



Newsletter January 2007

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Introducing Windows Vista

Windows Vista

Make it Easier to Find and Use Information

The fast, integrated desktop search in Windows Vista helps make it easier for users to find the information they need, even if it is on a shared drive or other network resource. Users can also tag a file with "metadata" to indicate that it belongs to a certain project or other category, making it easier to search, filter and organise their files. Windows Vista displays high-resolution thumbnails which can be dynamically adjusted to make them large enough for users to know whether they've found the right document without opening it. The user can then store the search results in a "search folder" to be recalled for later use.

The most recognizable improvement in Windows Vista is the new, Windows Aero interface—its glass-like, transparent windows allow users to multi-task bringing focus to current window while allowing easy access to the rest of the desktop. Live icons that give users a preview of the document and new ways to navigate the windows on the desktop help users find what they are looking for in less time.

Improve Security and Compliance

Windows Vista is the first desktop operating system released since we began the Microsoft Trustworthy Computing Initiative. Microsoft developers now receive ongoing security training and we hire leading security experts to perform thorough security audits and testing. The end result is a fundamentally more secure platform, harder to exploit, with less need for patching.

To mitigate threats from malicious software such as viruses, malware, and root kits, Windows Vista includes Internet Explorer 7 Protected Mode, which is unique to Windows Vista and prevents the silent install of malicious code. Windows Defender provides built-in malware protection for your PCs. In order to maintain a more secure, compliant environment, Windows Vista has built-in support for strong user authentication. Additionally, Windows Vista helps make it easier for companies to comply with internal and external regulations through granular event logging, auditing and tracking for security events.

Optimise Desktop Infrastructure

To ease the initial migration to Windows Vista, Microsoft provides the Application Compatibility Toolkit version 5.0, aligning its release with the release of Windows Vista. The availability of this tool, as well as the online community we are building for customers, partners and vendors to share their testing results, will significantly ease application compatibility testing for enterprise customers.

With Windows Vista's new imaging technology, companies can deploy a single OS image to different types of computer hardware and machines in different languages. Windows Vista also has new tools to manage your desktops after they are deployed including over 500 new group policy objects included to address the most critical management scenarios. And finally, the new network stack in Windows Vista can make it easier for your IT department to secure the network through the use of security policies based on IPsec. Built-in network diagnostics enable the end-user to resolve many connectivity issues without having to call the Help Desk, increasing productivity and reducing the cost of support.

ASK ABOUT WINDOWS VISTA TODAY!

Summer Special

Think Pad R60

Core Technology – Intel "Napa" platform – New Intel® Centrino® Duo Mobile technology Processors – DDR2 memory running at 667MHz – Integrated and ATI Discrete Graphics available – Intel 945 GM and PM chipsets – Five connectivity options: WLAN, WWAN (select models), Bluetooth, GB Ethernet, Modem

Intel® CORE 2 DUO® T5500 (1.6GHz) Centrino, 512MB, 80GB SATA, 15" XGA, CD-RW/DVD-RW Multi burner, Gigabit NIC, 802.11a/b/g, Bluetooth, 1394, Win XP Pro, 6 Cell Battery, 3 year warranty **includes Lenovo Top Loader Carry Case AND Optical 3-Button Travel Wheel Mouse.**

Price for R60e \$2018 + GST



Exonet Tips and Tricks #4

Linking documents to your accounts

Do you ever have a Word document, Excel spreadsheet, digital image or any other file that is related to an account but you can't find it easily when you need it?

It's easy to find account-related files when you link them to Exonet with the Document Manager!

To link a file to a debtor or creditor account:

- Go to Utilities > Document Manager and click New
 - Browse to the file you wish to attach and click Open
 - Store the file as a **link**, this way the file will not take up space in your database
- O *N.B. it is best to have the file stored on the server so that it can be accessed from any workstation on the network. Be careful **not to** move the file to a new machine or folder after you have linked it to Exonet or Exonet won't be able to find it*
- O Enter the account module (e.g. DEBTORS if it is a Debtor account) and number into the required fields
- O Enter reference names and/or numbers the Reference and Document Code fields so you can search for the document in the Document Manager at another time

The document is now available for quick and easy reference from the Documents tab of the account in question:

The screenshot shows the 'Debtor Account Details' window for account 'ACCLAIM'. The 'Documents' tab is highlighted, and an arrow points to the 'Documents' tab label. The 'Code' field contains 'ACCLA101' and the 'Name' field contains 'ACCLAIM'. The 'Sales' section shows 'Primary Group: CUSTOMERS' and 'Secondary Group: NO GROUP SELECTED'. The 'Turnover' table shows zero values for all periods. The 'Credit' section shows 'Credit terms: Cash Only' and 'Credit limit: 0'. The 'Aged balances' table shows zero values for all periods. The 'Flags' section has 'Active' checked and 'Allow Restricted Goods' checked.

B - FAMOUS!

Having a complete security plan for your business data may not get you on the cover of Time, but choosing to B-FAMOUS is a key way to cover your business.

- ☑ **B** - Backups, regular and tested.
- ☑ **F** - Firewall. A properly configured and up-to-date hardware firewall.
- ☑ **A** - Anti-virus. A regularly updated, quality Anti-virus (such as NOD32) is essential.
- ☑ **M** - Maintenance. Regular system checks by your Acclaim technician.
- ☑ **O** - Operating System Updates.
- ☑ **U** - UPS. Surge/Spike and battery backup for your server and critical systems.
- ☑ **S** - Spyware elimination.

The B-FAMOUS plan covers the current threats to your data. Please check the items on the plan against your current system and if in doubt, let your Acclaim Technician know—You want to **B-FAMOUS**.