

Vista is a dud...

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512MB of memory just to have glass effects on your OS! The only people who will have Vista is folks who get it bundled on their system when they buy it – which means folks will eventually transfer to it – but it will not equal Windows 95 by a long shot.

And then there is the "new" DRM stuff –

The real weak link in all of this stuff from Microsoft is the fact that human beings experience the world in an analog fashion. The sound we hear – no matter how well protected has to be converted to an audible signal and the video we see has to be converted to a visual one – no amount of digital protection will stop a fully protected device from displaying its picture and speakers producing their sound.

I have an inline scan converter that the VGA output from the computer attaches to – and then passes on to the computer. While inside the little gizmo – it splits the video out to a NTSC standard output I have attached to the VCR/DVD recorder. I bought a signal splitter for \$2.00 for the audio and run one line into the VCR/DVD and the other into the computer. Slower method of capture of course – real-time, instead of just capturing bits – but works fine.

The articles I have read have stated Microsoft might fudge up the picture so that HDTV quality would not be there – but would equal DVD-quality at present-levels. I can live with that.

This "new" scheme is just that – a new "scheme" – the articles have stated it will only work on Windows Media – so Microsoft is probably salivating on how much money they can make selling something that will not work – just as surely as DRM does not. Yes it works digitally – but again folks live in an analog world and it does not work. Being doing this for years with internet audio I wanted to capture – just hook the audio out into my Dolby Digital Tape Recorder and capture on metal oxide tape with excellent sound – and digital too!!

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a fools game from Microsoft on DRM

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