

Windows Vista 5231 Exposed

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In the past few weeks, we've taken in-depth look at Windows Vista 5231 build in two installations. The first part covered our initial report of the 5231 while part two delved into pragmatic usage of Vista and overall improvements Microsoft has made thus far.

Microsoft is right on schedule with this month's Windows Vista CTP (Community Technology Preview). We had to really pull some strings to get this release slightly ahead of schedule, but we managed it and it's our pleasure to bring you our initial analysis of the new build, titled 5231.

One of the most dominant applications that 5231 has incorporated is Microsoft's Windows Media Player 11. According to our previously published articles, "This is possibly the only application with more anticipation surrounding it than Internet Explorer 7, if not Vista itself. We wonder if Microsoft would bundle Windows Media Player 11 with Vista exclusively or would it be available for download separately for Windows XP as well. It most certainly will end up looking a lot better (graphically) than most music players out there, iTunes included. Although it appears to look pretty straightforward, the interface has changed drastically, which makes it far more attractive than Windows Media Player 10 as well as competing applications."

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