Introduction to Windows Vista

For existing Windows XP users who are upgrading to Windows Vista. This workshop will cover updated features including: changes to the Start menu, folder navigation, and file search strategies.

Versions

- Basic
- Home Premium
- Business
- Enterprise
- Ultimate
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Gadgets -

- Clock, Weather, RSS feeds
- Windows Sidebar
- Found in Control Panel > Appearance and Personalization
- Can get in the way if you don’t have enough screen area
Start Menu: Divided in half

- All programs - expandable/collapsible directory tree
- Documents, pictures, music, games, recent items, computer, control panel, help
Quick Launch

- Add programs for start menu to Quick Launch
- Can also pin to the Start Menu
- Shortcut: Win + number

Start Menu: Search and tagging

- Indexing engine
- Saving a search
Start Menu:
Instant Off - caches all open files

Start Menu:
Shutdown, Switch User, Log Off, Hibernate and Sleep
Start Menu: User Folder

Window navigation:
Arrows for dropdown menus of alternative folders
Compatibility

- Allows emulation of earlier version of Windows for programs that don't perform well in Vista

Switching Between Open Windows
Switching Between Open Windows:
Thumbnail preview of open applications

Switching Between Open Windows:
Flip 3D - Rolodex preview of all open windows
Switching Between Open Windows: Alt-Tab provides previews of open windows

Notification Area Clock