

Windows XP the Best Operating System of All Time

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Introduction

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Codename Whistler

In the beginning Microsoft started out with the projects codenamed Neptune and Odyssey in the late 90's. One was for business (Odyssey) the other was for home users (Neptune). The Windows 9.x family was MS-DOS based and Microsoft wanted to ditch DOS for good, so they were going to base both them off of the business based Windows NT family. Neptune was going to be the first home-user OS from Microsoft where it wasn't going to be using DOS as a base on the OS. Then those plans were put on hold because they decided to launch the short lived Windows Me OS (which was based on DOS). So then in the year 2000 Microsoft decided to merge the two projects together and make the codename Whistler, Which they named after one of their favorite ski resort towns in the great country of Canada. Then in February 2001 Microsoft announced that they would be calling the consumer (later on all of them) version Windows XP (which was short for experience because it was so different).

A New Design

The design was different than the “traditional” Windows design since Windows 95. This made the OS easier to use, looked more inviting, and a whole bunch of other features. One features everyone loved is that it supported more media than previous versions of Windows. One of the neat features they came out with after the release was Windows Media Center (Media Center for short). One of the features Media Center had was the ability to use your PC to record and watch TV, play music, play games, and be able to use your PC with a remote if you had the hardware to hook it up to your TV. (Callaham, 2014)

New Problems. One of the problems that Windows XP had was security issues and that is one of the reasons why Microsoft finally discontinued it. One of the reasons why it was such a security risk is that unlike other OSes that had user accounts that had limited system access to the system settings the user accounts on the older versions of Windows had system level access and Windows had other things like auto play enabled by default allowing viruses to be ran automatically from a program. The internet contributed to that to by allowing hackers to send viruses overs peoples’ new and fast internet. (Hoffman, 2013)

Windows XP in Popular Culture. Lots of people remember that hill you know that hill. Not even the photographer Charles O’Rear knew it was going to be that famous. He also stated that, “billions of people have seen it,” (Diaz, 2014). Most people don’t even know where Bliss was taken in Napa Valley, CA.

Windows XP Legacy. This OS left a left a legacy no other PCs can beat. It was the lasted for 13 years which is longer than any other OS around. In fact many places still use Windows XP like Eastern Europe (Farrell, 2015). Even though places still rely on XP and still use it despite its security issues people know it is stable. It got discontinued on April 8th, 2014. The reason why

Microsoft discontinued it is because it is like that old car you have there will be a point that you cannot repair it so that is what happened to XP.

Conclusion

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