

Re: computer problem

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Assuming that you maintain your system (defrag your hard drive, and scan and get rid of spyware):

Try disabling some unneeded Services, particularly the Indexing Service, which can really slow down a system. Also,

Click: Start

Click Run

Type: msconfig

Click the OK button

When the System Configuration Utility opens, click the Startup tab, and click to remove the checkmarks to left of any items in the list that don't really have to be run at Startup. Some programs like QuickTime and Bookshelf have a default to load at Startup. But can run just as well if you start them from your Start menu, without having to waste time and memory loading when Windows boots. The first time you boot after removing a checkmark from a Startup item you'll get a Selective Startup box, click the option to NOT show that box again. If you accidentally remove something from Startup that's essential, and you can't boot into Normal Mode to put the checkmark back: Boot into Safe Mode (press the F8 key on boot before the Windows logo, and when the menu appears press the corresponding number key for Safe Mode). When Safe Mode loads, go back to msconfig and put the checkmark back. I found that aside from the programs mentioned above, that my sound card, and display adapter were loading control utilities in the Notification Area (formerly called System Tray) that weren't needed. Those controls could be accessed from Control Panel, and didn't need to be loaded at Startup.

Also, if the system came with a Network Adapter, and you use a dialup modem connection, NOT A DSL or CABLE modem connection, and aren't networking, the system wastes time during boot looking for network connections. So, if you're using dialup, go to Device Manager, scroll down to Network Adapters, click the + to the left of that listing, and YOUR network adapter will list beneath that heading. Right click your network adapter, then LEFT click on Disable. If you should ever get DSL or Cable

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or want to network, go back to the same adapter listing, right click on it, then LEFT click on Enable.

The above are just a few suggestions to improve performance and shorten the boot time. Above all, having enough RAM for acceptable performance from the Windows XP operating system is important (not less than 256MB, but more preferably).

Also to add speed, you might want to right click your Start button, left click

Properties, and select the Classic Start menu. You might also want to right click an empty area on your desktop, then left click Properties, and when the Display Properties box opens click the Appearance tab, then click the Effects button. When the Effects box opens, click to REMOVE the checkmark to the left of the first item: Use the following transition effect for menus and tool tips, then click the OK button for that box, and click the APPLY and OK buttons on the remaining Display Properties box. The two tips above just get rid of useless eye candy, and do improve system performance.

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> my computer has strangely been going slower every day I know my computer is

> old but it went just fine when I first installed windows xp I have not

> really installed much of anything that made it run slow. is there any

> utilities to help speed up my computer or is there anything that i should

> know to help or make my computer run faster

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