, the most notable thing is that it doesn't have the windows start button at the under-left side of your screen. You'll have to get used to this.

Some things about Windows 8 that might help you to choose:

- Windows 8 has a faster start-up and shutdown time than Windows 7.
- Windows 8 moves files slower than Windows 7.
- Windows 8 is generally faster with rendering video's.
- On factory settings, Windows 8 laptops & notebooks run out of energy faster than Windows 7 laptops in general.
- You are able to link your Microsoft email account to your Windows 8 System.
- While Microsoft's Internet Explorer probably isn't used by any of you, Internet Explorer 11 is the default browser of Windows 8 and it's security is tighter than any other browser on Windows 8.
- Windows 8 blocks apps that are not created by "trusted" publishers. This does not apply to programs.
- Windows 8 Can be annoying with it's new desktop.

My conclusion:

Windows 7 is the new Windows XP, Windows 8 is the new Vista.

If you currently possess a Windows 7 device that doesn't allow touchscreen, stick with it. If you are looking for a new laptop/pc, make sure it's touchscreen-compatible and consider Windows 8.

If you're using your PC/Laptop for your work, stick with Windows 7.

I hope this helped a bit, I've seen a lot of threads about this subject.

Aura - March 14, 2014, 2:39 pm

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But nice thread overall Unknown ?

King Cin - March 14, 2014, 2:43 pm

(Mar 14, 2014 02:39 PM)Aur? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Found an error already, always on the look out I am ?

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Fixed that ?.

That one was pretty stupid ???.

webdev77 - March 14, 2014, 2:44 pm

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That's a rather questionable statement. 8.1 get's usually about 3-4 fps better compared to 7. The only issue arises for those that don't understand the concept of running updates and driver updates. Amen.

There's so many people underestimating the Windows Updates and graphic card drivers updates (important ones) like ... it's part of Windows basics.

King Cin - March 14, 2014, 2:46 pm

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However it isn't decided by the operating system alone, we should also take graphic cards, the

amount of RAM and hardware in consideration.

But I agree with your statement.

Tesseract - March 14, 2014, 2:53 pm

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Tesseract - March 14, 2014, 3:27 pm

(Mar 14, 2014 02:56 PM)Unknown• Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Only reason I can find myself is just exploring or developing apps, but other than that there is no real need.

Precisely Unknown. Wow, that is an unintended oxymoron. The general Windows computing population has no real need for Windows 8, "just because its new" might be a common reason why they'd want it. Anybody who is a developer or uses a Windows 8 tablet, and advocates to use Windows 8, I'd understand. All else who claim its faster have a thing or two to learn, other than boot & start up.

Jagster™ - March 14, 2014, 6:37 pm

Nice thread, I find myself staying with 7 for awhile until there is a good reason to upgrade.

King Cin - April 11, 2014, 2:07 pm

Let's bring this back up, I've been seeing the question again.

Aura - April 11, 2014, 2:11 pm

(Apr 11, 2014 02:07 PM)Unknown• Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Let's bring this back up, I've been seeing the question again.

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King Cin - April 11, 2014, 2:20 pm

(Apr 11, 2014 02:11 PM)Aur? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) There's at least 2 threads created everyday that asks this question, lol.

Still not comparable to the "how to hack facebook threads" in the Beginner Hacking section ?

Tesseract - April 11, 2014, 5:25 pm

What people fail to understand is that Windows 8 is made for mobile appliances, not Desktops. Laptops are edgy, touch screen laptops are more well suited. Tablets are perfect. Desktops? An analogy if you will:

Getting to your work with this every day:

There is no difference. Argument closed.

Polymath 1.0 - April 11, 2014, 6:25 pm

If you are simply a consumer of content then a touch screen oriented O/S such as Windows 8, Android or iOS is going to be adequate. If however, you are a creator of content then a traditional keyboard/pointing device oriented O/S such as Windows 7, OS X, Linux or Unix is what you will gravitate towards. The vast majority of users are consumers of content not creators, and this is reflected in the rapid decline of PC sales in favor of mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets. A MS O/S is not likely to be a contender on mobile platforms despite its' best efforts as it has come too late to the market.

Take care

Chewiebacca - April 12, 2014, 12:24 am

Windows 8 targets one demographic (and more than likely the dominant one) being general everyday users. It fails to cater to the practicality that more advanced users require in the form of a keyboard and mouse. Everyday tasks such as browsing the web, watching a movie etc are fine for a touchscreen, however using a mouse to click across a tile interface which is designed to be used by hand is incredibly impractical, and a waste of screen real estate. Having to flip in and out of the Metro interface to the terrible excuse for a desktop is a large hassle, and the attention given to apps leaves the desktop experience cluttered (having the Skype App and having the program installed for the desktop).

tl;dr version

Windows 7 is better if you plan on doing more than just watching movies, facebook, skype and web browsing.

?A.J? - April 12, 2014, 6:25 am

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tnt2005 - April 13, 2014, 3:34 pm

great post, thanks for the info, staying with my win 7 :D though

Aura - April 13, 2014, 4:24 pm

(Apr 12, 2014 06:33 AM)?urak Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have always liked to customize the look of me computer. Eye candy.

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I don't know, it probably comes from the fact that I have no artistic sense or mind/spirit at all ?

Vexane - April 13, 2014, 4:26 pm

This thread sounds extremely biased, but it does have good information!

I wish this thread was out before I go Windows 8!

milkywaythegodfather - April 13, 2014, 4:51 pm

I'm using Windows 8 because of the amazing boot times and I got it for free from my school.

Chaorii - April 13, 2014, 5:20 pm

Nice comparison, would like to stay Windows 7 for now :)

BeatHimUp

King Cin - April 13, 2014, 10:30 pm

(Apr 13, 2014 04:26 PM)Varosion Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This thread sounds extremely biased, but it does have good information!

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Not biased at all actually. Those are all facts except the gaming thing.

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The last theme was really hot ?

There are some of the themes I like more:

<http://kiko-knows.deviantart.com/art/Lucido-335010243>

<http://kiko-knows.deviantart.com/art/Uniko-271047758>

<http://kiko-knows.deviantart.com/art/Luto-309376017>
<http://katz93.deviantart.com/art/kAtz93-s-NFR-Pack-176336092>
<http://kiko-knows.deviantart.com/art/Racy-323143558>

mikefire45 - April 20, 2014, 7:04 pm

My new computer I got for Christmas last year came with Windows 8, at first I hated it, I still do, but I got past all its flaws and saw potential in it. Gaming wise.

R.I.P - April 21, 2014, 5:26 pm

"Windows 8 has a faster start-up and shutdown time than Windows 7"

Have to disagree. Windows 7 is worlds faster for me. In Windows 8, I have to wait a bit before it even prompts me for my user/password, and then once it does it takes a while to get me into the desktop. Windows 7 uses a similar process, but I found it prompts me for my username/password quicker, and logs me in a bit quicker too.

cyberducky - April 21, 2014, 5:27 pm

Nice read. I currently have windows 8 and it does not bother me.

got.root.1337 - April 21, 2014, 5:30 pm

i tried both os in 64bit

yeah win 8 have a good look, but for old hardware i have some didn't work, so back to win 7

gamerdad29 - April 21, 2014, 11:59 pm

I prefer Windows 7. Much much easier to use.

Computer Forensics - April 23, 2014, 7:19 pm

Very interesting thread summed up alot and gave great comparisons of systems good job.

Cyber Saint - April 23, 2014, 7:32 pm

Very well-written thread. I know some friends that would greatly appreciate this content.

Aussie - April 23, 2014, 9:09 pm

Thanks for this HQ thread, I just need a clarification as to the speeds, is there an evident speed difference between Windows 7 and Windows 8?

Aesthetics - August 1, 2014, 9:19 am

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Source:

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Windows 8.1 is more lightweight than Windows 7.

Quote:• Windows 8 moves files slower than Windows 7. This is probably because windows 8 uses native USB 3.0 driver instead driver provided by manufacture.

Also you didn't include improvement in GUI aspect of windows 8.1

Example:

copy and paste GUI. More improved, keeps clutter to a minimal.

Task manager GUI Better GUI and more informative t

Jay? - August 1, 2014, 9:24 am

(Aug 1, 2014 09:19 AM)Aesthetics Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) -snip-

I would agree with you. When I tested both Windows 7 and Windows 8.1, 8.1 destroyed it in everything I did.

Too bad I use Arch Linux most of the time anyway. ?

Aura - August 1, 2014, 9:26 am

(Aug 1, 2014 09:19 AM)Aesthetics Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) -

Was about time for you to post that Aesthetics, you promised that like a month ago buddy ?

King Cin - August 1, 2014, 10:48 am

Quote:I run Adobe programs and CAD just fine on Windows 8.1.

As do I, keep in mind I never stated Windows 8 isn't competent enough for work activities, I just don't like repetitive text.

Quote:

No. Windows 7 doesn't natively support new DirectX (11.2)

Nor does Windows 8, Windows 8.1 does however.

Quote:Windows 8.1 can also be customizable. Care to elaborate more on this point

Missed out on that. However, Windows 7 has been here for a longer time, it's logical there are more third-party programs for Windows 7 that enable more customization than Windows 8. I'm not denying that Windows 8 is customizable though.

Quote:Also you didn't include improvement in GUI aspect of windows 8.1

There's a lot more I didn't include. If I'm motivated enough, I could probably expand and improve this to the point of 3 pages long, but I wasn't motivated enough at the time of this thread.

Muzzaa - August 1, 2014, 10:49 am

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Aura - August 1, 2014, 10:51 am

(Aug 1, 2014 10:49 AM)BeeMuzza Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I've used windows 8 and then went back down to windows 7, much prefer win7 to be honest

Don't go for Windows 8, it plainly sucks. Go for Windows 8.1 with Update 1, THEN it gets interesting.

King Cin - August 1, 2014, 10:57 am

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It's better to stick to your word than to forget, or not to stick to it. ?

blueskyy - *August 6, 2014, 9:58 am*

windows 7 because i like the interface although understand that Windows 8 would go faster..