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Microsoft Is Touching Up Windows Vista's License

To include terms about Windows Anytime Upgrade



Microsoft announced that the Windows Vista end-user license agreement will be modified in order to include terms covering Windows Anytime Upgrade. The new Windows Vista EULA will be made available tomorrow, and I will provide you with an update on the matter. But what will Microsoft change? Well, first off, let's go back in time to 2006. In the initial EULA Microsoft had released for Windows Vista, the Redmond Company had drastically limited the transfer of the operating system to other computers. Much in the same way, currently, the Windows Vista EULA states: "Windows Anytime Upgrade Software. The first user of the software may reassign the license to another device one time, but only if the license terms of the software you upgraded from allows reassignment." If you agree to the EULA, and you have to agree in order to access the operating system, you will only be able to transfer your copy of Vista to another machine just one time. Well, this is exactly what Microsoft intends to change. Vista users that have acquired one of the following editions of the operating system: Windows Vista Home Basic, Windows Vista Home Premium, Windows Vista Business, Windows Vista Home Basic N, and Windows Vista Business N editions, and then upgraded to a more feature rich version via Windows Anytime Upgrade will now be able to reassign the OS an unlimited number of times. "Microsoft is modifying the end user license agreement for full packaged product versions of Windows Vista purchased through a retailer or from Microsoft, and then upgraded using Windows Anytime Upgrade. Under the terms of the modified license agreement, you are now granted the right to uninstall Windows Vista and then reinstall the operating system on a different computer. Provided you uninstall the operating system from your original computing device and do not share the license among multiple devices, you are no longer limited in the number of times that you may reassign the license to different devices," Microsoft revealed.