

## Willie's Wonkey Computer Factory

What is so wrong with Vista that so many refuse to use it and hang on to XP like their lives depend on it?? **Nothing.** Vista is a breath of fresh air. Yes it needs loads of memory, yes it needs new drivers for all those 'peripherals' and no, your old scanner will never work. I have used Vista for over a year now and love it, it is safe, secure, stable, has terrific parental control and it sorts out its own problems - without leaving you no other option than pulling the plug out the wall! The problem with Vista is, its release was delayed and ran over by 5 years. By this time everyone was an 'expert' in XP, and now just refuses to let go. XP is not an old friend, XP is just old. The Vista replacement 'Windows 7' is already available as a 'Beta' for download and testing. Apparently it achieves everything Vista didn't and when it goes live later this year (October!!), XP will be put to rest with support/upgrades/downloads etc from Microsoft all drying up. So if you resolutely refuse to give up on XP, you had better start storing away all your downloads, discs, serial numbers etc because when it starts to go wrong.....you will be on your own.

If you are considering buying a new computer this summer, either wait for Windows 7, or make sure that as part of your deal you get a free upgrade later on. Don't get left behind.

Most people are by now well aware of YouTube. There are fabulous videos posted and I've spent many a happy hour surfing freely. ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search on 'skateboarding dog' or 'diet coke and mentos'.) YouTube also serves as an excellent juke-box, not just for the video content, but also for the 'live' version of a song that's just not available elsewhere. Invest in a decent set of 2.1 speakers for your computer. It is capable of producing fantastic quality sound and a sub woofer lifts it to a different level. Trust me, for £25 - you will not be disappointed - your neighbours most certainly will be, so please use them responsibly.

[www.videojug.com](http://www.videojug.com) on the other hand hosts an equally impressive collection. The difference being that all their videos are factual and or educational. You can learn anything from videojug, their recipe section alone is outstanding! Happy eating!

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