

I heard that Rockwell Collins is converting to Windows 7 operating system. They tell me it is a solid operating system and I trust their judgment.

I will now plan to convert my PCs. Because I have XP, it is not a straight-forward process. It looks like upgrading from Vista to Windows 7 is an easier process (easier if you know what you're doing). Read the following article for more information regarding upgrading from XP or Vista to Windows 7:

<http://www.tomshardware.com/news/windows-xp-7-upgrade-vista,6965.html>

If you think you want or need to upgrade to Windows 7, you really should run their upgrade advisor first to see if your PC is ready or what needs to be done to make it compatible. Go to:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=1b544e90-7659-4bd9-9e51-2497c146af15&displaylang=en> and follow the instructions to download the advisor. DO NOT just go out

and buy Windows 7 without running this test!!

As I understand it, Windows XP is planned to be supported until 2012, Vista will be supported for at least 5 more years. So, it is not necessary for you to upgrade until that support stops. Most, if not all, new PCs are now sold with Windows 7 unless special ordered. Your choices are Home Premium, Professional, and Ultimate. For most of you, the Home Premium should be adequate. If you require access to your PC from another PC (known as remote desktop connection), you will need Professional. I don't believe anyone with a home PC will require Ultimate. Note that there are 2 types of each - one is a full installation and the other an upgrade. Prices are different! Also read the following article:

http://www.suburbanchicagonews.com/beaconnews/business/1865366,2_3_AU05_SPERACOL_S1-091105.article

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