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Windows 9 Coming Soon

Microsoft to preview Windows 9 on September 30th

Editor's note: The Microsoft event in San Francisco took place after this newsletter had been printed. At that event they announced that the next version will be called Windows 10.

Microsoft is preparing to detail its next major version of Windows. The company had been expected to hold a press event late in September, and now it's official – a "Windows Technical Preview" of Windows 9 is anticipated at a press event in San Francisco on September 30th.

For those who didn't care for the substantial changes in Windows 8 over previous versions, there's good news – Microsoft has basically grafted the Start Screen onto the Start Menu. Now you can pin your favorite tiles from the newer concept onto the original Start Menu, pretty much the best of both.

For those who prefer or have become accustomed to the Windows 8 "Live Tiles" Start Screen, either option can be selected.

Completely new for Windows will be the concept of multiple Virtual Desktops. New workspaces can be created on the fly, and each workspace and its open programs can be accessed from this icon. This concept has been available in Linux and Mac OSX, and it will be a welcome feature for Windows.

Also said to be likely in Windows 9 is Cortana, a voice managed personal assistant currently on Windows Phone and designed to rival Mac's Siri and Google Now.

Current indications are that Windows 9 will be free to Windows 8 users, with no mention of options for older versions. Of course, it's possible that users of Windows 7, Vista and XP are running older hardware that may soon need replacement in any case.

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Perhaps the most common misconception is that it's the company co-founder's name, and those folks often spell it "Oacy's" and pronounce it something like "Ossie's" or "Ozzie's." But that's not it, and her name is actually spelled "Asih" anyway!

In around 1998 we decided that we needed a more global name to better represent our various services on the then-emerging global Internet stage. We also wanted something unique that would not likely be in use elsewhere, and so could readily be registered at state and federal levels and used for trademarks, copyrights, domains, and so forth.

At the time we had been known locally for nearly 20 years as Olson Computer Services, or "OCS." To make a long story short, we simply spread those letters apart and slipped in a couple of phonetic vowels to create a word that's pronounced as in "oasis."

That led next to the palm tree in our logo, and all the positive images associated with the welcome respite of an oasis surrounded by desert wastelands.

We still use all of our names interchangeably in the local area, and you'll still hear us occasionally answer phones with "OCS" – but for formal purposes and when doing business out of town we use OACYS TECHNOLOGY exclusively.

While there are many thousands of businesses using the name "oasis," there's only one "OACYS."

So now you know!

Some articles in this newsletter issue are reprinted from previous issues. Many readers are new to the newsletter and may have missed these stories, and for regular readers the content remains relevant.

Fan Mail

"I am so happy to have your service, and thank you for everything you do. The guys did a great job and I was very impressed." -EB

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