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Welcome to Computer Bits, a series of articles on computers and network information. This month we'll take a small look at Microsoft's Windows Vista Operating System.

Let me start by saying that Microsoft has pushed the release of Windows Vista back to January 2007 to give them time to incorporate needed security enhancements. While this will cause some users to wait to buy a new system after the holidays, it is better that Microsoft incorporates the enhancements.

Microsoft is going to release five version of Windows Vista, two for the home users and three for the business users. I should say this is down from earlier reports of seven versions. The five versions are as follows:

1. Windows Vista Home Basic – for those home users who just want to do the basics with their computers.
2. Windows Vista Home Premium – for those home users that want to use their computers for home entertainment. Or if your computer is a notebook as the mobility features are in this version.
3. Windows Vista Business – for those business users that want to use a reliable and security business network. I should point out that the mobility features are built into the business versions.
4. Windows Vista Enterprise – for those business users that have large multi-site network.
5. Windows Vista Ultimate – for those users that want all of the best features of the home and business versions.

I know this is a brief description of each version and it will be interesting to see how Microsoft prices the five versions. I personally am looking forward to Windows Vista as it has almost been five years since Windows XP was released.

If you have a computer or network question you'd like answered and you think others would like to know the answer too, please forward them to me. My email address is meggert@wi.rr.com, my phone number is 262-679-7704 and my fax number is 262-679-7664.