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Subject: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [slosa](#) on Tue, 28 Jul 2009 06:19:21 GMT  
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If I upgrade to Windows 7, can I still keep all my stuff or will it delete it?

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [\\_SSnipe\\_](#) on Wed, 29 Jul 2009 04:26:42 GMT  
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You should be able to without losing anything but idk, I like win 7 lot more then vista, including does not take as mush resource and memory like vista, they says its way better

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [Good-One-Driver](#) on Wed, 29 Jul 2009 07:38:36 GMT  
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i preordered my copy for 20 bucks at geeksquade they said it will be tight

Vista was fail

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Thu, 30 Jul 2009 22:36:49 GMT  
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Just back up your stuff and do a clean install.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [slosa](#) on Fri, 31 Jul 2009 03:23:59 GMT  
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cmatt42 wrote on Thu, 30 July 2009 17:36Just back up your stuff and do a clean install.  
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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [nope.avi](#) on Fri, 31 Jul 2009 03:57:32 GMT  
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It's called dvd's.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [slosha](#) on Fri, 31 Jul 2009 18:12:47 GMT  
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I would really like to avoid wasting money on this. I have around 60 gb of used space, so roughly around 40gb of information that is vital to me. A dvd does not even hold 5 gb if I am correct, so that would mean wasting 8 dvds which isn't a lot, but I think it is a waste.

So, it is possible to update without erasing everything correct?

Also, would installing 7 fix the damage that hard shut downs have done? Now, I have never shut down this way unless I absolutely had to. Vista has crashed so hard so many times, I could not shut it down.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [cmatt42](#) on Fri, 31 Jul 2009 20:07:02 GMT  
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Glock~ wrote on Thu, 30 July 2009 22:23  
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Don't really need one. Surely you have another computer with enough space? Or know someone who does? Just dump them on there and copy them back over after you do a clean install of Win7 (doing an upgrade install is inadvisable, since it almost always creates extra problems).

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [slosha](#) on Fri, 31 Jul 2009 23:08:10 GMT  
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hmm if it creates problems maybe i shouldnt upgrade :\

thanks for your help tho

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [Good-One-Driver](#) on Sat, 01 Aug 2009 05:56:34 GMT  
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Quote:That's because the upgrade versions of the Windows operating system (the cheapest way to move to the final version) check for a previous paid version of Windows on the drive. That means, if a user did a clean installation of Windows 7 on their test system (as recommended by Microsoft), that same user will have to back up their data, reinstall their original operating system (XP or Vista), then install Windows 7, restore their data, and then reinstall their applications. For testers who were running XP, that means doing a clean installation of Windows XP over their Windows 7 test build and then a clean installation of Windows 7 over that. Vista users have the option of reinstalling that operating system and then doing an in-place upgrade or a clean

installation of Windows 7.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [LeeumDee](#) on Sat, 01 Aug 2009 22:34:06 GMT  
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Glock~ wrote on Fri, 31 July 2009 18:08hmm if it creates problems maybe i shouldnt upgrade :\

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What he meant was installing w7; with keeping all your info on your drive (aka upgrading) can create problems. But a fresh install of w7 will be fine, however a fresh install will involve erasing your hard drive contents.

An external hd, especially a small one. Isn't very expensive at all, for that matter buy a cheap internal, hook it up and use that as a constant running hard drive, and your current one just for your OS or vise versa. That way you wont need to worry about switching your OS as often as you change your socks

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sun, 02 Aug 2009 16:38:52 GMT  
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A decent sized external drive isn't too expensive, and it's handy for just this sort of thing. I have a network drive where I hold important stuff and files I want to keep, so I can erase or upgrade my computers as I see fit, without worrying.

Doing an 'upgrade' as opposed to a full install was a nightmare for me and I wouldn't recommend it.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [slosha](#) on Tue, 04 Aug 2009 05:16:55 GMT  
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Alright, well, when I get some more money in teh bank I will consider getting a small external HDD.

I'm still wondering if it will fix the speed issues/damage as a result from having to force shut down numerous times due to freezing/crashing.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Tue, 04 Aug 2009 05:33:21 GMT

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[http://www.newegg.com/Product/ProductList.aspx?Submit=ENE&N=2010150414%204026&name=\\$50%20-%20\\$75](http://www.newegg.com/Product/ProductList.aspx?Submit=ENE&N=2010150414%204026&name=$50%20-%20$75)

You can see they aren't too pricey, and you can probably grab one at a Best Buy on sale. My network drive has saved my ass a ton of times, and will continue to do so.

As for your Vista problems, that's weird because that really shouldn't happen. I'm sure you've heard it before, and done it all, but I'd check for viruses, Microsoft updates, driver conflicts or something. Unless your computer is old, I don't think Vista should be locking up like you say it is. :/

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [slosha](#) on Wed, 05 Aug 2009 02:21:07 GMT  
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I have scanned with AVG 8 today and my computer is clean.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Wed, 05 Aug 2009 03:00:26 GMT  
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wow Glock! You got 40 GB of data with no backup plans?! Get a external hard disk drive. Last time I checked a 160 GB external cost about 50 bucks.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [nope.avi](#) on Wed, 05 Aug 2009 16:01:42 GMT  
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not everyone can afford an external hdd...  
I got a 500gb external for 90\$ from bestbuy on boxing day, just look around there are some good deals.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [Good-One-Driver](#) on Thu, 06 Aug 2009 00:56:30 GMT  
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one at a pawn shop cost 40 bucks i got one there and it works like new

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [slosa](#) on Thu, 06 Aug 2009 04:37:39 GMT  
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Well, I'll see.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [Iran](#) on Mon, 05 Oct 2009 23:37:42 GMT  
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Partition your HDD, then move all your files to one partition and (format and) install 7 on the other one.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [ballstein](#) on Fri, 23 Oct 2009 04:12:11 GMT  
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Glock~ wrote on Tue, 28 July 2009 01:19 If I upgrade to Windows 7, can I still keep all my stuff or will it delete it?

From Microsofts website:  
If you have Vista:

Quote: Depending on your hardware and your current edition of Windows Vista, you can use the Upgrade option during Windows 7 installation to upgrade from Windows Vista to a corresponding or higher edition of Windows 7.

Upgrading is the most convenient way to get Windows 7 on your computer, because it keeps your files, settings, and programs from Windows Vista in place.

If your current edition of Windows Vista can't be upgraded to the edition of Windows 7 that you want to use, you can still install Windows 7 by using the Custom installation option instead. However, the Custom option doesn't preserve your files, programs, or settings. For a step-by-step tutorial on how to perform a custom installation, see [Upgrading from Windows Vista to Windows 7 \(custom installation\)](#).

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows7/help/upgrading-from-windows-vista-to-windows-7>

If you have XP:

Quote: To upgrade your PC from Windows XP to Windows 7, you'll need to select the Custom option during Windows 7 installation. A custom installation doesn't preserve your programs, files, or settings. It's sometimes called a "clean" installation for that reason.

A custom installation is more complex, and it can sometimes take a couple of hours to complete. We created this five-step tutorial to help guide you through the entire process each step of the

way.

What you need

- An external hard disk. You'll need to move your files off of your PC before you install Windows 7. To make this easier, we recommend a free download called Windows Easy Transfer, which will require an external hard disk. They're readily available at electronics and office supply stores, and they provide an easy way to add additional storage space to your computer.
- The original installation discs or setup files for the programs that you want to use with Windows 7. You'll need to reinstall your programs by hand after installing Windows 7. When you run Windows Easy Transfer you will get a report that lists the programs that you are currently using with Windows XP.

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows7/help/upgrading-from-windows-xp-to-windows-7>

Edit: just saw the date, sorry to bump. Hopefully this helps though.

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [slosha](#) on Sat, 24 Oct 2009 04:03:34 GMT  
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I'm actually upgrading as I'm writing this post

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [Gen\\_Blacky](#) on Mon, 07 Dec 2009 08:47:37 GMT  
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partition your hard drive backup all the files you want in the second partition and format the first partition.

Edit: didn't read other post so never mind lol

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Subject: Re: Question about upgrading to 7  
Posted by [slosha](#) on Tue, 08 Dec 2009 00:56:11 GMT  
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