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Parallax Solutions is an information technology consulting firm located in the Cedar Valley, co-located with Mauer Eye Center. What we bring to the table is a clear understanding of how offices can utilize hardware and software to effectively manage their electronic information.

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How is Windows 7 Pro doing?

Windows 7 has been out since late October 2009 and many people have been wondering how well it is doing in business environments. Personally, I have been enamored with Windows 7 and the simplicity it offers. I have always been a fan of lean operating systems and anyone who has seen my business workstation images knows this.

When deciding whether to move to this new OS, the key thing you have to watch out for is the *browser based application*, such as Touchworks electronic medical records. Many web applications obviously rely on Internet Explorer, Java and ActiveX components to work properly. Unfortunately, Internet Explorer 8 hasn't been around long enough for all vendors to make sure their scripts and controls work properly. If your business relies on Internet Explorer to run browser based apps, check with your vendor before taking the plunge. Also, make sure to use a test machine to put the browser based application through its paces to make sure it will work properly. The reason I recommend this is because you might have to make tweaks to IE security settings here and there to get things working correctly. Make sure to document any special tweaks to ensure a trouble free rollout for the end users.

Should you run out and buy upgrade copies of Windows 7 for your business PC's? In short, no. You are better off waiting until your workstations are scheduled for replacement at which time you can get an OEM pre-installed copy for next to nothing.

If you have any questions about Windows 7 and your business, give us a call today. I also have a short review on our [website](#).



Offsite Backup Pilot Project

Mauer Eye Center and Barracuda

In various past issues, I have covered the importance of backing up your data and also



storing it offsite. I am proud to announce that we are piloting a backup project with Mauer Eye Center and Barracuda Networks to provide appliance based storage with "appliance managed" offsite cloud storage. The beauty of this device is that you can back up multiple servers to one appliance and have the appliance manage the offsite storage for you. There is no need to license each server for the backup process, which makes it extremely affordable for sites with multiple servers.



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