



## Windows 7 Upgrade Paths

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### Abstract

This document outlines supported and unsupported upgrade paths for editions of the Windows® 7 operating system.



#### Notes

- For a complete view of Windows 7 resources, articles, demos, and guidance, please visit the [Springboard Series for Windows 7](#) on the Windows Client TechCenter.
- For a Web version of this document, see [Windows 7 Upgrade Paths](#) in the Windows Client TechCenter Library.

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## Unsupported Upgrade Scenarios

- Upgrades to Windows 7 from the following operating systems are not supported:
  - Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows Millennium Edition, Windows XP, Windows Vista® RTM, Windows Vista Starter, Windows 7 M3, Windows 7 Beta, Windows 7 RC, or Windows 7 IDS
  - Windows NT® Server 4.0, Windows 2000 Server, Windows Server® 2003, Windows Server 2008, or Windows Server 2008 R2
- Cross-architecture in-place upgrades (for example, x86 to x64) are not supported.
- Cross-language in-place upgrades (for example, en-us to de-de) are not supported.
- Cross-SKU upgrades (for example, Windows 7 N to Windows 7 K) are not supported.
- Upgrades from Windows Vista to Windows N, Windows K, Windows KN, or Windows E are not supported.
- Cross-build type in-place upgrades (for example, fre to chk) are not supported.
- Pre-release in-place upgrades across milestones (for example, Windows 7 RC to Windows 7 RTM) are not supported.

## Supported Upgrade Scenarios

From Windows Vista (SP1, SP2)	Upgrade to Windows 7
Business	Professional, Enterprise, Ultimate
Enterprise	Enterprise
Home Basic	Home Basic, Home Premium, Ultimate
Home Premium	Home Premium, Ultimate
Ultimate	Ultimate

From Windows 7	Upgrade to Windows 7
Enterprise	Enterprise
Home Basic	Home Basic
Home Premium	Home Premium
Professional	Professional
Starter (x86 only)	Starter (x86)
Ultimate	Ultimate

From Windows 7	Anytime Upgrade to Windows 7
Home Basic	Home Premium, Professional, Ultimate
Home Premium	Professional, Ultimate
Professional	Ultimate
Starter	Home Premium, Professional, Ultimate