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Yep. Maybe that's why some folks say they were "conned" into switching to Vista. ;-)

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Sounds like a pretty long list of cons. But more incentive for me to just upgrade this machine to XP rather than get a new one with Vista installed (though I'll still do that down the road a piece).

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In some ways, yes. In others, no. I really like the ease of working with Windows Explorer in Vista, and its integration into the Office 2007 file dialogs. I've also grown to like the look of the Aero Glass display. Networking is also much less hassle than I've had in any other version of Windows. In fact, it was no hassle at all. It simply worked without my having to jump through hoops. I like the way Windows Update works in Vista—fewer problems than in XP (for me, anyway).

On the other hand, the IntelliPoint and IntelliType drivers for mouse &

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keyboard are AWFUL, particularly the mouse driver. Zooming does not work correctly, and I basically scrapped my Laser Mouse 6000 because so much about it didn't work. I've replaced the IntelliPoint driver with something called X-Mouse. It's not great, but at least it works.

MSFeedsSync.exe crashes 5 to 10 times a day. No clue why. I keep googling for a solution but nothing I've seen/tried has fixed it yet.

I've tried several times to upgrade my C: partition from Premium to Ultimate. But, it fails without saying why.

Other hardware, such as my DVico HDTV device is only partially supported, and freezes/crashes at odd times.

And UAC is a real pain in the posterior. It constantly asks permission for this and that. I don't feel more secure, just more annoyed.

Also, frequently, Vista sits here and denies me access to various

folders --

for no good reason I can fathom. Some, I can whittle away at and

eventually

gain access. Others, however, steadfastly remain beyond reach (even when I gave up and turned UAC off).

So... yes and no. :-)

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> Do you now consider it an "upgrade"?

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>> 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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>> "Suzanne S. Barnhill" <sbarnhill@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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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
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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

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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
>> >> 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.
>> >> -- >> >> Lee0078
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>> >> "Herb Tyson [MVP]" wrote:
>> >>
>> >> > Hi, Lee,
>> >> >
>> >> > I'm mostly using Vista, so I've no clue about OE's spelling. >> >> >
Vista
> uses

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>>>> 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).

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>>>> 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,

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

> Spanish,

>>> and

>>>> French proofing tools, and all are working correctly.

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>>>> 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.

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

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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

>> > 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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news:50FFA4D8-20FE-4F06-A61C-BC5C3BF4C37B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>>>>>> The Office 2007 software suite is a productivity stopper.
> First
>> it
>>>>>> only
>>>>>> provides a French dictionary for OE7. Then while in Word

2007,

>>> both
>>>>>> the
>>>>>> English grammar and spell checkers are very poor. It tags
> simple
>>>>>> english
>>>>>> words as incorrect and misspellings of simple three letter
>>>>>> words
>>>>>> as
>>>>>> correct.
>>>>>> The grammar checker is simply a joke. The spell checker is

an

>>>>>>> even
>>>>>>> worse
>>>>>>> joke on Microsoft's loyal customers. Fire the fools that
>>> signed-off on
>>>>>>> this
>>>>>>> conglomeration of bad programs.
>>>>>>> Speaking from 30 plus years experience developing
government
>>> command
>>>>>>> and
>>>>>>> control software, I would have been fired for fielding this
> bundle
>>> of
>>>>>>> useless
>>>>>>> zeros and ones. Although I have been a loyal Microsoft
>>>>>>> customer
>>> since
>>>>>>> its
>>>>>>> beginning, I am very angry about this.
>>>>>>> -->>>>>>> Lee0078
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