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## [Windows XP Service Pack 3 Leaked Details!](#)

### *Windows XP Service Pack 3 lives!*

Not only is Windows XP Service Pack 3 alive and kicking, but Microsoft also managed to leak details about what the refresh would contain. The Redmond Company's policy when it comes down to future releases of the Windows platform is to gag all details. Windows XP SP3 is old news for Microsoft. And with the general availability of Windows Vista, it was pushed into the background. But, in all fairness, Microsoft never confirmed the cancellation of the third service pack for Windows XP. The company only scrapped it out of sight and under the rug with repeated delays. The availability date for the first beta of Windows Vista SP1 was revealed by a U.S. Justice Department legal filing. Microsoft plans to deliver Vista SP1 beta by the end of 2007, but the date is of course nothing more than an estimation. By comparison, SP3 for Windows XP is currently planned for the first half of 2008.

Nevertheless, Microsoft initially planned to deliver the third service pack for Windows XP in 2006, only to postpone the release to 2007, and then again to 2008. Windows XP SP3, despite its multiple delays, will make it to the market, and Microsoft plans to integrate changes to Internet Explorer and to Windows Media Player into the refresh. "Microsoft has agreed to make changes to Windows XP, two Middleware Products, and Windows Live Messenger. The Windows Live Messenger changes have been delivered in the Windows Live Messenger 8.5 beta and will be included in the public release. Changes for Internet Explorer and Windows Media Player will be made available to users in August 2007 and Microsoft is discussing with the TC the delivery mechanism for those changes. The Windows XP changes will be incorporated into Service Pack 3 for Windows XP", revealed the U.S. Justice department in its filing.