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## [Microsoft to Wrap up New Windows 8 Testing Infrastructure by Mid-2009](#)

*At least, this is the plan*

With Windows Server 2008, Windows Vista Service Pack 1 and Windows XP Service Pack 3 out of the way in the first half of the year, Microsoft is focusing on Windows 7 and Windows 7 Server, the next iterations of the Windows client and server platforms. But the Redmond company is also looking ahead, building [Midori](#), a non-Windows operating system derived from the Microsoft Research's Singularity project, but also Windows 8, the successor of Windows 7. An illustrative example is the work being done by the Windows Test Technologies team, which aims to build a new testing infrastructure for Windows 8 by mid-2009. "WTT (Windows Test Technologies) is the foundation for how testing is done in Windows and in many other groups at Microsoft, such as MSN and SQL. It is the test automation framework used by all these teams," Microsoft revealed. Microsoft part-time Chairman Bill Gates did indicate that the Windows team is doing [amazing things](#) with Windows 7, but he failed to disclose details, or to offer an insight into what is cooking for Windows 8. Back in October 2007, Microsoft promised that the Windows Test Technologies team is set up to virtually "change how the Windows division ships products." The reference is related to all the efforts to overhaul the entire Windows test organization. Apparently, Windows 7 is left out of the equation, and only Windows 8 will be able to benefit from the revamped WTT. "The WTT team is looking to make significant changes to its infrastructure for Windows 8. We want to address all the major problems our customers have faced over the last few years by developing a truly scalable and reliable testing infrastructure. This is a huge opportunity to drastically revamp WTT over the coming 18 months," the Redmond company revealed in a resource published in October 2007. But just because WTT will be overhauled sometime by April 2009 does not mean that Windows 8 testing will debut at the same time. In fact, Windows 7 is expected by the end of the following year, even though Microsoft is officially pointing to a three year period starting from the general availability of Windows Vista, which was January 30, 2007.