

VISTA LESSON 5

SPEED UP YOUR VISTA PC WITH A FLASH DRIVE

Windows Vista introduces a new concept for adding additional performance to your Vista equipped PC with a feature Microsoft calls Windows ReadyBoost. Adding more RAM to a computer will usually add to that computer's performance, but adding memory (RAM) can be expensive and it requires that you open your computer to install additional RAM.

Windows ReadyBoost, on the other hand, lets you use flash memory on a USB 2.0 drive, SD Card, Compact Flash, or other memory form factor to provide additional memory. The additional memory is cache—memory that the computer can access much more quickly than it can access data on the hard drive.

To use Windows ReadyBoost, just insert a USB 2.0 memory drive with at least 512 MB capacity, into a USB 2.0 slot or picture card slot. When prompted, click on "use this device to speed up my computer" and you're ready to enjoy more performance through what your PC will see as additional cache memory.

