

# Windows 7 confirmed for holiday season PCs

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(AP) -- Microsoft Corp. says Windows 7, the next version of its computer operating software, will go on sale Oct. 22.

Windows 7, which replaces the much-complained-about Windows Vista, will be available on new PCs. [Microsoft](#), the world's largest [software maker](#), will also sell versions that people can install on existing PCs.

Upgrades will be free for people who buy a new Windows Vista computer shortly before [Windows 7](#) arrives, though Microsoft did not say when the upgrade program begins. Microsoft also didn't say how much Windows 7 will cost.

The availability of Windows 7 in time for the holidays could boost PC sales, which have slowed in the recession.

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