

Vista Editions Feature Comparison Table

Feature	Basic	Premium	Business	Ultimate
Windows Vista Basic user interface	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aero user interface	✗	✓	✓	✓
Instant Search	✓	✓	✓	✓
Automatic content organization based on file properties/tags	✓	✓	✓	✓
Internet Explorer 7.0	✓	✓	✓	✓
Automatic hard disk defragmentation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Mail	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Calendar	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sidebar	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Photo Gallery	✓	✓	✓	✓
Themed slide shows	✓	✓	✗	✓
Windows Media Player 11	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Media Centre – for music, photos, videos, live and recorded TV, and online entertainment	✗	✓	✓	✓
Windows Media Centre – for recording and watching high-definition TV, CableCard support	✗	✓	✗	✓
Windows Movie Maker	✓	✓	✗	✓
Windows Movie Maker High Definition	✗	✓	✗	✓
Windows DVD Maker	✗	✓	✗	✓
Games Explorer	✓	✓	✓	✓
Premium games	✗	✓	✓	✓
Universal game controller support	✓	✓	✓	✓
Speech Recognition	✓	✓	✓	✓
XPS Document support	✓	✓	✓	✓
Small Business Resources	✗	✗	✓	✓
Windows Fax and Scan	✗	✗	✓	✓
Network Center	✓	✓	✓	✓
Network Diagnostics and troubleshooting	✓	✓	✓	✓
Improved wireless networking	✓	✓	✓	✓

Wireless network provisioning	✘	✘	✓	✓
Improved peer networking	✓	✓	✓	✓
Improved VPN support	✓	✓	✓	✓
Improved power management	✓	✓	✓	✓
Simultaneous SMB peer network connections	5	10	10	10
Windows Mobility Centre	Partial	Partial	✓	✓
Sync Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Tablet PC support	✘	✓	✓	✓
Windows SideShow	✘	✓	✓	✓
Windows Collaboration	View only	✓	✓	✓
Improved file and folder sharing	✓	✓	✓	✓
PC-to-PC Sync	✘	✓	✓	✓
Network Projection	✘	✓	✓	✓
Presentation Settings	✘	✓	✓	✓
Remote Desktop	Client only	Client only	Client & host	Client & host
Domain join for Windows Small Business Server	✘	✘	✓	✓
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Group Policy support	✘	✘	✓	✓
Offline files and folder support	✘	✘	✓	✓
Roaming User Profiles	✘	✘	✓	✓
Folder Redirection	✘	✘	✓	✓
User Account Control	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Security Center	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Defender	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Firewall	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows Update	✓	✓	✓	✓
Parental Controls	✓	✓	✘	✓
Service Hardening	✓	✓	✓	✓
Performance self-tuning and hardware diagnostics	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows ReadyDrive	✓	✓	✓	✓

Windows Easy Transfer	✓	✓	✓	✓
64-bit processor support	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fast Startup, Fast Shutdown, Sleep	✓	✓	✓	✓
Maximum RAM supported with 32-bit system	4G	4G	4G	4G
Maximum RAM supported with 64-bit system	8G	16G	128+G	128+G
Two processors (two processor sockets) support	✗	✗	✓	✓
Ad hoc backup and recovery of user files and folders	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scheduled backup of user files	✗	✓	✓	✓
Backup of user files to a network device	✗	✓	✓	✓
Windows ShadowCopy	✗	✗	✓	✓
System image-based backup and recovery	✗	✗	✓	✓
Encrypting File System	✗	✗	✓	✓
Control over installation of device drivers	✗	✗	✓	✓
Integrated smart card management	✗	✗	✓	✓
Windows BitLocker Drive Encryption	✗	✗	✗	✓
Support for simultaneous installation of multiple user interface languages	✗	✗	✗	✓
Subsystem for UNIX-based Applications	✗	✗	✗	✓
Virtual PC Express	✗	✗	✗	✓
Windows Ultimate Extras	✗	✗	✗	✓