

Windows Vista

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Ease of use: ★★★★★

Features: ★★★★★

Security: ★★★★★

Price: ★★



Price: The suggested retail price for Vista Home Basic is \$199 or \$99.95 for an upgrade. The Home Premium version costs \$239 or \$159 for an upgrade, the Business version costs \$299 or \$199 for an upgrade, and the Ultimate version costs \$399 or \$259 for an upgrade. The Enterprise version is only available to organizations that hold a high volume of license holders.

Pros: The new Windows operating system sports a slick new interface, enhanced security and stronger deployment tools.

Cons: The operating system is expensive and may require organizations to upgrade their computers or buy new ones. The interface changes will require retraining.

Test bed: We used an MPC Computers Clientpro 375 with a 3GHz Intel Pentium 4 processor, 1G of system memory and an ATI Radeon X1300 graphics adapter.