
Subject: My Vista Rant. :o)

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I thought I would share with you some of the things I learned in my first Windows Vista experience.

Firstly, the basic OS layout seems quite similar to XP and previous Windows versions. Some things have been graphically shunted around, but conceptually the menus appeared to be very similar in content. The "Start" button is now just a ball with a Windows logo on it, but you know what it is from its location at the bottom left. Other things have changed in a similar way. Clicking on this "Start" button, which I presume may have a new name as the word "Start" is now absent, brings up a menu which includes what I think is a fairly nifty scrolling window, in which your "All Programs" menu appears. Hence "All Programs" is always visible, and doesn't branch off across your main monitor like it used to. It's another of the apparently many gui changes which appear to have been designed fairly well in terms of improving functionality while having a fairly easy learning curve. At this end the OS is nice it seems.

And then you use it. ;o)

Even if you haven't seen the Mac ads, I'm sure you have heard somebody talk about...

"An unauthorised program is attempting yada yada - Allow / Decline"

Well, welcome to the future.

I wasn't surprised to get this program when installing software. I had been warned, and although my mouse click on install was just a fraction of a second before the Allow / Decline prompt, bringing forth questions as to how quickly doubt can occur about such things, I accepted that you don't install software all that often, and being very system critical it doesn't hurt to double check.

It was a couple of minutes later when I became apparent that people weren't kidding.

While I was dismayed when the USB stick, which I had just removed from an XP machine which confirmed files onboard, showed up, but was reported as empty. That was odd. Removing it, rechecking the files in XP, and then putting it back, did, for whatever reason, cause Vista to display the files.

One of them was a ZIP file, and I needed to copy some stuff from the ZIP file to an area where it would no longer be zipped. Initially it was about 1.5MB worth of stuff.

Select.

Copy.

Paste.

An unauthorised program is attempting to...

....huh?

Which program? Windows Vista itself? It seemed so. A simple file copy, admittedly from a compressed archive, was sufficient to claim that authorisation was required.

Allow.

Now copying 1.5 meg.

Estimated time remaining: 2 minutes 13 seconds.

Speed: 8.2KB/sec

1.5Meg will take over two minutes? We're getting 8.2KB on a 480,000KB bus?
Even USB 1 is 10,000KB. Nice.

And it didn't disappoint. It really did use the whole 2 minutes.

A later file copy of just over 4 meg achieved a speed of about 70KB/sec,
nearly 10 times faster, and only about 7,000 times slower than expected (literally).

It is, it seems, appropriate, for your own security, that you are inflicted
with constant, annoying, inconvenient checks and tests. It's for your safety.
Sorry sir. Do you have a bomb? You'll have to take your clothes off while
I put on this glove...

....it's for your own safety...

....because all of us...

....would prefer...

....a glove an hour...

....to a bomb that rarely occurs...

Welcome to Windows Fista. The future is more paranoid than ever. The bad
guys will never get us. They can't annoy us. No they can't.

Cheers,
Kim.
