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How is Windows 7 Behaving?

According to CNET; "It's stable, smooth, and highly polished, introducing new graphical features, a new taskbar that can compete handily with the Mac OS X, and device management and security enhancements that make it both easier to use and safer." The upgrade procedure is different depending on whether you're running Windows XP or Windows Vista. Vista users merely need to back up their data before choosing the Upgrade option from the install disc. Both XP Home and XP Pro users will have to back up their data, then choose Custom from the install disc. Custom will have the same effect as a clean install, although it'll save your old data in a folder called Windows.old. Once you choose Custom, you'll need to select the partition of your hard drive that contains Windows XP, and then follow the instructions to enter your product key and allow the computer to reboot as needed. I have heard war stories of upgrading from WXP but supposedly it can be done.

Transferring Email To A New Provider:

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