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PC Week Labs Executive Summary:

Windows 98

Improvements to Microsoft's Windows operating system include better stability and dial-up connectivity, as well as support for new hardware. IT managers should welcome Windows 98 on new systems, especially notebook PCs, but widespread deployment will not be worth the time and trouble for sites satisfied with Windows 95.

Pros

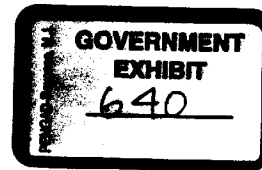
Support for new USB hardware devices; easier to deploy and upgrade than Windows 95; improved FAT32 support; improved dial-up networking.

Cons

Requires customization to remove features that are not appropriate for widespread corporate use, such as Web-based updates; Internet Explorer 4.0 code cannot be removed from system; requires more disk space than Windows 95.

USABILITY	C
CAPABILITY	B
PERFORMANCE	B
INTEROPERABILITY	B
MANAGEABILITY	B

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