

Which version of the Windows operating system am I running?

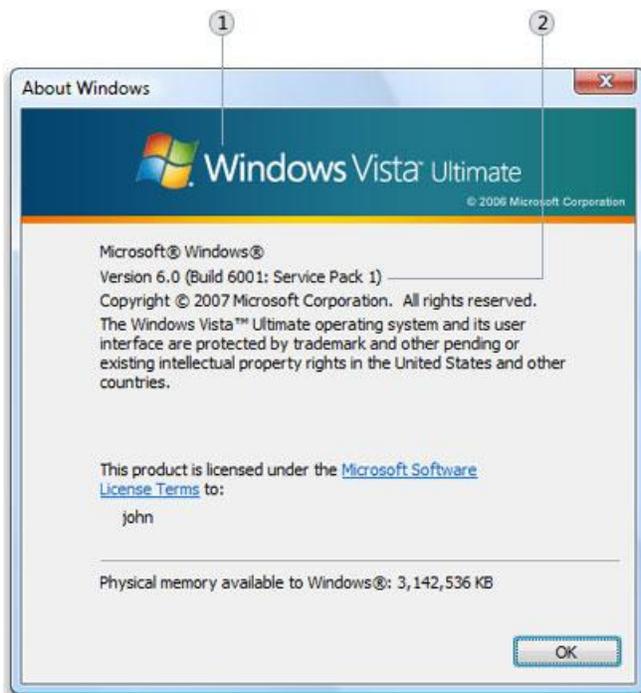
Finding out which version of Windows you're running can help you determine compatibility with certain hardware and software that you may wish to install on your computer. Here's how to check what version you have on your PC:

- Click the **Start** button , type **winver** in the search box, and then press Enter.



Note:

*If the steps above don't work on your computer, you might be running a previous version of Windows. To check, click **Start**, click **Run**, type **winver**, and then press Enter.*



- ① Windows version
- ② Service pack number (if any)

The About Windows window showing Windows Vista Ultimate edition with Service Pack 1

This window displays the version and edition of Windows you're running. Each version of Windows comes in different editions with different features. This window also displays a service pack number if your version of Windows has been upgraded with a service pack.



- ① Windows version
- ② Service pack number (if any)

The About Windows window showing Windows XP Professional edition with Service Pack 3



- ① Windows version
- ② Service pack number (if any)

The About Windows window showing Windows 7 Home Premium edition

Each version and edition of Windows also comes in a 32-bit or 64-bit version. To find out what version you're running, please see below to determine whether you are running a 64-bit or 32-bit version of Windows.

Is my PC running the 32-bit or 64-bit version of Windows?

The terms 32-bit and 64-bit refer to the way a computer's processor (also called a CPU), handles information. The 64-bit version of Windows handles large amounts of random access memory (RAM) more effectively than the 32-bit version. Follow the steps in the sections below to find out if your PC is running the 32-bit or 64-bit version of Windows and what edition of Windows is on your PC.

Computers running Windows XP

- Click Start, right-click My Computer, and then click Properties.
 - If "x64 Edition" is listed under System, you're running the 64-bit version of Windows XP.
 - If you don't see "x64 Edition" listed under System, you're running the 32-bit version of Windows XP.

The edition of Windows XP you're running is displayed under System near the top of the window.

Computers running Windows Vista or Windows 7

- Click the Start button , right-click Computer, and then click Properties.
 - If "64-bit Operating System" is listed next to System type, you're running the 64-bit version of Windows Vista or Windows 7.
 - If "32-bit Operating System" is listed next to System type, you're running the 32-bit version of Windows Vista or Windows 7.

The edition of Windows Vista or Windows 7 you're running is displayed under Windows edition near the top of the window.