

Windows 7 RC1 Review

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I've been working with the Windows 7 RC1 (release candidate 1) for about a week and a half now. Barring unforeseen bugs, I doubt at this point that Microsoft is more than four months away from the release of Windows 7.

Usually when we get to the second major release of a new version of Windows, most of what I'd be writing about is features, features, features. But Windows 7 isn't really about features. It's about fixing what's wrong with Vista and a general refinement of the operating system that appears to be XP-like in its attention to detail. Please be clear, Win7 isn't really much like XP. That's not what I'm saying. But Microsoft spent a lot of time getting XP right, and rather than adding lots of features, Microsoft has been focusing on getting Win7 right. This is what reviewers mean when they say that Windows 7 is what Windows Vista should have been.

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