Quote:XP never crashes on me. I haven't had a BSOD in years that wasn't down to me. For example, overclocking my graphics card and windows didn't like the memory speed I set and BSOD'd midgame. I actually find that XP is very very stable. Less can be said for when I used vista, it locked up, refused to recognise hardware. I cannot compare XP to 2K since I never used it however I can compare it to 98SE... Ithink we all can.

Quote:When I here people trash Vista, it really is because they have a few problems with their computer. The major causes being unsupported hardware or lack of hardware.

A very poor metaphorical answer would be a house lock and house key. If you changed the locks to your house, you wouldn't get upset that your old house key is 'unsupported' by the new lock, right? Or if you tried to 'overclock' your key to work in the new lock, and it fit, but failed.. A very poor example indeed, but I think you should understand what I mean.

While seeing "Vista Certified" hardware does seem a bit cheesy, there is a reason its labeled so. You never saw XP "certified" hardware because there weren't so many drastic changes in the way things 'ticked'. In 6.~ there were quite a bit of changes, so the hardware industry had to play "research, try, fail, try again and succeed".

I'm not trying to down your personal opinions on Windows Vista, that's not my game. When it comes down to it though, a average end user cannot validly compare the stability of the operating system, merely since their views are mostly based on third party applications that crash, or old outdated hardware, or the lack of hardware. And no, I'm not saying you're just an 'average' user either; just using generalizations.