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Subject: What do you believe is better?

Posted by [\\_SSnipe\\_](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2011 09:31:13 GMT

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Due to some situations I need a new windows 7 serial so here are my choices, I read up about each one but I want to know from somehow who may have more personal experience to answer.

I have a custom built computer (Everything new, no brand named anything that includes mobo, ram,cpu, etc)

- 1)OEM Version of windows 7
- 2)Upgrade to Windows 7 form Windows Vista
- 3)Or System builders license

Now I want to ask you guys if one of these would work on my custom built pc and which one is better (and cheaper) I have windows 7 ultimate, but I guess I have to buy a new copy this is why

<http://social.microsoft.com/Forums/en-US/genuinewindows7/thread/a2444f34-0aff-4f29-a8ac-67e28b0c0285>

so I mind not getting all the extra software on the ulitmate edition, I just hope all the versions look the same and have same SPEED so I plan on choosing one of the three options above and wanting it to be Windows 7 Home Premiuem

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Posted by [Goztow](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2011 11:09:17 GMT

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Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2011 11:27:08 GMT

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Huh? Why would you not be allowed to use an OEM licence? Just because it's sold without all the fancy packaging and documentation etc doesn't mean you can't use it...

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Subject: Re: What do you believe is better?

Posted by [Hex](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2011 15:47:37 GMT

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OEM just requires abit of hardware to be tied to the OS, it can be any hardware such as a stick of RAM or a DVD drive, SSnipe I can do you a very good deal on a fully legal retail copy of windows 7 if you want.

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Posted by [\\_SSnipe\\_](#) on Thu, 06 Jan 2011 17:46:24 GMT  
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How come?

Hex check your messages plz =]

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Posted by [halo2pac](#) on Fri, 07 Jan 2011 01:55:28 GMT  
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<http://www.microsoft.com/student/en/us/software/windows/default.aspx>

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Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Fri, 07 Jan 2011 03:30:16 GMT  
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lets find out,

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I also heard it links ot your hardware but heard rumors if you replace your mobo, hdd or even ram it no longer works and you have to buy a new one

so far thanks for all your help guys, I just can;t believe I was scammed like this

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Fri, 07 Jan 2011 10:17:33 GMT

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I never get tech support from Microsoft, I always fix stuff myself. In my case I am just scared that

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when I replace a hardware piece that maybe one will break, and they tell me I have to re buy it.

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Posted by [halo2pac](#) on Fri, 07 Jan 2011 20:12:57 GMT  
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I had a copy of winxp that cam with a dell 5500 dimension I believe. I used to use thath copy and its serial to use on the 20 computers I would tinker with in my basement. Never gave me problems. And if I have to buy 20 fricken copies at 100\$ apiece I'm buying 1 and pirating the rest.

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Posted by [grant89uk](#) on Fri, 07 Jan 2011 20:21:27 GMT  
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Posted by [Spyder](#) on Sat, 08 Jan 2011 12:03:34 GMT  
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JohnDoe wrote on Sat, 08 January 2011 10:28Mac OSX

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Yeah I was actually quite lucky. The retailer I bought the MB from initially no longer sold that model so gave me a cash refund. I think I had paid about £125 for the MB from them. So I took that cash and went looking for another retailer and found the MB for £75 with another place bringing down the initial cost of my computer lol.

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stop trolling or i will report u

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Angry Birds doesn't need a PC or a Mac and is thus irrelevant to this discussion.

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Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Sun, 09 Jan 2011 17:56:20 GMT  
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Why would anyone want to buy overpriced PC hardware just so they can install an OS which doesn't really do anything that Windows cannot do?

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<http://ksimonian.com/Blog/2010/02/24/improved-photoshop-benchmark-cpu-speed-test-for-both-mac-pc-free-radial-blur-filter-test/> <-- Except Photoshop is faster on Windows. Kinda funny when you think about it; it takes OS-X quite a bit more hardware in order to match the speeds of it running on Windows 7.

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is that the only reason photoshop people prefer macs? i really wouldn't know as I got a macbook for completely unrelated reasons, personally don't care about platform debates and only joked around in this thread.

but if graphical artists don't need macs anymore, there are still the recording studios and film studios that rely on osx pretty much exclusively.

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We have access to MSDNAA aswell. Got my W7 64-bit Professional from there

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ya its just the college has had tons of budget cuts and is lacking alot of stuff. including security, teachers and programs

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I guess my school does have MSDNAA but from what I hear, no OS's

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When I RMA'd my motherboard, and got an exact replacement, all Windows did was ask for online re-activation, which took all of twenty seconds.

However, it seems that MS' people are pretty reasonable, and if you phone them up, they'll give you a new code in case you get a different motherboard. Just say it broke.

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thank you =]

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