

Personal Computer News and Notes

Office XP and Windows XP Help You Do The Things You Do Most

(NAPSA)—The bottom line is you're busy. Unfortunately, for many of us, that doesn't change much. Keeping your software current is one way to keep your computer system updated. Compare how you use your computer today with how you used it just three years ago: Now, you need quick and easy access to the Internet. You need the option to work from home. You need to stay informed on important issues. And you need to stay in touch with family and friends.

You're not alone. Following are some tips to help you find the right kind of software to address these issues.

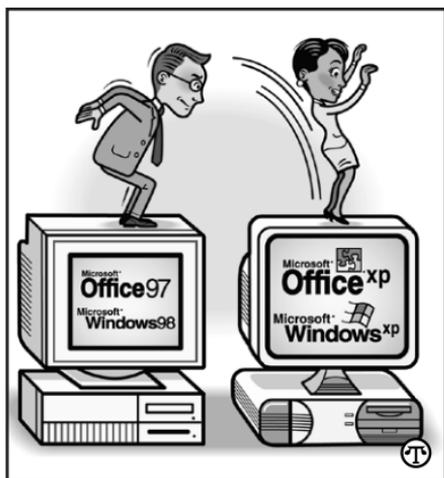
Top Reasons for Using a Personal Computer

In a recent poll conducted by Harris Interactive Inc. with 1,000 computer users, nearly half cited the Internet and e-mail as their main reasons for using a personal computer. The second most popular reason for using a PC was to have the flexibility to work at home. In addition, nearly 75 percent of respondents said their home computer helps them learn and stay informed.

How Do You Know What to Buy?

In a market burgeoning with software options, how do you know what to buy? A good place to start is by checking well-known resources in the computer world, such as *ZDNet* and *PC Magazine*.

In its 2001 Holiday Guide, *ZDNet* featured Microsoft Office XP Standard as its top software choice. *ZDNet* claimed that "Microsoft Office is arguably the best and most popular office suite in the world—with good reason" and that "it ships with four bread-and-butter applications." In addition, *ZDNet* said, "all the apps integrate even more seamlessly with Microsoft Windows and with one another." (<http://www.zdnet.com/special/holiday2001/software.html>)



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PC Magazine named Office XP and the Windows XP operating system among the best software products of 2001. The magazine said that Office XP "is a case of substance over flash" and that Office XP and Windows XP are both "significantly easier to use." (<http://www.pcmag.com/article/0,2997,s%253D1590%2526a%253D19743,00.asp>)

The Tools for Today's Computer

Together, Office XP and Windows XP deliver a powerful combination to help you get the most from the Internet, provide you with the tools you need to work from home and deliver features to keep you in touch. With Office XP features such as Send for Review and Task Panes, and Windows XP features such as Internet Explorer 6, Remote Desktop and Windows Messenger, you can more easily do the things you do most.

You can get complete details on how Windows XP and Office XP help you quickly and easily do the things you do most on your computer by visiting Microsoft's Office (www.microsoft.com/office/) and Windows (www.microsoft.com/windows/) Web sites.