
Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7
Posted by [ballstein](#) on Fri, 23 Oct 2009 04:12:11 GMT
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Glock~ wrote on Tue, 28 July 2009 01:19: If I upgrade to Windows 7, can I still keep all my stuff or will it delete it?

From Microsofts website:
If you have Vista:

Quote: Depending on your hardware and your current edition of Windows Vista, you can use the Upgrade option during Windows 7 installation to upgrade from Windows Vista to a corresponding or higher edition of Windows 7.

Upgrading is the most convenient way to get Windows 7 on your computer, because it keeps your files, settings, and programs from Windows Vista in place.

If your current edition of Windows Vista can't be upgraded to the edition of Windows 7 that you want to use, you can still install Windows 7 by using the Custom installation option instead. However, the Custom option doesn't preserve your files, programs, or settings. For a step-by-step tutorial on how to perform a custom installation, see [Upgrading from Windows Vista to Windows 7 \(custom installation\)](#).

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows7/help/upgrading-from-windows-vista-to-windows-7>

If you have XP:

Quote: To upgrade your PC from Windows XP to Windows 7, you'll need to select the Custom option during Windows 7 installation. A custom installation doesn't preserve your programs, files, or settings. It's sometimes called a "clean" installation for that reason.

A custom installation is more complex, and it can sometimes take a couple of hours to complete. We created this five-step tutorial to help guide you through the entire process each step of the way.

What you need

- An external hard disk. You'll need to move your files off of your PC before you install Windows 7. To make this easier, we recommend a free download called Windows Easy Transfer, which will require an external hard disk. They're readily available at electronics and office supply stores, and they provide an easy way to add additional storage space to your computer.
- The original installation discs or setup files for the programs that you want to use with Windows 7. You'll need to reinstall your programs by hand after installing Windows 7. When you run Windows Easy Transfer you will get a report that lists the programs that you are currently using with Windows XP.

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Edit: just saw the date, sorry to bump. Hopefully this helps though.
