Get started with Windows Virtual PC

Note: **You must have Windows 7 Professional, Enterprise, or Ultimate to run Windows XP Mode** and your PC must run genuine Windows 7 to install Windows XP Mode.

What is Windows Virtual PC?

Windows Virtual PC is the latest Microsoft virtualization technology for Windows 7. It is the runtime engine for Windows XP Mode to provide a virtual Windows environment for Windows 7. With Windows Virtual PC, Windows XP Mode applications can be seen and accessed from a Windows 7 desktop.

What is Windows XP Mode?

Windows XP Mode for Windows 7 makes it easy to install and run many Windows XP productivity applications directly from your Windows 7-based PC. It utilizes virtualization technology, such as Windows Virtual PC, to provide a virtual Windows XP environment for Windows 7.

Installation
Step 1: Opening Windows XP
To install applications in Windows XP Mode, you start by selecting Windows XP Mode from the Windows 7 Start Menu.

step 2: Adding your application

You can install applications in Windows XP Mode just as you normally would on a physical PC. For example, you can install applications via web, from storage devices, or from physical media such as CD/DVD.

Running Windows XP Mode applications

To run your application directly from the Windows 7 desktop, just go to your Start menu.