

VISTA LESSON 27

MAKE YOUR POWER BUTTON SHUT DOWN YOUR COMPUTER

One of the things that is different in Windows Vista is that when you push and hold your power button for about 5 seconds, instead of shutting down, your computer goes into a "sleep" state, and that really doesn't work for me. When I shut my computer down, I want it to turn off. Here's how you can make that happen on your Vista computer.

Click on Start and then click on Control Panel. Now click on System Maintenance and then on Power Options. Next, select your preferred power management plan and click on Change Plan Settings.

In the Window that opens, click on Change Advanced Power Settings (located near the bottom.) In the Power Options window click the Plus sign to the left of Power Buttons and Lid to expand it, and then do the same thing to the sub-item Power Button action.

Now you'll see two options, On Battery: and Plugged in, with Sleep to the right of each as the default selection. Click on the word Sleep next to On battery: and you'll see the options to Do Nothing, Hibernate and Shut Down. Choose Shut down, and repeat the same process for the Plugged in: Option

Click OK and close the Windows and that's it. You're ready to go.

