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- *From:* "Suzanne S. Barnhill" <sbarnhill@xxxxxxxx>
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Do you now consider it an "upgrade"?

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"Herb Tyson [MVP]" <herb@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:06A410AE-3E0E-478B-9F14-7322BA4F36F2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

That's correct. And, at the time, I'm not sure I would have used the word "upgrade"... more like "install and use" ;-)

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IIRC, Herb said that when he was taking screen shots for his Word 2007 Bible, MS Press insisted that they be made in Vista, so he had little choice but to upgrade.

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"Lee" <bunwillis@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:A14C5870-6431-4732-8828-2FA863D594CD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks for your very polite and helpful input, Herb. I have
not

deployed

Vista yet because of the unavailability of drivers for so many
things.

The

Upgrade Analyser is another joke. It leads one to believe that
his or
her
system is all ready for Vista, then in the area of drivers and

compatibility

of other software, it makes some vague references to
checking with the
vendors. I find that very misleading, to say the least. I
understand

that

Bill Gates has been pleading with the third party vendors to
upgrade
their
drivers and non-compatible programs. That is a good start
but I have
been
waiting until the Vista OS is really supported by most third
party
vendors
before putting my systems into a tizzy. I also run three
systems here

at

home and I build new systems for clients. My experiences
with XP, when

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it
was brand new, have made me more than a little reluctant to
step out of

the

pot into the kettle with Vista, although I would enjoy some
of the new
features.. LOL Have a nice day.

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Lee0078

"Herb Tyson [MVP]" wrote:

Hi, Lee,

I'm mostly using Vista, so I've no clue about
OE's spelling. Vista

uses

Windows Mail instead of OE, and handles
spelling just fine (and I've

kept

Word 2003 and its proofing tools on my
Windows XP machines, so I
haven't
noticed anything missing).

But, using Word 2007's spelling checker, I'm
not seeing what you're

seeing.

It's not tagging correctly spelled words
incorrectly and ignoring
misspellings. Spelling, for what it's worth, is
working fine here --
and

we

have Office 2007 installed on four different
computers -- two running

Vista,

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and two running Windows XP. On three of these, I use English,

Spanish,

and

French proofing tools, and all are working correctly.

As for the grammar checker being a joke... I agree completely, but

it's

nothing new. I've never seen any version of Word's (or any other

program's)

grammar checker that's even worth turning on. I suspect that

artificial

intelligence is still a decade or more away from being able to be

helpful in

the grammar department. The new "contextual spelling" checker is

about

the

only useful new spelling/grammar feature, since it does seem to flag

some

words that are used incorrectly. Even the contextual checker,

however,

misses a lot more than it catches.

I've never been what could be described as a "loyal Microsoft

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customer."

I'm

a critical consumer. I get annoyed and frustrated, just like anyone

else,

but I like to dig until I find a solution to any given problem, or until

I

hit a brick wall. I suspect that most other MVPs are very much the same.

Office 2007 has its good points, and its bad points. But, at this

point

for

me, it has enough good points that I've chosen to stick with it.

Good points for me include: instant search in Outlook, more robust

file

formats (harder to break and accidentally corrupt), live preview

formatting,

better chart/graphics creation tools, the ability to blog (with

automatic

picture handling) directly from Word, much better equation editor,

better

ability to set Word-wide formatting defaults, bibliography feature in

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Word,

use of themes and style sets, and the addition
of trusted locations

(which

makes working with macros a LOT less
frustrating).

Bad points include: lack of customizability
in the UI, less

accessible

style

tools in Word, still-broken numbering and
master document features,

horribly

confusing handling/finding/setting of
options, and too many features

that

are buried too far down in the UI, requiring
many more steps to

access

than

in Office 2003. Much of this I can solve with
the QAT and custom

keyboard

assignments, easing the frustration a bit for
me personally.

Under Vista, the file dialogs are now all
integrated into the OS,
making

it

ridiculously easy to add frequently-accessed
folders to the Favorite

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Links

area (Vista's replacement for the Places feature). This, along with

other

new features in Vista, adds immeasurably to my own productivity and how

I

work, making a Vista/Office 2007 combination a net productivity

booster

for

me.

But, as in all things computing-wise, YMMV. If I were still using

Windows XP

(it's what I use on my laptop when traveling), I suspect I wouldn't

be

quite

so sanguine about Office 2007 (except for Outlook 2007, which IMO is

vastly

improved over 2003).

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