

## Windows Vista Migration

The campus will start moving to the next Windows Operating System, Vista, in the summer of 2009.

### Why are we moving to Windows Vista?

Microsoft has stopped full support for XP which is the current operating system on the campus today. The newest operating system, Vista, has been available for over two years.

The advantages of Vista include:

- Improved performance and start up times
- Improved wireless and syncing for laptops
- Improved security, i.e. fewer viruses and malware
- Better search and organization tools
- Easier access to information and applications
- More sophisticated graphics

### Which computers will be impacted and when is the rollout date?

The rollout of Vista will begin in June 2009 with this upcoming year's faculty and staff refresh systems. All instructor stations and lab computers will have Windows Vista starting Fall 2009.

### Why are we upgrading to Vista when there have been problems?

Windows Vista had many issues when it first came out in January 2007. However, these issues have been resolved with the current release of Service Pack 1 back in April 2008 and we are confident that it is a stable system.

### How has IITS made sure Windows Vista will work on campus?

IITS has successfully completed a thorough test of the applications that the campus community uses. In addition, faculty and staff volunteers are currently testing Vista to give us feedback to ensure applications are reliable and stable.

### Why are we not waiting for Windows 7 and skipping Vista?

Windows 7 is actually the next version of Windows Vista with a different name. The Microsoft support for XP is rapidly declining and the numerous advantages of Windows Vista are hard to ignore.

### What type of training will be offered?

The Windows Vista user interface is intuitive and simple to use. However, IITS is committed to providing a wide array of training options for the campus, including self-paced online, multimedia tutorials, and face-to-face instruction.

Please see our Vista website, <http://www.csusm.edu/iits/support/vista/index.html>, for additional information.