

## Re: Is Office 2007 better than Office 2003?

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Considering the exemplary performance of the suite I've been seeing under Vista I have to wonder if Office 2007 with the new OS than it does with WinXP. I also suspect that the appearance of the Office 2007 apps may meld better with Vista's desktop / themes than it does with those of WinXP. I do find it interesting that Microsoft chose to give the suite its own color scheme, but I don't find it jarring. The software works well for me. As with any complex software there are always features that one wishes worked in a different manner. I've always found what I consider to be an extreme amount of focus up front on the appearance of documents. I would prefer establishing the the more substantive elements of the content of a document before worrying about making it visually appealing, but the paradigm of making (or at least encouraging) you choose how you want an idea to look as you formulate it is pretty common in document preparation software these days. I find it irksome, but I deal with it.

"hel@xxxxxxx" wrote:

I saw it. I'm not that impressed. It's pretty slow to start the first time, maybe 10 seconds (Outlook, vs. 2002, where it was ready after it was clicked). Then, it can still be slow when you move to your first folder. If you pre-load it in startup (I think it does that by default?) it may not be so bad. It picks up to normal eventually, except for typing. Typing is always slower than it seems it should be. It's a bit better with all muck-with-your-stuff-as-you-type disabled, but it still lags (assuming you can type faster than you can talk; maybe you won't notice). [Machine used was 2GB/2.5GHz X2] Color clash is still there (most Windows apps fail here). Set to a black theme (desktop XP and the new black Outlook theme), and there's still a lot of WHITE, e.g., an empty preview pane area on the right shows as a big block of empty white. The mail headers are also WHITE (off-white) and the text color used is the same as the dialog box

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(3d object) and so clashes if you have anything but the stock—standard, default XP theme (with white windows and black text). And the text font in the header can't be changed from what I can tell; it's way too small. All in all, I was not that impressed at all (with Outlook). Lots and lots of irksome problems — problems that won't be going away, and I can't list them all.

Save—as PDF is good; not configurable as a true distiller, but as a free cookie tossed in, good enough for everyday use. Puts Adobe out of the PDF business... or will if people stop buying Acrobat (et al.) and buy O7.

I just expected better, but it's windows software, and that means cheap software (well, in the broad sense), so you gets whats you pays for — mostly works but never the way you want, or expect.

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