

Re: Can I get rid of a typing lag in Word?

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- *From:* "John McGhie [MVP – Word and Word Macintosh]" <john@xxxxxxxxxxx>
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Hi Kevin:

The reason Robert suggested that you work in Normal View is that this view turns off all of the features that suck power. That's its purpose: to allow you to work properly in a complex document without the pauses.

Now: It may not be "Word" that's the cause of this problem. Word is waiting for the operating system to come back to it to update the display. If the operating system is busy, you will get a wait.

There are various other things that can be happening on your machine that will cause the operating system to be "busy" :-). Likely suspects are watching DVDs, recording television, playing music, downloading music... Anything that deals with large files (Audio, Video...) and won't wait (playing, recording...)

You can try making sure that Word is the only application running. That will pretty much guarantee to eliminate the pauses :-). Make sure you have Tools>Options>Save... "Allow background saves" switched ON. That will help ensure you do not "see" the pauses, if they are being caused by Autosave. Make sure "Allow Fast Saves" is OFF, otherwise your saves will be slow (don't ask...). Make sure "Always make backup" is ON (speeds saves by meaning there's less to save...)

Look up "Tracked Changes" in the Help, and go through the steps to remove them: they dramatically slow down a document.

But really, I think you might find that the main cause of your problem is that you do not have enough memory in your PC. Word is the most powerful word-processor in the world. That means it puts a very high load on the computer: you get nothing for nothing in this world :-)

For small simple documents (typing letters...) 256 MB of memory is probably sufficient if you don't want to do much else at the time. For larger documents, or if you want your email and instant messaging and calendar and internet browser all running at the same time, you need 512 MB in a Windows XP SP 2 box for happy life.

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For large documents, or if you wish to use a graphics program as well as everything else, you need 1GB of memory. If you insist on recording video while working, you need 2GB of memory.

I do commercial work in Word that involves very large documents and heavy graphics. I use 4 GB of memory in a PC with two CPUs... And I still get pauses because I am often running beta software in Virtual PCs :-)

Hope this helps

On 18/3/06 9:35 AM, in article
224B9FB7-DCDF-4041-9052-D66115AAAD63@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "Kevin"
<Kevin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Thanks for the suggestion. I tried it, but the lag continues. It is more pronounced typing a document in Word than a letter in Outlook Express. I've wondered if there are features of Word that I can turn off and speed it up some?

Kevin

"Robert M. Franz (RMF)" wrote:

Kevin wrote:

When typing in MS Word, the characters will sometimes lag
– I'll type two or
three letters that do not appear on the screen, and then the
computer
catches
up to me and everything is there. Has anyone else
encountered this and how
do you get rid of it?

Switch to Normal view and see if you get the lag again. For many stages in document creation, this is a lot faster, and you'd only want to work in Print Layout or Print Preview when you are doing pagination.

Greetings

Robert

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