

Windows 7

What Vista should have been...

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Objectives for the Workshop

- Review the new features of Windows 7 (Win7)
- See how Win7 makes it easier to get work done on your computer

Advantages of Win7

- Starts and shuts down faster
- Runs faster
- More stable and more secure
- Searches quicker
- Manage open windows with fewer clicks
- Allows files from different drives to be managed in same folder (a library)
- Easier home networking (if all computers are Win7)

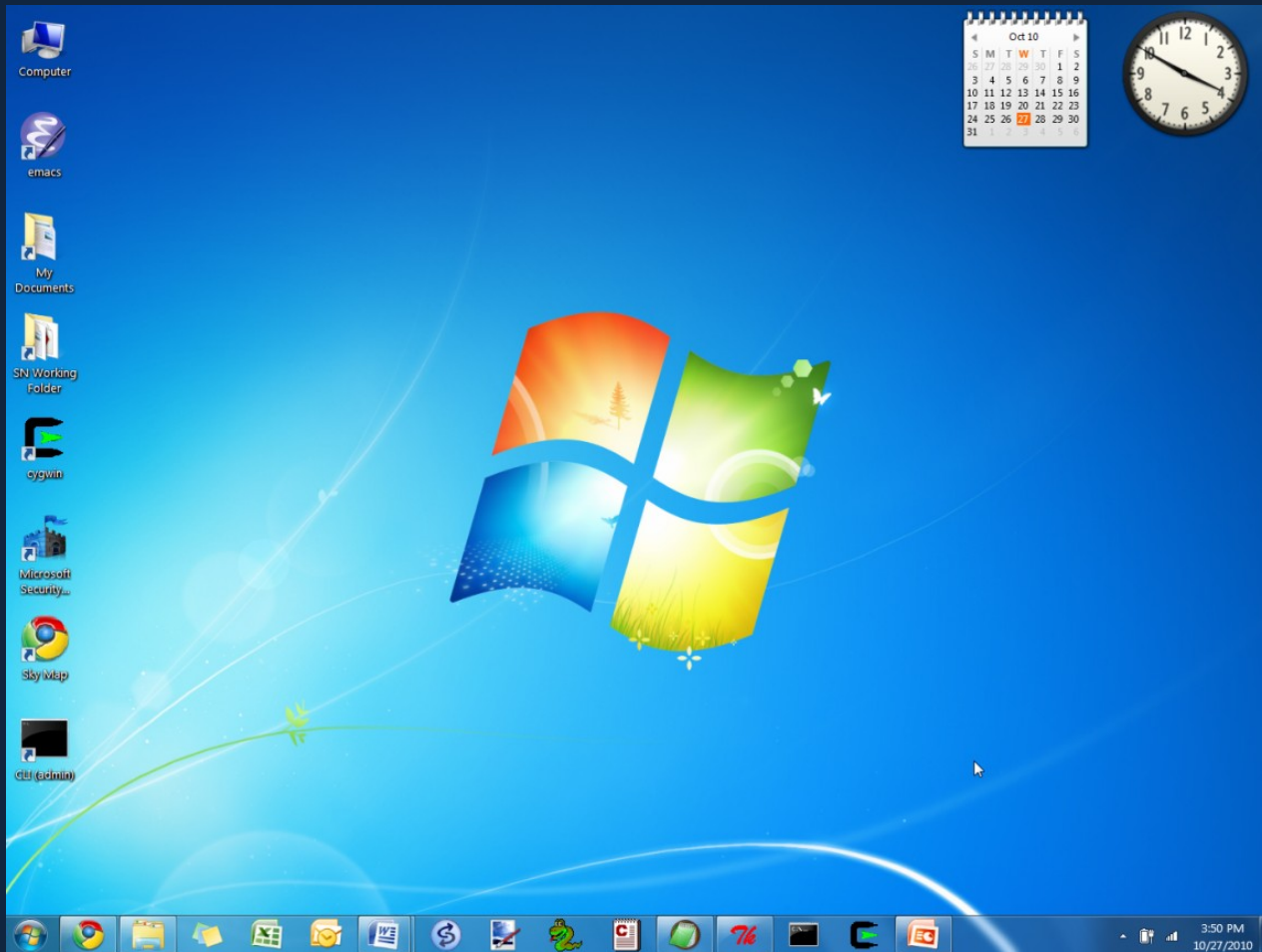
New features in Win7

- Faster ways to organize and find files and apps
- Enhanced taskbar
- Pinning apps to Start Menu and taskbar
- Jump Lists
- Folder libraries
- Aero Snap, Aero Shake, and Aero Peek
- Improved home networking

Features No Longer in Win7

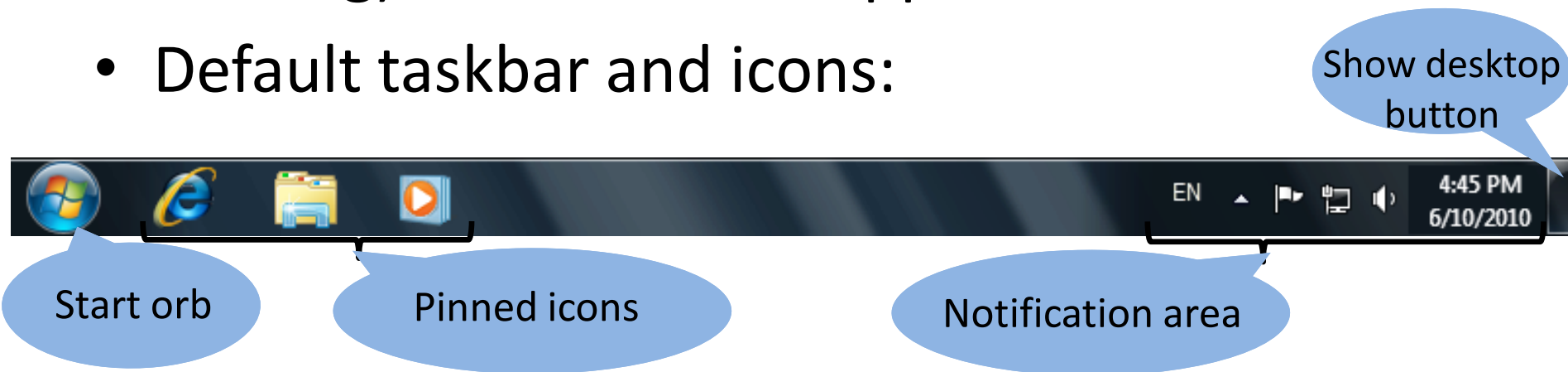
- Windows Mail, Windows Photo Gallery, Windows Movie Maker, Windows Calendar – replaced by free downloads called Windows Live Essentials
- Quick Launch toolbar
- Sidebar on desktop

The Win7 Desktop



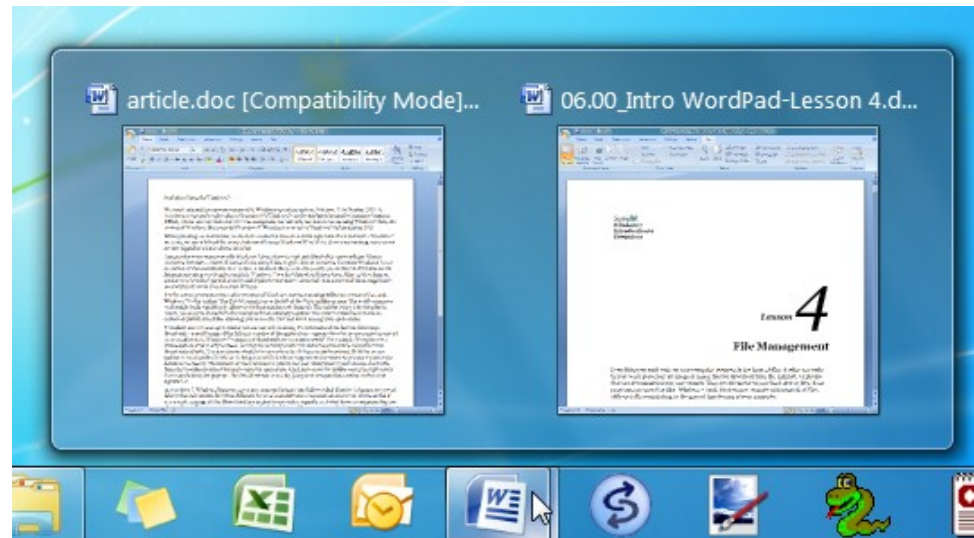
Enhanced Taskbar

- Application icons can be pinned (attached) to taskbar
- Once pinned, icon stays on taskbar for easy access even if application is not running
- Clicking icon launches application (if not running) or switches to application
- Default taskbar and icons:



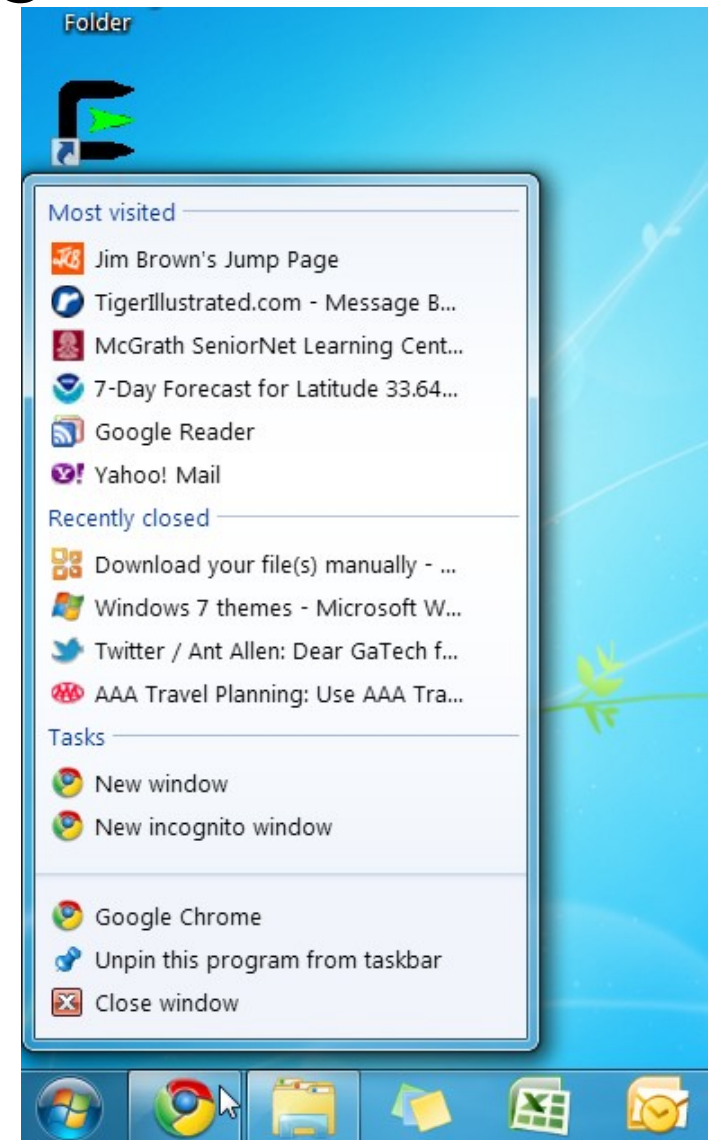
Enhanced Taskbar (continued)

- Hovering mouse pointer over an icon produces a thumbnail for each file running under the icon's application (see figure below)
- Hovering over a thumbnail makes it full size
- File can be closed from the thumbnail



Jump Lists

- Right clicking a taskbar icon produces a jump list of options and recently opened items
- See example at right for Google Chrome browser



Do you need to upgrade to Win7?

1. How old is your computer?
2. Are you dissatisfied with how fast your computer does the things you do with it?
3. Do you depend on Microsoft technical support to help you with problems?
4. Are you planning to do more complicated things with your computer in the future?
5. Are you concerned about losing important information due to viruses or identity theft?

Which version of Win7?

- Versions: Home Premium, Professional, Ultimate
- For most users, Home Premium.
- If you need to connect to a domain-based network (usually a company network) or need to run XP in virtual mode to run some of your older software, Professional.
- If you need to change language of your operating system, Ultimate.

For XP Users

- If your computer is less than 5 years old, you should consider upgrading to Win7 because Win7 is:
 - more secure than XP
 - as fast as or faster than XP
 - and Microsoft has stopped supporting XP
- The bad news: No “automatic” upgrade from XP to Win7. Requires clean install of Win7, which means re-installing all your application software.