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Windows XP Comparison Guide

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Windows XP Professional gives you all the benefits of Windows XP Home Edition, plus additional remote access, security, performance, manageability and multi-lingual features that make it the operating system of choice for businesses of all sizes and people who demand the most out of their computing experience.

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Features	Windows XP Home Edition	Windows XP Professional
All the features of Windows XP Home Edition		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ New user interface - makes it easy to find what you need when you need it. ■ A reliable foundation you can count on – keeps your computer up and running when you need it most. ■ Windows Media Player for Windows XP - single place for finding, playing, organizing, & storing digital media. ■ Network Setup Wizard - easily connect & share the computers and devices in your home. ■ Windows Messenger – the ultimate communications & collaboration tool with instant messaging, voice and video conferencing, and application sharing. ■ Help & Support Center - easy to recover from problems and get help and support when you need it. 	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Premier mobile support, providing access to information while you're on the go		
Advanced laptop support		

<p>(incl. ClearType support, DualView, power management improvements) - so you get as much work done while you are on the road as while you are in the office.</p>	●	●
<p>Wireless connections - automatic 802.1x wireless network configuration.</p>	●	●
<p>Remote Desktop – remotely access your Windows XP Professional PC, from another Windows PC, so you can work with all of your data and applications while away from your office.</p>	○	●
<p>Offline Files and Folders - access to files & folders on a network share when disconnected from the server.</p>	○	●
Highly responsive with the power to work on multiple tasks at once		
<p>Fast start-up & power management improvements - faster boot and resume times.</p>	●	●
<p>Multitasking - allow multiple applications to run simultaneously.</p>	●	●
<p>Scalable processor support – up to two-way multi-processor support.</p>	○	●
Keeps your data secure and maintains your privacy		
<p>Internet Connection Firewall - automatically shields your PC from unauthorized access when you're on the Internet.</p>	●	●
<p>Internet Explorer 6 privacy support - maintain control over your personal information when visiting Web sites.</p>	●	●
<p>Encrypting File System - protects sensitive data in files that are stored on disk using the NTFS file system.</p>	○	●
<p>Access Control – restrict access to selected files, applications, and other resources.</p>	○	●

Designed to work with Microsoft Windows Servers and management solutions

<p>Centralized administration - join Windows XP Professional systems to a Windows Server domain to take advantage of the full range of powerful management and security tools.</p>	○	●
<p>Group Policy - simplifies the administration of groups of users or computers.</p>	○	●
<p>Software Installation and Maintenance – automatically install, configure, repair, or remove software applications.</p>	○	●
<p>Roaming User Profiles - access to all your documents and settings no matter where you log on.</p>	○	●
<p>Remote Installation Service (RIS) – support for remote operating system installations where desktops can be installed across the network.</p>	○	●

Communicate efficiently with others around the world

<p>Single Worldwide Binary - enter text in any language and run any language version of Win32 applications on any language version of Windows XP.</p>	●	●
<p>Multi-lingual User Interface (MUI) add-on - change the user interface language to get localized dialog boxes, menus, help files, dictionaries, and proofing tools etc.</p>	○	●

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