

Another Windows OS?

Yes. Another Windows brand operating system. The good news—Microsoft promises that they made this OS what MS Vista should have been.

What is it?

Windows 7 is the newest Microsoft brand operating system that will replace Windows XP which is at the end of its lifespan and Windows Vista which was too difficult to use. It has a release date of October 22nd 2009. Windows 7 has been designed to be more user-friendly as well as more compatible with other programs and hardware. This operating system has adopted a minimalist approach and only installs the basic programs on your computer. If you want additions, you can download them from Microsoft.

What are the new features?

- **Action Center-** automatically monitors security features, maintenance tasks, and consolidates all alerts into a single window.
- **Bitlocker to Go-** is an application that can encrypt data on your hard drive and portable storage devices.
- **Blu-Ray Support-** allows your computer to read and write Blu-Ray media if you have the correct hardware.
- **Credential Manager-** automatically saves user names and passwords to web sites, networked computers, and other resources.
- **DirectAccess-** will let you access your corporate network, regardless of your location, as long as your corporation's server software has been upgraded to Windows Server 2008 R2.



- **HomeGroup-** is an application that makes it easier to share documents, digital media files, and printers over a home network.
 - **Virtual hard disk-** is an application that lets you create a movable storage space which you can transfer from your hard drive to a portable storage device like a USB drive.
- Windows Flip-** is a built in application that allows you to visually navigate between open windows without toggling from screen to screen.
- **XP Mode-** will let you run XP compatible programs.

Who should upgrade?

Most users would benefit from upgrading their current operating system to Windows 7.

- Anyone that is using Windows XP should upgrade to Windows 7 because Microsoft has stopped supporting XP.
- Anyone that is unhappy with Windows Vista should upgrade to Windows 7 because Microsoft spent a lot of time fixing “what went wrong” with Vista.

How can All Covered help?

System upgrades can be painful—especially when you need to worry about compatibility between your older applications and new operating system. All Covered can help you evaluate your programs and IT systems and, once you’ve made the choice to upgrade, All Covered can install and customize Windows 7 to meet your specific needs. Please contact All Covered and schedule your free consultation today.