



## Windows 7 Upgrade Considerations

Depending on the version of Windows you're currently running, installing Windows 7 on your PC may be a lengthy process. Run [Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor](#) to make sure your PC can run Windows 7, and then review the information below prior to buying or installing Windows 7 on your PC.

Use this chart to determine whether you should do an upgrade or custom (clean) installation.

UPGRADE FROM:	UPGRADE TO:	Windows 7 Home Premium	Windows 7 Professional	Windows 7 Ultimate
	Windows XP, all editions		*	*
Windows Vista Home Basic		✓	*	✓
Windows Vista Home Premium		✓	*	✓
Windows Vista Business		*	✓	✓
Windows Vista Ultimate		*	*	✓

✓ Upgrade available
\* Custom (clean) install required

If you switch from a 64-bit version to a 32-bit version of Windows, or vice versa, you'll need to do a custom (clean) installation. This may also impact other parts of your system. [Read more.](#)



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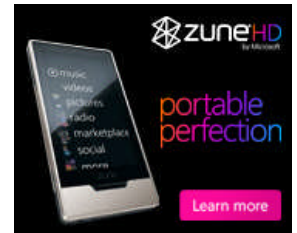
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**Understand the installation process** [Expand all](#)

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- [How do I do a custom \(clean\) installation?](#)



**Other questions to answer before buying or putting Windows 7 on your PC** [Expand all](#)

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