

VISTA LESSON 20

TAKE CONTROL OF USER ACCOUNT CONTROL

One of the new features in Windows Vista is UAC or User Account Control. UAC can help prevent changes to your computer that are unauthorized. UAC first asks you for your permission or an administrator password before it performs actions that could affect Vista or that change settings that affect other users. Here's how you can turn UAC off.

VISTA HOME (PREMIUM AND BASIC)

Click on Start and then type "regedit" (without the quotes) and press the Enter key. This opens the Registry Editor.

Now open HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE. From there, open SOFTWARE, then Microsoft, then Windows, then Current Version, then Policies, and then System.

Locate the key called PromptOnSecureDesktop. Double-click on this item and then change the value to 0. Click OK and close the Registry Editor.

VISTA (BUSINESS & ULTIMATE)

Click on the Start button or press the Windows key. Now type "security" (without the quotes). You should see the Local Security Policy at or near the top.

Double-click on Local Security Policy, and then open Local Policies, and then Security Options. Over in the right side of the window, scroll down near the bottom and find the item titled "User Account Control: Switch to the secure desktop when prompting for elevation." The full name of each entry in that Window will show when you hover your mouse pointer over it. Double-click on the item, and then change it to disabled and click OK. That's it – you are done!

