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## Windows 7 Official Release Better than Mac OSX Leopard?

Windows 7 is slated for public release on October 22nd. While our previous reviews were based on beta versions and therefore some degree of speculation, a current independent review by CNET is based on an official copy of the final Windows 7 RTM ("Released to Manufacturing") version that Microsoft provided on July 30th. We are reprinting or summarizing as much as space will allow – the full review is under "Windows 7" at [cnet.com](http://cnet.com).

The CNET editors give Win7 an overall outstanding rating of 4.5 out of 5 stars, while users give it 4 stars. Considering all the "Mac versus PC" advertising on TV, it may be worth noting that the average editors rating for the new Mac OSX Leopard is 4 stars, while users give it 3.5 stars.

According to the review, "Windows 7 is more than just spin. Although the look may seem to be nothing more than polish applied to the Vista Aero theme, make no mistake – this is a full replacement operating system and more than just 'Vista done right.' It's stable, smooth, and highly polished, introducing new graphical features, a new taskbar that can compete handily with the Mac OS X dock, better battery management, and device management and security enhancements that make it both easier to use and safer.

"Importantly, it won't require the hardware upgrades that Vista demanded, partially because the hardware has caught up, and partially because Microsoft has gone to great lengths to make Windows 7 accessible to as many people as possible. It's the most user-friendly interface Microsoft has ever had.

"As buggy and irritating as Vista was, Windows 7 is not. Instead, it's the successor to Windows XP that Microsoft wishes Vista had

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**CNET editors' rating:**  
★★★★★  
**Outstanding**

**Average user rating:**  
★★★★☆  
out of 108 reviews

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been, and finally places it on a competitive footing with other major operating systems like OS X and Linux.

“For users who need to access programs designed for Windows XP that have not been upgraded to Vista or Win7, XP Mode creates a virtual environment within Windows 7 that [essentially provides] backward compatibility.

“Windows 7 looks like the operating system that both Microsoft and its consumers have been waiting for. By fixing most of the perceived and real problems in Vista, Microsoft has created a stable platform for the future of Windows.”

Win7 supports both 32-bit and 64-bit operation, with minimum RAM requirements of 1GB and 2GB respectively. OCS recommends that if you’re thinking about buying a new computer, look for a Core 2 Duo processor and as much RAM as you can afford. If you buy before October 22nd, make sure your Vista includes an upgrade coupon for Windows 7.

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