

VISTA LESSON 18

TWEAK VISTA INDEXING SYSTEM FOR PERFORMANCE

While you can't see it happen, Windows Vista works in the background to automatically index all the files in the Start Menu, user profile folders and files setup for offline access. If you have lots of files in these locations and the files change often, the indexing service can slow down your system's performance.

But unlike Windows XP, Windows Vista makes it easy to tweak the indexing service. You should disable indexing for locations other than the Start Menu for maximum performance. Consider that while this lesson will speed up your overall system performance, it could also slow you down when you search for files in those locations. Here's how it's done.

Click on Start and type "Indexing Options" (without the quote.) Now press the Enter key and the Indexing Options will load.

Now click on the Modify button, and then on Show all locations. If asked, click on Continue.

Scroll through the tree-view and uncheck all options except the Start Menu and then click on OK.

You can also change other indexing options, like the file types to index, by clicking on the Advanced button. Click OK to exit.

That's it - you're done.

