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Windows 7 News:

As most of you may know, the new PC operating system called Windows 7 is due to be released on October 22, 2009. This will replace Vista. Questions have arisen regarding buying a computer today or waiting until the new system is on the market. My thought is not to buy a new computer until after Oct. 22 unless you are not afraid to use the free upgrade that only comes by default with HP and Dell. Others may charge you for the upgrade. If you are not intimidated, you may find some bargains on units sitting on the shelves with Vista. Make sure that machine offers a free upgrade or it may not be such a great bargain.

Laptop, Notebook, Netbook:

Laptop computers, notebooks and netbooks use the same basic form. The main differentiator is size. That form is a computer with two main parts: a screen and a keyboard attached by hinges. In general, netbook computers are smaller and lighter than notebook computers, which in turn are smaller and lighter than laptops. But there are no specific size or weight classes for computers. The one real difference is that a netbook has limited storage and memory. They work fine for those who just want something inexpensive for light applications.

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