I use both Vista and XP and see no reason to switch from either... (my own PC uses Vista and I sometimes use the family XP one)

Only things that haven't worked with Vista:

1) System Shock 2 - TBH, i expected that, it was a little difficult to get it to run on XP...

2) More importantly: network printing from here to the Epson Stylus D88+ hosted on the family XP machine. This. Has. Never. Worked. It won't work from Vista Premium 32 and 64 bit and Vista basic 32 bit.

Vista is a lot of fun, and quite stable. (Does flip 3D for no good reason... heheehhehe, pretty...)

You're right, I develop software (in my infrequent spare time) and Vista is preferable.

As I've got a quad core and 2GB of RAM, performance was never going to be an issue, so I don't mind if Vista swallows up more CPU cycles than it should, I've got plenty.