

Windows Vista® Operating System IDEXX Recommended Settings

Document Purpose	This document is presented to IDEXX Computer Systems customers who will be using Microsoft® Windows Vista® in their practice. This document outlines our recommended settings for using Windows Vista with IDEXX Cornerstone* Practice Management System.
Turn off User Account Control	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Double-click User Accounts. 3. Click Turn User Account Control on or off. 4. Click Continue at the User Account Control prompt. 5. Uncheck Use User Account Control (UAC) to help protect your computer. 6. Click OK and restart the computer.
Set Classic Start Menu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Right-click on the Start button and left click on Properties. 2. In the Start Menu tab, select Classic Start Menu. 3. Click the Notification Area tab and uncheck Hide inactive icons. 4. Click OK.
Set Classic Control Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Click Classic View and close the Control Panel.
Set Network Location to Private	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Double-click Network and Sharing Center. 3. Click the Customize link on the right hand side of the window. 4. Select Private and click Next. 5. Click Close and close the Network and Sharing Center window.
Enable File Sharing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Double-click Network and Sharing Center. 3. In Sharing and Discovery, click the down arrow for Public Folder Sharing. 4. Click Turn off sharing (people logged on to this computer can still access this folder). 5. Click Apply. 6. Click the down arrow for Password protected sharing. 7. Click Turn on password protected sharing. 8. Click Apply and close the Network and Sharing Center window.
Disable Sharing Wizard	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Double-click Folder Options. 3. Click the View tab in the Folder Options window. 4. Scroll to the bottom and uncheck Use Sharing Wizard (Recommended). 5. Click OK and close the Control Panel.
Show Extensions of Known File Types	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Double-click Folder Options. 3. Click the View tab in the Folder Options window. 4. Uncheck Hide extensions for known file types. 5. Click OK and close the Control Panel.
Disable Screen Saver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Click Personalization. 3. Click Screen Saver. 4. Choose none from the drop-down menu. 5. Click OK and close the Control Panel.

Disable Windows Sidebar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Double-click Windows Sidebar Properties. 3. Uncheck Start Sidebar when Windows Starts. 4. Click OK and close the Control Panel.
Setup Appearance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Double-click Personalization. 3. Click Windows Color and Appearance. 4. Click Open classic appearance properties for more color options. 5. In the Color Scheme list, select Windows Vista Basic. 6. Click OK and close the Personalization window.
Turn off Power Save	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Double-click Power Options. 3. On the left, click Create a power plan. 4. In the Create a power plan window, select High Performance. 5. In the Plan Name field, type IDEXX Power. 6. Click Next. 7. Click Create. 8. Under IDEXX Power, click Change Plan Settings. 9. Click Change Advanced power settings. 10. In the Power Options window, expand Hard Disk. 11. Under Hard Disk, expand Turn off hard disk after. 12. Change Setting (Minutes) to 0 (zero). 13. Click OK and close the Edit Plan Settings window.
Disable the Windows Firewall	<p>Note: A hardware firewall (router) is recommended in place of a software firewall.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Click Windows Firewall. 3. Click Change Settings. 4. In the Windows Firewall Settings window, click Off (not recommended) and click OK. 5. Close the Windows Firewall window and close the Control Panel.
Setup Automatic Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Settings > Control Panel. 2. Double-click Windows Update. 3. Click Change Settings. 4. Select Download updates but let me choose whether to install them. 5. Click OK and close the Windows Update window.

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