Windows NT is a family of operating systems developed by Microsoft that featured multi-processing capabilities, processor independence and multi-user support. It was intended for complementing the consumer versions of the MS-DOS-based Windows operating system that Microsoft released (from Windows 1.0 to 3.1x).

Windows NT is a [proprietary](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Proprietary_software) [graphical](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Graphical_user_interface) [operating system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operating_system) produced by [Microsoft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft), the first version of which was released on July 27, 1993. It is a processor-independent, [multiprocessing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multiprocessing) and [multi-user](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multi-user) operating system.

The first version of Windows NT was [Windows NT 3.1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_NT_3.1) and was produced for [workstations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Workstation) and [server computers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Server_computer). It was a commercially focused operating system intended to complement consumer versions of [Windows](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Windows) that were based on [MS-DOS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MS-DOS) (including [Windows 1.0](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_1.0) through [Windows 3.1x](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_3.1x)). Gradually, the Windows NT family was expanded into Microsoft's general-purpose operating system product line for all [personal computers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_computer), deprecating the [Windows 9x](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_9x) family.