

Messages from Barry O'Connor, 'Tech Heads' Group

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"I was to follow-up on a couple of issues for the next tutorial:

1. **Wi-Fi availability around town** is limited to two published sites. One being McDonalds and the other the Library. However, there are a number of café/restaurants that offer free Wi-Fi, some banks also have Wi-Fi and almost all of the hotels/motels and caravan parks also offer free Wi-Fi.

2. **Air Tasker facility** was discussed at the last session. The **question of insurance** arose. Air Tasker do not accept any responsibility for anything to do with the transactions. The person listing the task can obtain insurance at additional cost from a third party supplier. Users are required to make their own enquiries in relation to workers compensation insurance. The suggestion here is that if the person providing the service is injured whilst performing your 'task', then the insurance responsibility rests solely with the person listing the task. Any damage to goods or property are also for the account of the person listing the task. One further issue that people listing task with this service need to be aware of is the fact that payment can only be made by MasterCard or Visa. At this point they do not accept Bpay or PayPal."

Regards,
Barry O'Connor,

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"Just a quick email to bring you up to date with Windows 10. I have had it loaded following the virus attack, but there are some issues. Windows 10 caters for mobile devices and is not necessarily user friendly for the traditional desk top/ keyboard configuration. It is suggested by a number of sources that if you have Windows 7, then Windows 10 may not contain the functionality you require. I can confirm this.

There are a number of issues with Outlook and Excel. One problem that I have encountered, is when trying to save Excel files after updating them, the system deletes the file??? Just one of the 'undocumented features' which is not really helpful.

I have looked at a number of reviews and spoken to another expert in the field and the suggestion is that if you have Windows 7, stay with it until Microsoft can 'debug' the current version of Windows 10.

This review sums up a lot of comments in reviews, mostly from the USA:

"Windows 10 is what Windows 8 should have been, but it has too many rough edges to attract Windows 7 users. Continuous upgrades could change that as early as this fall."

By Woody Leonhard

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After the truly wretched Windows 8 and marginally less wretched Windows 8.1, Windows 10 comes as a breath of fresh air.

Windows 10 is much more usable than Windows 8 or 8.1 and proudly offers a bundle of new features, including improved security, a new browser, and the voice-activated intelligent assistant Cortana. You might even call Windows 10 the most revolutionary version of Windows ever, mainly because it will be continually upgraded as part of Microsoft's "Windows as a service" effort.

But the question is not whether Windows 10 is a good upgrade for Windows 8 users -- obviously, it is. The real question is whether Windows 10 deserves to supplant Windows 7. **Despite substantial new functionality in Windows 10, Windows 7 users should wait until the upgrade train brings more improvements.**

Many of the new features of Windows 10 do not seem ready for prime time, including the greatly modified Start menu with live tiles, the new Edge browser, Cortana, and the Continuum method of switching between mouse and touchscreen control. They all work well enough, yet they all lack key capabilities. The lesser tile-based Windows apps vary in quality from good (Mail, Calendar) to passable (Photos, Phone Companion) to barely breathing placeholders (People, Groove Music, Movies & TV)."

Regards,
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