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Windows Vista is the second most used operating system in the world following its predecessor Windows XP. Microsoft's latest version of the Windows platform has surpassed by far rival products such as Linux and Mac OS X Tiger. In mid May, at the Windows Hardware Engineering Conference (WinHEC) 2007 in Los Angeles, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates applauded the fact that in just the first 100 days of general availability Windows Vista managed to gather an installed base larger than that of Linux and Mac OS X. And it looks like Vista is continuing to make the best out of the fact that there is no competitor available at its level. Apple sacrificed Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard to the iPhone at the end of spring 2007. And while the Cupertino-based company crossed its fingers and hoped that the trade-off was the right strategy, statistics released by [Market Share by Net Applications](#) paint an entirely different picture. Market Share by Net Applications data reveals that MacIntel has lost market share and is down to 2.48% in June compared with 2.51% in May. Mac OS has also dropped to 3.52% from 3.95% two months ago. The open source Linux operating system is stagnating. The various distributions of Linux are credited with only 0.71% of the operating system market in June 2007, up from 0.70% in May. One other platform that has been continuously experiencing the erosion of its market share is Windows XP. With Windows Vista available for five months already, XP users are increasingly upgrading their operating systems. Vista has a good momentum in the detriment of XP, which dropped from 82.02% in May to 81.94% in June. By comparison, Vista continues to increase its installed base and has jumped from 3.74% in May to 4.52% of the operating system market in June.