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Thread: [Windows 7 or windows 8? What is the best version to install?](#)

otavioaugusto - December 8, 2014, 3:24 pm

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b?xxy - December 8, 2014, 3:29 pm

Personally, I would prefer Windows 7 on a Desktop, and Windows 8 on a touchscreen laptop.

Tozo - December 8, 2014, 3:32 pm

What boxxy said, I just hate the layout of Windows 8 on a PC so I would go for Windows 7.

clark.dll - December 8, 2014, 3:34 pm

Windows 8.1 is faster and more stable than Windows 7. It will stay supported longer and it's less resource intensive. I would go Windows 8.1, just avoid Windows 8.

If Aura were here he'd tell you to ditch Windows and grab a Mac but I don't think you want a Mac do you?

webdev77 - December 8, 2014, 3:35 pm

I prefer 8.1. It does not matter though. 8.1 simply is newer and has more useful features.

otavioaugusto - December 8, 2014, 3:45 pm

What I didn't like on windows 8.1 is that need an account from outlook to enter, I think this means that boring.

Windows 7 does not have this, only the user accounts.

In conclusion, I will even 8.1 to be the most new? I am from Brazil

Aura - December 8, 2014, 4:53 pm

Not Windows 8, Windows 8.1.

Also, there's no best, it's completely up to you, in the end, it's down to personal preference.

People have to stop making these threads already.

Also, it belongs in one of the Windows section.

BITW - December 8, 2014, 9:45 pm

I prefer windows 7 but as aura already mentioned that it's up to you. Yeah win 8.1 already got huge popularity which tells both are really great to use.

Sennheiser - December 8, 2014, 9:46 pm

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Revamp - December 8, 2014, 9:47 pm

I prefer Windows 7 still. Win 8 still needs some work.

~Jay~ - December 9, 2014, 2:55 am

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upgrade to Windows 10, which is supposed to fix most of the problems with Windows 8. If you can deal with the sort of awkward UI and bugs in 8 for now, it'll pay off in the long run.

Aura - December 9, 2014, 5:00 am

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... No?

Windows 10 is still in technical preview so no one is getting an automatic upgrade for it. Windows 8 users can upgrade to Windows 8.1 for free, not Windows 10. And why is Windows 7 better than Windows 8.1?

(Dec 8, 2014 10:46 PM)Sennheiser Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) win 7 is faster than win 8

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What kind of crap are you talking about?

Also, Windows 8/8.1 is in theory faster than Windows 7 since it takes less resources to run basically.

Doctah - December 9, 2014, 6:09 am

I honestly at first didn't like Windows 8. It had stability issues. I decided to suck it in and realized most of the issues I had were solved in updates.

My Windows 8.1 installation uses ~300MB less memory.

My Windows 8.1 installation uses ~13% less processing power.

My Windows 8.1 installation boots up 12.5 seconds faster than Windows 7.

Right now, I'm on Windows 10 Technical Preview. It's even slicker than 8.1. Only downside is the windows control bars go transparent and unclickable where control box is. But, what do you expect from a Technical Preview? It'll be fixed sooner or later. It rarely happens.

lewisg743 - December 9, 2014, 1:32 pm

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Aura - December 9, 2014, 1:40 pm

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Didn't know about that one, thanks!

Reduce - December 9, 2014, 1:55 pm

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Aura - December 9, 2014, 2:26 pm

(Dec 9, 2014 02:55 PM)Reduce Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I prefer Windows 7 because I can't get used to windows 8 xD

Did you try Windows 8.1 and not Windows 8 ?

Hunter.. - December 9, 2014, 2:32 pm

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Aura - December 9, 2014, 2:33 pm

(Dec 9, 2014 03:32 PM)Hunter.. Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Windows 7 all the way it's the cleanest and easiest to use

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clark.dll - December 9, 2014, 2:35 pm

(Dec 9, 2014 03:33 PM)Aur? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) And what proofs, facts, examples, etc. do you have to support your opinion?

Lol Aura I think they're trying to bate you.

Hunter.. - December 9, 2014, 2:36 pm

(Dec 9, 2014 03:33 PM)Aur? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) And what proofs, facts, examples, etc. do you have to support your opinion?

There really isn't any I've used both Its all about your personal preference I personally like windows 7 more then windows 8

Purist - December 9, 2014, 7:03 pm

Windows 7 if I wanted to do some hard task ex: editing,coding,compiling and rely on stability.

However simple web browsing,gaming and wasting time, I would go with W8.

Looking forward to see Windows 10.

Tranquility - December 10, 2014, 3:01 am

(Dec 9, 2014 08:03 PM)admixhd Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Windows 7 if I wanted to do some hard task ex: editing,coding,compiling and rely on stability.This is possible on Windows 8.1 too. I fail to see why people are unable to use the system.

You don't have to use the MetroUI, as you can replace the start menu as Aura said before (like tens if not hundreds of times already in this forum).

If you've got an UEFI motherboard, you can even use [wimboot](#) to have only 2-3Gb of hard disk space being used by the OS. The remainder is loaded from the recovery partition's wim-files.

The benefits of windows 8.1 are also mentioned above, it is faster, it is stable (got less BSODs on the same system than with Windows 7) and more efficient overall.

The real problem is between the screen and the chair, not the operating system, because that can be changed and adapted. Nostalgia brings you nowhere, clinging to the past neither, move forward and grow with or even past the current technological possibilities.

That is innovation, Windows 8 was a mistake, that's why 8.1 was released and that's innovation.

In the end it does boil down to user preference. A system is as good, in the end, as the user that's using it (or being able to use it). So even if Windows 8.1 might be better, this is why so much people say it isn't. They're not willing to use it based on first impressions.