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## Microsoft Is Rolling Out The Software!

Microsoft will be deploying a lot of updates over the next few months. Here's a list -

**Windows 2008 server** was released in February. The release was for enterprise and larger corporations. Microsoft is working on bundling the software into a Small Business Server version that is targeted for availability in the spring.

**Vista Service Pack 1** is in the process of being released through Windows Automatic Updates. This update will be large and may slow the computer down while the service pack is downloaded in the background. Expect it to take a while to install when you restart or shut down your computer.

**Windows XP Service Pack 3** is due out in the second quarter of this year. There is a preliminary release candidate available now if required.

**Exchange Server 2003 Service Pack 2** has been released and is now available for those running E-mail through their Exchange Server.

**Internet Explorer 7.0** is currently being deployed to everyone running Windows XP and Vista through Windows Automatic Updates. Again, this is a large update that will slow the system down for a while when the software is being updated.

**Internet Explorer 8.0** is planned for June availability. Microsoft may drop support of Internet Explorer 6 either late this year or early next year. This was the last version available for Windows 2000 and Windows 98 systems – Internet Explorer 7.0 does not run on Windows 2000 or Windows 98.

**Windows 2000** will enter the limited support from Microsoft in June 2008. Microsoft plans to continue to release security updates for Windows 2000 (with service pack 4 installed) through 2010.

**Windows XP** will cease to be sold in June through normal retail channels. This means that all new workstation and home computers sold at stores will come with Windows Vista and there won't be an option for Windows XP. If you have older devices (including printers, scanners or other devices), a driver for Vista may or may not be available for the device

On the **Microsoft Office** front, Office 2007 Service Pack 1 was released during the first week of March. Office 2003 Service Pack 3 was released back in September of last year. For those moving to Vista, Microsoft reports that Office 2000, XP, 2003 and 2007 will all run on Vista. Microsoft is no longer releasing updates to Office 2000 or Office XP.

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## Web Winner

Want to see if you can locate some lost money? Check out [www.missingmoney.org](http://www.missingmoney.org) . This site tracks money reported to some states (Ohio is included) where the paying company was not able to successfully deliver the amount due. Reasons may include incorrect mailing information or a case where the recipient has moved. To start, just enter your name and the state. If you find can file for a claim, the next step is to file a claim form which the site has available.

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## Tips & Tricks

It's handy to have access to the Volume Control panel in the event you quickly need to move the volume slider up or down. If you'd like to place the volume control icon in the taskbar, you just need to make a little adjustment.

To place the volume control icon in the taskbar, follow these steps:

Single-click the Start menu.

Single-click Control Panel.

Single-click Sound, Speech, and Audio Devices.

Single-click Sounds and Audio Devices to launch the Sound and Audio Devices properties.

On the Volume tab, locate the text labeled "Device Volume" and place a check mark next to the text labeled "Place volume icon in the taskbar."

Single-click Apply.

You should now have the volume icon in the taskbar. Now all you need to do is double-click this icon to bring up your Volume Control panel.

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