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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.

Key: = Feature included = Feature not included

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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		

(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.		
Wireless connections - automatic 802.1x wireless network configuration.		
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.		
Offline Files and Folders - access to files & folders on a network share when disconnected from the server.		
Highly responsive with the power to work on multiple tasks at once		
Fast start-up & power management improvements - faster boot and resume times.		
Multitasking - allow multiple applications to run simultaneously.		
Scalable processor support – up to two-way multi-processor support.		
Keeps your data secure and maintains your privacy		
Internet Connection Firewall - automatically shields your PC from unauthorized access when you're on the Internet.		
Internet Explorer 6 privacy support - maintain control over your personal information when visiting Web sites.		
Encrypting File System - protects sensitive data in files that are stored on disk using the NTFS file system.		
Access Control – restrict access to selected files, applications, and other resources.		

Designed to work with Microsoft Windows Servers and management solutions

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.	○	●
Group Policy - simplifies the administration of groups of users or computers.	○	●
Software Installation and Maintenance – automatically install, configure, repair, or remove software applications.	○	●
Roaming User Profiles - access to all your documents and settings no matter where you log on.	○	●
Remote Installation Service (RIS) – support for remote operating system installations where desktops can be installed across the network.	○	●

Communicate efficiently with others around the world

Single Worldwide Binary - enter text in any language and run any language version of Win32 applications on any language version of Windows XP.	●	●
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.	○	●

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