

- **Windows 3.x** : Graphic overlay of DOS
- **Windows NT** : First true Windows OS, Replaced FAT with NTFS
- **Windows 9x** : First version of Windows for typical users. Multiple versions (95,98,98 SE and ME)

- **Differences between versions :**
 - XP professional and Home :
 - Can log onto a domain
 - Encrypt file or folder
 - Multiple processors
 - Remote access
 - NTFS Access Control
 - Group Policies
- **Files and settings transfer**
 - Files and Settings Transfer Wizard (XP)
 - Windows easy transfer (Vista/7)
- **Task Scheduler**
- **OS Folders :**
 - **System Folder (SystemRoot)**
 - C:\%systemroot%\

Key Combination	Function
ALT-SPACE	Display the main window's System menu (from this menu you can restore, move, resize, minimize, maximize, or close the window)
ALT-ENTER	Open the properties for the selected object

Key Combination	Function
CTRL-C	Copy
CTRL-X	Cut
CTRL-V	Paste
CTRL-Z	Undo

Key	Function
F1	Help
F2	Rename
F3	Search menu
F5	Refresh the current window
F6	Move among selections in current windows

Key Combination	Function
WINDOWS KEY	Start menu
WINDOWS KEY-D	Show desktop
WINDOWS KEY-E	Windows Explorer
WINDOWS KEY-L	Lock the computer
WINDOWS KEY-TAB	Cycle through taskbar buttons (or Flip 3D with Windows Aero in Vista/7)
WINDOWS KEY-PAUSE/BREAK	Open the System Properties dialog box

- **Tech Utilities :**
 - **Right-click**
 - **Control Panel**
 - Maintenance,upgrade and configuration
 - Mini-programs, called applets
 - .cpl files
 - **Device Manager**
 - First place to check for hardware issues
 - **System Tools**
 - Collection of tech utilities located at start>accessories

- **Command Line Interface**
 - **Microsoft Management Console (MMC)**
 - Shell program - holds utilities
 - Premade consoles → Control Panel > Administrative Tools
 - **Administrative Tools**
 - Computer Management
 - Event Viewer
 - Performance or Reliability and Performance Monitor
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