



Ways to Improve Your Computer's Performance

for Win XP















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Speed Up Access to Data

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When to Run Disk Defragmenter

In addition to running Disk Defragmenter at regular intervals, optimally monthly, certain events warrant running utility outside of the monthly rule of thumb.

You should run Disk Defragmenter under the following circumstances:

- You add a large number of files.
- Your free disk space nears 15 percent.
- You install new programs or a new version of Windows.

To use Disk Defragmenter:

1. Click Start, point to All Programs, point to Accessories, point to System Tools, and then click Disk. Defragmenter.

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The reason that we checked only two properties is to speed up the computer's performance. Currently, there are so many aesthetic options for Win XP. By just removing those functions, you will see the significant speed change of your computer.





- For those who want to speed up the Windows, the animation effects will slow your Windows down.
- Here is the way to solve the problem !



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It will open the "Registry Editor"

And then move to

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\desktop\windowmetrics]



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After you set the value as a Zero, Click OK button to finish the job.

Now, you can enjoy the fastest Windows you have ever experienced

Daniel Chang

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