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Windows Professional Feature Comparison By Version		XP Professional	Vista Business*	7 Professional
Category	Feature			
<b>Networking</b>	Domain Support	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Home Group Network Support	No	No	Yes
	Offline Files/Folders	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Remote Desktop Host	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Network Projector	No	Yes	Yes
	Location Aware Printing	No	No	Yes
	IIS Web Server	DL	DL	Yes
	<b>Security</b>	File System Encryption (EFS)	Yes	Yes
	UAC	No	Yes	Yes
	Granular UAC	No	No	Yes
	Defender	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Firewall	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Parental Controls	No	No	Yes
	Windows Update	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Data Execution Protection	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Smart Card Support	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Biometric Support	No	No	Yes

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<b>Reliability</b>	Local Backup	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Network Backup	No	Yes	Yes
	Shadow Copy	Yes	Yes	Yes
	System Imaging	No	Yes	Yes
	Automatic Defragmentation	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Performance</b>	ReadyDrive	No	Yes	Yes
	ReadyBoost	No	Yes	Yes
	SuperFetch	No	Yes	Yes
	64-bit version	Yes	Yes	Yes
	GB RAM Support (32-bit)	4	4	4
	GB RAM Support (64-bit)	128	128	192
	Multi-Processor Support	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Utilities</b>	Windows Virtual PC	No	No	Yes
	Windows XP Mode	No	No	Yes
	PowerShell	DL	DL	Yes
	XPS document Support	No	Yes	Yes
	Windows Fax and Scan	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Problem Steps Recorder	No	No	Yes

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<b>Mobility</b>	Tablet PC Support	No	Yes	Yes	
	Multi-Touch	No	No	Yes	
	Windows Mobility Center	No	Yes	Yes	
	Sync Center	No	Yes	Yes	
	Sideshow	No	Yes	Yes	
	Presentation Mode	No	Yes	Yes	
	Mobile Broadband Support	No	No	Yes	
<b>User Interface</b>	Desktop Search	DL	Yes	Yes	
	Libraries	No	No	Yes	
	Aero Shake	No	No	Yes	
	Jump Lists	No	No	Yes	
	Snap	No	No	Yes	
	Windows Touch	No	Yes	Yes	
	Live Taskbar	No	Yes	Yes	
	Desktop Search	DL	Yes	Yes	
	Windows Flip	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Windows Flip 3D	No	Yes	Yes	
	<b>Multimedia</b>	Media Player	Yes	Yes	Yes
		Media Center	No	No	Yes
DVD Playback		Yes	Yes	Yes	
DVD Creation		No	No	Yes	
Premium Games		No	Yes	Yes	

\*In Vista, the Business edition is the equivalent of the Professional editions in XP and 7.

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