

# M\$ Hits Windows Vista Beta 2 Delays, Allows 2nd Hand Software

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Sources at the company told me this week that Microsoft will soon delay the release of Windows Vista Beta 2 from December 7, 2005 to sometime in January or February 2006. However, because the Vista development schedule is extremely time constrained, the company will try and make up lost time by eliminating one of the planned release candidate (RC) milestones that were planned for later in the process.

A Microsoft representative told me that the company remains on track for shipping Windows Vista in the second half of 2006.

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Discllc this week began offering secondhand software licenses from insolvent or downsizing companies to other businesses with Microsoft's blessing.

"Yes, we are doing that," said Jonathan Horley, a director at Discllc. "It's been in planning for a year and a half. Previously, a lot of companies didn't see software licenses as an asset, but this helps them see that."

A loophole in British insolvency laws and a clause within many Microsoft licenses that permits disused or unwanted volume licenses to be transferred enables Discllc to sell the licenses legally.

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