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Summary:
The holidays are almost here and a lot of folk want Windows Vista. Here are some tips to help

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The traditional annual days of giving are at hand. Some people will want to upgrade (if it ca
Here are some tips to help keep you out of trouble.
Recommended minimum hardware requirements for Windows Vista
Windows Vista Home Basic
⁻800-megahertz (MHz) 32-bit (x86) processor or 800-MHz 64-bit (x64) processor
⁻512 megabytes (MB) of system memory
Note On system configurations that use system memory as graphics memory, at least 448 MB of sy
⁻DirectX 9-class graphics card
⁻32 MB of graphics memory
⁻20-gigabyte (GB) hard disk that has 15 GB of free hard disk space
⁻Internal or external DVD drive
⁻Internet access capability

Audio output capability

Windows Vista Home Premium, Windows Vista Business, Windows Vista Enterprise, and Windows Vist

1-gigahertz (GHz) 32-bit (x86) processor or 1-GHz 64-bit (x64) processor
1 GB of system memory
Windows Aero-capable graphics card
Note This includes a DirectX 9-class graphics card that supports the following:
⁻A WDDM driver
⁻Pixel Shader 2.0 in hardware
⁻32 bits per pixel
128 MB of graphics memory (minimum)
40-GB hard disk that has 15 GB of free hard disk space (the 15GB of free space provides room f
Internal or external DVD drive
Internet access capability
Audio output capability

Note A Windows Aero-capable graphics card is a graphics card that meets the following requirem
⁻Supports a Windows Display Driver Model (WDDM) driver
⁻Has a DirectX 9-class graphics processor unit (GPU) that supports Pixel Shader 2.0
⁻Supports 32 bits per pixel
⁻Passes the Windows Aero acceptance test in the Windows Driver Kit (WDK)

Operating system requirements to upgrade to Windows Vista

There is a table which outlines the upgrade options mapped to the different Windows Vista edit

Home Basic
Home Premium
Business

Ultimate

Upgrading from the OS listed below:
Windows XP Professional

Windows XP Home

Windows XP Media Center

Windows XP Tablet PC

Windows XP Professional x64

Windows 2000

You will find much more information at http://remotehelpdesk1.com/articles.htm

Notes:
If you are currently using Windows 2000 Professional or Windows XP Professional x64, you are e

Upgrade copies are not available for versions of Windows earlier than Windows 2000. These earl

If the edition of Windows Vista that you choose to install will result in a loss of functional

Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor

Before you begin
Before you run the Upgrade Advisor, be sure to plug in any USB devices or other devices such a

Download Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor

Ready to upgrade? Check out these special offers from Microsoft partners.
The Upgrade Advisor works with 32-bit versions of Windows XP and Windows Vista. Review the upg

Make sure your computer is ready for the edition of Windows Vista you want.
The Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor will help you to determine if your Windows XP-based PC can r

This small software tool will scan your computer and create an easy-to-understand report of al

Just download, install, and run the Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor.

Please Note:
The Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor works with 32-bit versions of Windows XP and Windows Vista,

The Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor does not collect or send any personal, identifiable data to
Upgrade procedure

To upgrade your computer to Windows Vista, follow these steps:
1.Start the computer by using the current operating system. Verify that the Microsoft Windows

2.Insert the Windows Vista DVD in the computer's DVD drive.

3.Use one of the following procedures, as appropriate:

If Windows automatically detects the DVD, the Install now screen appears. Click Install now.

If Windows does not automatically detect the DVD, follow these steps:
a. Click Start, click Run, type Drive:\setup.exe, and then click OK.

Note Drive is the drive letter of the computer's DVD drive.

b. Click Install now.

4.When you reach the Which type of installation to you want? screen, click Upgrade to upgrade
The Upgrade option is unavailable, and you receive an "Upgrade has been disabled" message

When you try to upgrade to Windows Vista, the Upgrade option is unavailable.

Additionally, you receive the following message:

Upgrade has been disabled
This issue may occur if one of the following conditions is true:
⁻The operating system that is currently installed on the computer is not supported in the upgr

⁻You did not start the computer by using the current operating system. Instead, you started th

⁻The operating system is installed to a partition that uses the FAT32 file system. To resolve

⁻The partition on which you want to upgrade to Windows Vista has insufficient free hard disk s
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