

Stupid Windows Vista Tricks

I've finally done it. I bought a new computer (laptop) with WINDOWS VISTA BUSINESS EDITION installed on it.

I'm committed now to learning the latest version of Microsoft's ubiquitous Operating System called WINDOWS VISTA.

Vista comes in four versions; **Home Basic, Home Premium, Business and Ultimate**. Each one has a different set of features with Ultimate containing ALL of the available features of Vista.

Windows Aero

All I know about Vista, for sure, so far, is that it's a "pretty" operating system. Vista has a feature built into three of the four versions of Vista called Windows Aero. Windows Aero is the "cool flippy windows thingy" that allows you to see all open programs in a 3D view, showing a real-time thumbnail of that program. I was at first disappointed when my brand new laptop loaded with Vista Business Edition didn't perform the Windows Aero feature.

I checked the Microsoft web site and verified that Vista Business Edition does indeed contain the Windows Aero feature. I searched a little more and found that the computer also must have a compatible video card. Sure enough, my new laptop DID have a good enough video card. So why wasn't it working?

I called technical support for my new laptop and have found this little gem of information. Right-click an empty portion of the desktop, choose PERSONALIZE, (formerly known as properties), choose APPEARANCE SETTINGS, then choose COLOR SCHEME. Mine was set to "Windows Vista Basic". I changed it to "Windows Aero". Now my computer does the "cool flippy windows thingy" when I press ALT+TAB or WIN+TAB. I'm so happy now.

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