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| Feature | Microsoft Description | How to Disable |
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| Windows Search | Windows Vista search indexing is constantly reviewing files on your system to make their contents available for quick searching. | To disable: Click Start and type services, find Windows Search, double click and stop the service and then change the start type to disabled. |
| Windows SuperFetch | <p>A new memory management technology in Windows Vista, Windows SuperFetch, helps keep the computer consistently responsive to your programs by making better use of the computer's RAM. Windows SuperFetch prioritizes the programs you are currently using over background tasks and adapts to the way you work by tracking the programs you use most often and preloading these into memory.</p> <p>With SuperFetch, background tasks still run when the computer is idle. However, when the background task is finished, SuperFetch repopulates system memory with the data you were working with before the background task ran. Now, when you return to your desk, your programs will continue to run as efficiently as they did before you left.</p> <p>The marketing sounds great but it really taxes the system.</p> | To disable: Click Start and type services, find SuperFetch, double click and stop the service and then change the start type to disabled. |
| Automatic Windows Defender Operation | <p>Windows Defender real-time protection against malware continues to run despite having Automatic operation disabled.</p> <p>Replace with any 3rd party tool that you find to be faster and superior.</p> | <p>To disable:</p> <p>Click Start and type services, find Windows Defender, double click and stop the service and then change the start type to disabled.</p> <p>Click Recovery tab and change all to "Take No Action" Apply</p> |
| Windows Hibernation | This feature saves the contents of RAM to your hard disk in compressed form so you can turn your laptop or desktop computer completely off. When you turn on the power, your documents and applications are open just as you left them so you can start work | <p>To disable</p> <p>1. Type cmd into the Start Search box but *don't* press ENTER</p> |



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| | <p>quickly.</p> <p>Windows hibernation background service uses a large amount of hard drive space and resources. If you do not hibernate your desktop or laptop then you should definitely disable the feature.</p> | <p>2. Right-click on cmd in the Programs list and select Run As Administrator 3. Click Continue when the UAC prompt appears 4. Type powercfg -h off and press ENTER</p> |
| WebClient | <p>Enables Windows based programs to create access and modify internet based files.</p> | <p>To disable:</p> <p>Click Start and type services, find Windows Defender, double click and stop the service and then change the start type to disabled.</p> |
| User Account Controls | <p>Windows asking you about 15 times if you want to install or uninstall something. This is the User Account Control that creates security in your system.</p> | <p>To disable:</p> <p>Click Start, control panel, user accounts, turn user account control on or off, uncheck box, click ok, restart machine.</p> |
| Security Center Icon | <p>Sick of Windows telling you that your machine is at risk – how to turn this off. <i>Not recommended unless you know you have decent antivirus/firewall protection</i></p> | <p>To disable:</p> <p>Click Start, control panel, windows firewall, security center, change the way Security Center alters me, don't notify me and don't display icon</p> |