

OK, every time I have to install, reinstall, or optimize someone else's XP setup I forget what I need to do, so I have to go through dozens of magazines and find all the good useful tweaks that will speed up the computer and Windows.

So I made this tutorial and text file so I and everyone else can see and use on a floppy or thumb drive or something and carry it around, so you don't have to forget and can tweak the computer without downloading anything.

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//////////\*1000+ HACKING TRICKS & TUTORIALS - ebook By Mukesh Bhardwaj Blogger - Paid Version - only @ TekGyd | itechhacks | Mukeshtricks4u\*////////  
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And if you have something to add, just post it and I'll add it to the text file and this post.

Services to turn off:

Alerts  
Application Management  
Automatic Updates  
ClipBook  
Distributed Link Tracking Client  
Error Reporting Service  
Fast User Switching Compatibility  
Messenger  
Portable Media Serial Number Service  
Remote Registry  
Routing and Remote Access  
Task Scheduler  
Telnet  
TPC/IP NetBIOS Helper  
Uninterruptible Power Supply

Change "Recycle Bin" size to 1%

Registry Hacks:

Auto Sort Start Menu

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MenuOrder

Go to Edit/Permissions, click Advanced, clear the "Inherit From Parent" check box, click Copy from the dialog box, click OK and then clear the "Full Control" for your account and now Windows will auto sort the start menu, but you can still do it too

Disable User Tracking

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer

Add or Edit DWORD = NoInstrumentation, Value = 1

Disables Windows user tracking; better performance, much better privacy

Cache Thumbnails

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced

Add or Edit DWORD = DisableThumbnailCache, Value = 1  
Disables thumbnails in Windows, saving hard drive space

Kill Crashed Apps Quicker

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Control Panel\Desktop

Add or Edit String = HungAppTimeout, Value = 1000-5000

Cuts time for Windows to recognize a crashed application and allow you to kill it; default is 5000 (for 5 seconds)

Faster Start Menu

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Control Panel\Desktop

Add or Edit String = MenuShowDelay, Value = 0 - 400

Changes the delay that for Windows to show a menu in the start menu; value is in ms

Network Intelligently

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Tcpip\Parameters

Add or Edit String = DisableTaskOffload, Value = 1

Frees processor from doing network-card work

Browse the Network Faster

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RemoteComputer\NameSpace

Delete subkeys {2227A280-3AEA-1069-A2DE-08002B30309D} and {D6277990-4C6A-11CF-8D87-00AA0060F5BF}

Speeds up network browsing of old Windows machines on the LAN by ignoring their scheduled tasks and printers

Remove Compression Option In Disk Cleanup

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\VolumeCaches\Compress old files

Delete the Default Value Key and the next time you start Disk Cleanup, it will skip the compression analysis

[http://www.geocities.com/ubergamergeek/Windows\\_XP\\_Tweaks.txt](http://www.geocities.com/ubergamergeek/Windows_XP_Tweaks.txt)