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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP

Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 02:34:33 GMT

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP

Posted by [csskiller](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 02:44:09 GMT

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use this tutorial thingy posted a while back and get cacheman:

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/SupportCD/OptimizeXP.html>

Nice siggy btw it's so much better than that "mole"

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Posted by [almor999](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 03:01:02 GMT

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Cacheman and any other Memory optimizer actually does very little if anything to help performance. Believe it or not Win XP actually has a really good memory manager.

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP

Posted by [Majjin Vegeta](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 03:05:47 GMT

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CachemanXP is very good

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Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 03:20:02 GMT

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If Windows XP has a very good memory manager, than why is it hogging all my RAM? You see, Windows XP is taking up about 200 of my 256 MB of RAM. All Windows XP has is a system

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information manager that can show you all about your RAM and other memory. If I am wrong, than just show me this so called memory manager.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 03:37:54 GMT  
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Cacheman didn't do much for me unfortunately...

Check out [tweakxp.com](http://tweakxp.com) They have a utility you can use to speed up your computer a bit. Although I have tried it, and mainly it just gives you lots of options to disable stuff that won't help performance much.

<http://msfn.org/> is a good website too. They have tips and Tweaks there. They even have some utilities you can use.

Also, open your task manager and check for processes that are running with wierd names that make no sense at all, or processes that take up a lot of ram and have suspicious file names. It could be malware which is hogging some of your memory. Often a malware process will run without the user even knowing, and it will open other malware files which will do shit to your computer and open pop ups, things like that. You can search for ways to remove them on google.

If you find a suspicious file, go to your windows folder and open the System32 folder. Find the suspicious file and delete it. (I'm not kidding)

If it is an important system file, windows will automatically restore it in about 5 seconds with no harm done. If it doesn't reappear, then it wasn't an important file, and you are safe.

A good idea would be to download Spyware Search and Destroy and Adware to get rid of spyware.

I'd post more detailed info, but there is no need. I'm sure you can handle it.

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I have been going to [tweakxp.com](http://tweakxp.com) for some time. There is no possible way I can have viruses/spyware/malware on my pc because it does not have the internet. I have gotten a total of 122 MB of free RAM from disableing start up tasks, but 122 is still not enough to run generals/zero hour. Out of my 256MB of RAM 122 is just not enough.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 03:47:12 GMT

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Quote:

There is no possible way I can have viruses/spyware/malware on my pc because it does not have the internet.

It's interesting you should say that...

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Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 03:48:58 GMT

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And what is that supposed to mean?

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 04:11:05 GMT

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You have no internet connection, but you are still on the internet.

I thought it was funny.

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Posted by [Walrus](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 11:40:09 GMT

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If you are running xp you should have at least 512 ram installed.

Personally I would upgrade your ram, it's pretty cheap now days and relatively easy to install (or just ask the store to do it for you.)

good luck.

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Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 12:40:14 GMT

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upppgrade your RAM its like £50 to get 512MB

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Pay other people to install ram for you? ahahahaa

all you have to do is open up the computer and find the slot where ram goes.

Done.

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Posted by [Opalkilla](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 13:08:17 GMT

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Turn off indexing service for all of your drives. I'm not sure if it will free up RAM, but it does use less resources turned off, it improves disk performance as well.

<http://img157.echo.cx/img157/7349/indexing2co.png>

Another way to free up a LOT of resources is to disable many completely useless Windows services that are turned on by default. The preferred way to make changes to services is to launch services.msc from the Run option on the Start Menu. This is a MUCH more effective way to do this than msconfig, because it won't let you disable services critical to the system.

When you have the time, I suggest going through this list and disabling the services you don't need. Trust me, all of those services do add up.

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Posted by [Walrus](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 13:11:55 GMT

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Yeah I know. My hands are not so good any more but I still build and upgrade my own pc's. But some people are still afraid, they think you need to be real smart to work on a computer, or they make stupid mistakes like not cutting the power completely before slipping in a new card, or buy something that isn't compatible. I guess DIY only applies to a few people, the rest have to go to the store - and pay more.

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Poor buggers.

All you need is a few 'Build your own pc in 24 steps' or 'building and maintaining your heap!' books - and you can do it all your self.

Just remember to take proper precautions against static!

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 13:21:19 GMT  
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deadfive, mind if i borrow that fade-in/fade-out image script on your website?

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [JPNOD](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 13:26:32 GMT  
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Turn off the "Teletubbies Look"  
and it will feel alot faster. Go to start--> Configuration--> system --> advanced --> performance --> settings ---> choose for best performance. Ok

Also you can turn of unnecessary exe's services.msc

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Subject: Re: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [NuBCaKeS](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 13:31:07 GMT  
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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [GetSm0keD](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 16:41:13 GMT  
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ya windows xp needs 512mb imo just to run good..  
i had 256mb and it was annoyin as hell

something i did was increase or decrease your page file  
page file = space on hard drive that is used like RAM when RAM is used up

but try that.. i have a gig of RAM now..  
but i also got a new HD when i did that..  
so i increased my page file since i went from a 40gig to a 160gig  
and i lost performance.. more space use equals slower performance..  
atleast when its TOO big of a page file

and DDR RAM is cheap..... RD RAM aint lol

check out EVEREST Home Edition it gives you a good idea of how your computer is using RAM  
and what not.. types and all that

if your gonna upgrad.. depending on your MOBO and how many slots you have and how they  
have to be used..

try and go to a GIG of RAM.. 512mb is an ok upgrade..  
but a GIG is a REAL upgrade..

at this point i want 2 gigs just cause i dont think 1 is enough for how i like to use my comp lol

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 21:24:10 GMT  
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I am actually upgrading to 1GB of RAM. YAY! That should help tons. And gbull, yes you can borrow that fade in and out script on my website. It's a neat little script. Anyway I am getting the new RAM as I said and a new 128MB graphics card.

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [Opalkilla](#) on Mon, 18 Apr 2005 21:35:37 GMT  
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Way to go, tell us after you create a thread about how your system is so slow.

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 01:36:21 GMT  
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thx dude.

Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
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No problem. Afterall, it's a neat little script and you are a nice person.

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 02:15:52 GMT  
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Which video card are you getting? Just so you know, even if a video card is 128mb, it can still easily suck. I'd like to know what chipset you're going for.

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Yeah, 256 is sort of the bare minimum for XP.

Microsoft say that it will run on a 233MHz computer with 64MB of Ram, but realistically, that won't work.

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 02:23:46 GMT  
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lol, I've ran it on a system with 64mb of memory before. You do NOT want to do that.

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
Posted by [kopaka649](#) on Tue, 19 Apr 2005 02:53:33 GMT  
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memory recovery is actually bad for your computer. what happens is that the program tries to hog memory, drawing memory away from everything else, then releases it. makes your comp slower

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in the long run

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Subject: Tweaking Windows XP  
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They are essentially ineffective. I used one for a while, and it didn't help any unfortunately.

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