

Stupid Windows Vista Tricks

Zoom in on Web Pages

For years now I've used the shortcut of CTRL+scroll wheel of mouse to zoom in on my Excel Spreadsheets. I've just NOW learned that the same thing can be done with the Internet Explorer included in Windows Vista. Try it for yourself! Just hold CTRL down while scrolling with your mouse, it will ZOOM IN on the window you are looking at. Cool huh? This works with Excel, Word and Publisher too.

Speed up your PC's performance

Windows Vista introduces a new concept for adding additional performance to a running system. Windows ReadyBoost™ lets people use flash memory on a USB 2.0 drive, SD Card, Compact Flash, or other memory form factor to provide additional memory cache - memory that the computer can access much more quickly than it can data on the hard drive. Insert a USB 2.0 memory drive with at least 512 MB capacity. When prompted, click "Use this device to speed up my computer."

Windows Calendar

I see that Microsoft has included a new feature in Windows Vista of a CALENDAR. I've used Outlook's calendar for years and I've also spent some time in the Works calendar, but I think that most home users of Windows Vista might enjoy having a simple easy to use calendar to keep all of their birthdays, anniversaries, and appointments available to them without buying any more software. Try it for repeating items like birthdays and anniversaries, it's nice to input it once and have it come up each year.