

Windows Vista



The good and bad behind the hype

Short History of Windows

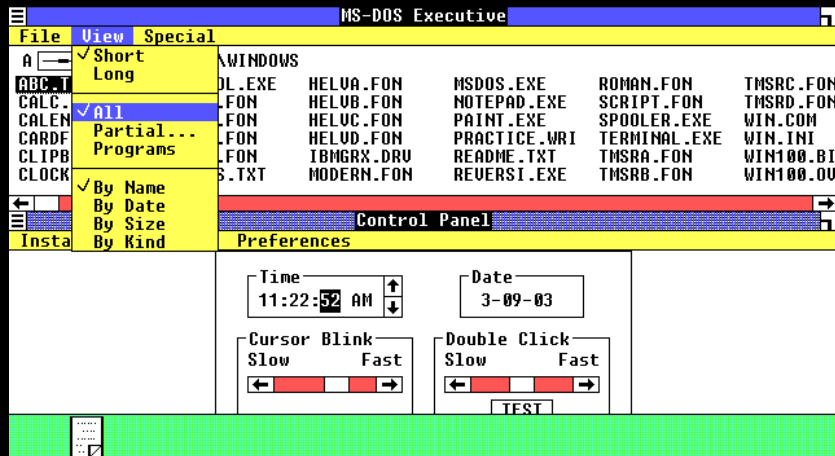
- 1983 - Bill Gates announces Microsoft will begin work on an OS with a Graphical User Interface.
- 1984 - Apple airs a 30 sec commercial during the super bowl announcing the release of the Macintosh, the first (successful) GUI based computer.
- 1985 - Windows 1.0 was first released in Nov. The release was considered a flop.
- 1990 - Windows 3.0 is released with a substantial upgrade to the interface over Windows 1 and 2. This is the first commercially successful version of Windows.
- 1993 - Windows NT 3.1 is released and is the first Microsoft OS not based in DOS. Microsoft would release separate versions of NT along with their DOS counterparts until Windows XP
- 1995 - Windows 95 is released as the first native 32 bit OS. Microsoft originally wanted to merge the NT and DOS platforms but due to backward compatibility issues and lacking hardware support of NT, Microsoft left NT out.

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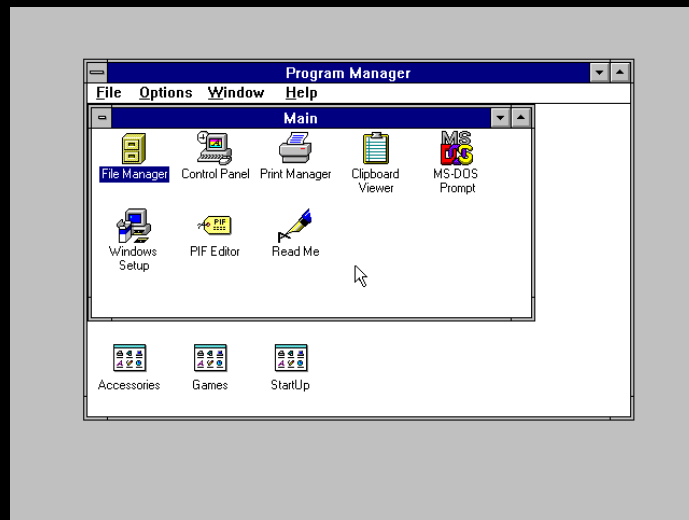
- 1998 - Windows 98 is released. Microsoft integrates its web browser in the GUI and file manager. This opens up the floodgates for hackers to use the internet to infiltrate an entire computer or network. This move to integrate IE in to windows prompts a flood of anti-trust lawsuits from the US and several countries. Some cases are still active today.
- 2000 - Windows 2000 is released. As with Windows 95, Microsoft planned Windows 2000 to be the bridge between the NT and DOS based OS's, but was unsuccessful in that regard due to compatibility issues. To "compliment the release of the new NT system, Microsoft releases Windows Me, the final iteration of the DOS based Windows line. Some consider it to be one of the worst OS's Microsoft had released.
- 2001 - Windows XP is released. The extensive upgrade to the GUI is on par with the change between Windows 3.1 and Windows 95. This is the first successful merger of the NT and DOS lines.
- 2005 – Microsoft releases Windows XP Professional x64 Edition.
- 2006 – Microsoft releases Windows Vista.

Windows GUI Evolution

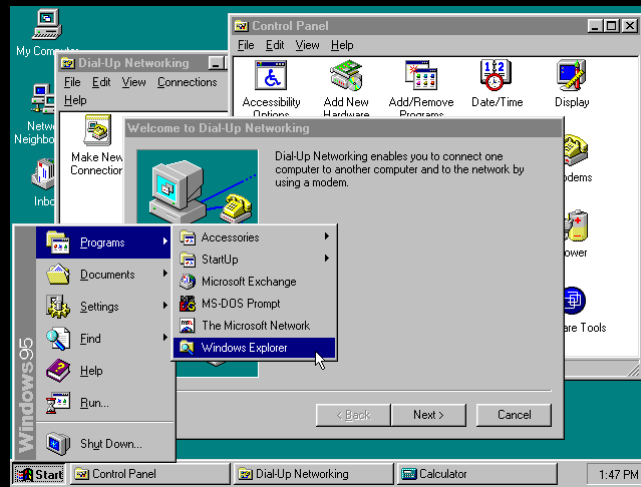
Windows 1.0



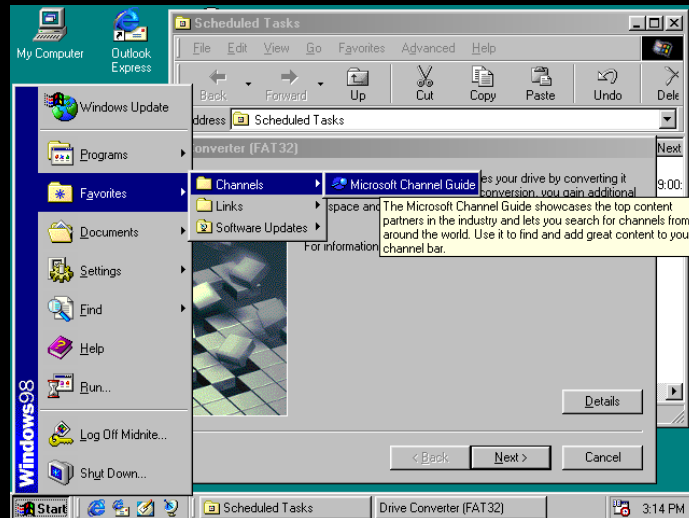
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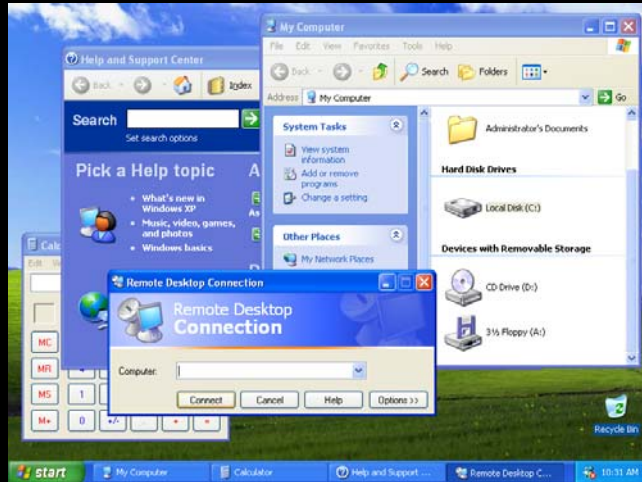
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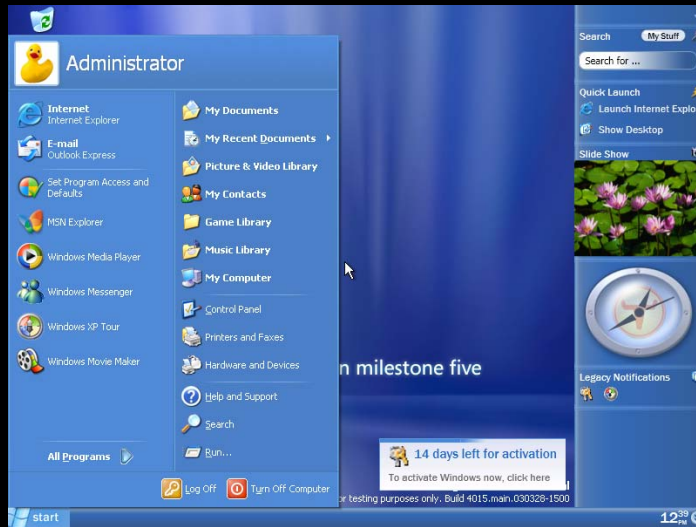
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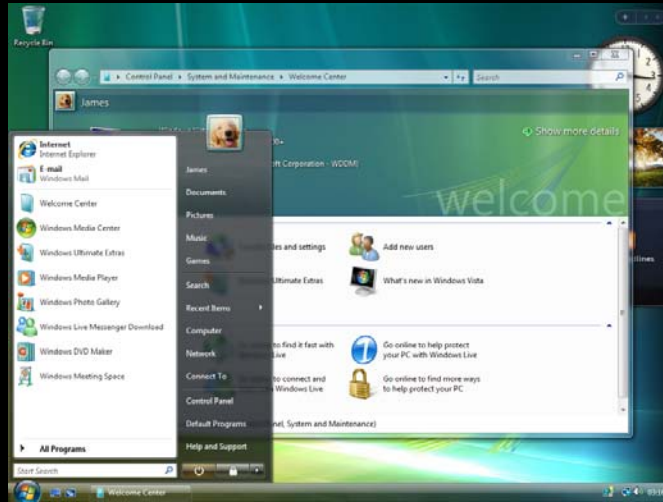
Windows XP




Windows Longhorn



Windows Vista



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Windows Vista

Features	Home Basic	Home Premium	Business	Ultimate
Most secure Windows ever with Windows Defender and Windows Firewall	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quickly find what you need with Instant Search and Windows Internet Explorer 7	✓	✓	✓	✓
Elegant Windows Aero desktop experience with Windows Flip 3D navigation		✓	✓	✓
Best choice for laptops with enhanced Windows Mobility Center and Tablet PC support		✓	✓	✓
Collaborate and share documents with Windows Meeting Space		✓	✓	✓
Experience photos and entertainment in your living room with Windows Media Center		✓		✓
Enjoy Windows Media Center on TVs throughout your home with Xbox 360™ and other devices		✓		✓
Help protect against hardware failure with advanced business backup features			✓	✓
Business networking and Remote Desktop for easier connectivity			✓	✓
Better protect your data against loss or theft with Windows BitLocker™ Drive Encryption				✓

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What is Aero?

- Aero is Microsoft's name for the GUI appearance or theme (Windows XP's interface is called Luna).
- It allows for transparent window edges, window fades, 3D application switcher, and Dreamscape (in Ultimate Edition only).
- Aero gives eye candy to Vista.

New Additions

- Windows Sidebar
- 3D task switcher
- Imbedded Start menus
- Taskbar preview
- File preview
- Dreamscape (Vista Ultimate Edition)
- Media Center and Tablet PC functions integrated in to all versions (except Vista Basic)

Live Demonstration