

## Upgrading to Windows Vista

Upgrades are done in essentially the same manner as clean installs. The difference is that all the settings, applications, and data remain in the system partition if the upgrade is successful. However, before starting the upgrade, you should first check to see if your computer (and operating system) is compatible and if it will survive the process. You can also use the Windows Vista Upgrade Advisor: This is a website that is accessed by clicking the Check compatibility online button when you first insert the Windows Vista DVD. Of course, the computer that you want to upgrade needs to have Internet access.

You should know the upgrade paths available from Windows XP to Windows Vista.

### Windows XP to Vista Upgrade Paths

From Windows XP	To Windows Vista
Home Edition	Home Basic, Home Premium, Business, Ultimate
Professional (32-bit)	Business, Ultimate
Tablet PC Edition	Business, Ultimate
Media Center 2004 Edition	Home Premium, Ultimate
Media Center 2005 Edition	Home Premium, Ultimate

Windows XP Professional x64 edition (the 64-bit version) and Media Center 2002 edition cannot be upgraded to Windows Vista.

### Windows Vista Installation Log Files

Log file	Description	Location
setuperr.log	Contains information about setup errors during the installation. Start with this log file when troubleshooting. A file size of 0 bytes indicates no errors during installation.	C:\Windows\Panther

setupact.log	Contains information about setup actions during the installation.	C:\Windows\Panther
miglog.xml	Contains information about the user directory structure. This information includes security identifiers (SIDs).	C:\Windows\Panther
setupapi.dev.log	Contains information about Plug-and-Play devices and driver installation.	C:\Windows\inf
setupapi.app.log	Contains information about application installation.	C:\Windows\inf
PostGatherPnPList.log	Contains information about the capture of devices that are on the system after the online configuration phase.	C:\Windows\Panther
PreGatherPnPList.log	Contains information about the initial capture of devices that are on the system during the downlevel phase.	C:\Windows\Panther

Winsat.log (Windows Welcome phase only)	Contains information about the Windows System Assessment Tool performance testing results.	C:\Windows\Performance\Winsat
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For a list of all log files within all phases of the Windows Vista installation, see the following link:

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/927521> .