

R&D Subcommittee

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IT News and Tips



Nortel Networks announced the sale of the majority of its Enterprise Solutions unit to Avaya for \$475 million

The Avaya logo, consisting of the word "AVAYA" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

Microsoft and Yahoo announced a 10-year pact where Microsoft will power Yahoo search.

Bing is the "exclusive algorithmic search and paid search platform for Yahoo sites".

Yahoo is the worldwide sales force for both companies.
Some Yahoo engineers may move to Microsoft

The Yahoo! logo, featuring the word "YAHOO!" in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a white outline and a registered trademark symbol.

The Google logo, featuring the word "Google" in its characteristic multi-colored font (blue, red, yellow, blue, green, red).

Google said on 7/7/09 that it intends to create its own computer operating system (Chrome OS). The OS is aimed at netbooks and would be an "open source" project built with and by many developers. Expect it late 2010.

IT News

The official date on which Windows 7 will be available for general purchase is October 22, 2009
Businesses will be able to downgrade to Vista or XP until April 2011



A study in Virginia revealed a driver who also texts is 23 more likely to cause an accident. Compare this to the 10 times more likely while DUI.

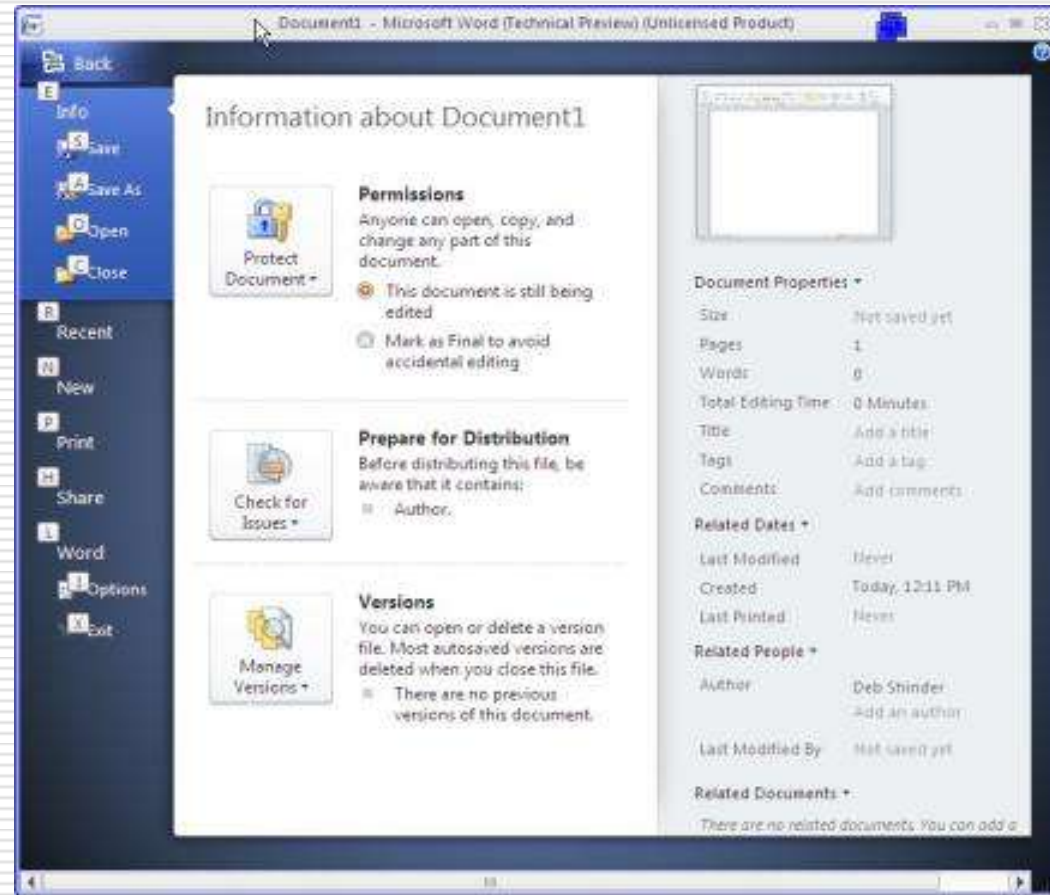
Desktop market share for April 2009 ^[1]
Total Windows - 87.90%
Windows XP - 62.21%
Windows Vista - 23.90%
Windows 2000 - 1.15%
Windows 7 - 0.24%
Windows 98 - 0.17%
Windows NT - 0.11%
Windows Me - 0.11%
Windows CE - 0.05%
Non-Windows - 12.10%

New products – Office 2010



To help with the familiar “file in use” message, Office 2010 does away with it. Two people can edit a document simultaneously. A notification in the status bar tells you who else is currently editing the document, and where they’re making changes.

Word can also cache shared documents so you can edit them when you’re offline, and any changes you make will automatically be synchronized with the original on the server when you come back online.



New products



Google Wave:

A "personal communication and collaboration tool" announced on 27 May 2009. It is a [web based service](#) and [computing platform](#) designed to merge [e-mail](#), [instant messaging](#), [wiki](#), and [social networking](#).

New products – Ergonomic keyboards



1. Kynesis Advantage/Advantage Pro



2. Kynesis Freestyle VIP



3. Kynesis Maxim

4. Adesso Tru-Form
5. Goldtouch Go!
6. Logitech Cordless Desktop Wave
7. Fentek Comfort Keyboard System
8. Fentek Keyboard Control Foot Pedals
9. orbiTouch Keyless Ergonomic keyboard
10. SafeType

Prices range from \$100 to \$400

IT Stats



2009 PC sales in units: 287.3 million units shipped.