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The press has been full again of the latest version of software released by Microsoft – Windows 7. This brings a welcome return to a more ordered system of software naming something which was lost after Windows 3.1 in 1992. It is also the first time for many versions where professionals are not running for the hills! Windows 95, ME, XP and Vista were such huge changes ‘under the bonnet’ that most users waited until the first service pack had been released by Microsoft before they attempted to start using the new operating system. This time the people at Richmond seem to have produced improvements without breaking functions that worked previously. This is due mainly to the fact that Windows 7 uses the same core software and drivers for hardware that Vista pioneered a few years ago. The lower hardware requirements of Windows 7 also mean that, for once, an upgrade will actually speed up your computer! Microsoft have concentrated on much faster start-up times and simplified the task bar menu at the bottom of the screen so it doesn’t fill up with useless icons. A nice touch is the ability to view two windows by dragging them to either side of the desktop – they both instantly occupy 50% of the screen allowing you compare the pages side by side.

Another first for Microsoft is the 3 user upgrade pack aimed mainly at home users but equally applicable in a small office. The networking aspects of 7 are also a major step forwards especially when Vista quite often refused to communicate with older XP systems! It is only possible to run an upgrade on a Vista installation as XP systems requires a fresh install but we would recommend this route anyway so remember to backup all of your data before starting work or

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