

NEW & SLOW LAPTOP SETUP

Update your Windows:

Windows XP: “Start” – “Control Panel” – “Windows Update” – “You’ll reach the Windows Update website” – “Express” – “Install Updates”

Windows Vista: “Start” – “All Programs” – “Windows update” – “Check for Updates” – “Click the important updates link” – “Select the updates you want to install” – “OK” – “Install updates”

Windows 7: “Start” – “All Programs” – “Windows Update” – “Check for updates” – “Install Updates”





Set up Automatic Updates:

Windows XP: “Start” – “Control Panel” – “Automatic Updates” – “Automatic” – “OK”

Windows Vista / 7: “Start” – “All Programs” – “Windows Update” – “Change Settings” – “Install updates automatically (recommended)” – “OK”

Use Multiple Browsers: Internet Explorer , Mozilla Firefox , Google Chrome  (Safari , Opera ...)

Reset your browsers:

-  **Internet Explorer:** “Tools” – “Internet Options” – “Advanced” – “Reset”
-  **Google Chrome:** “Tools ” – “Options” – “Under the Hood” – “Reset to defaults”
-  **Mozilla Firefox:** (“XP – Start - Run” / “Vista & 7 – Start button – Start Search”) – type “firefox - safe-mode” – “check - Reset all user preferences to Firefox defaults” – “Make Changes and Restart”

Update your Java at www.java.com – Free Java Download

FYI – try setting the **Internet Explorer 8**  to **Compatibility View Mode:** “Tools” – “Compatibility View Settings” – “Display all websites in Compatibility View”

Use Antivirus Software:

- “**Microsoft Security Essentials**” (not for Windows XP x64) from www.microsoft.com/Security_Essentials/.
 - “**AVG Anti-Virus Free Edition**” from www.cnet.com.
- If you are getting a lot of popup messages scan your system with “**Malwarebytes**” from www.cnet.com.

Remove any trial version software that has expired or you are not going to use. Uninstall any unnecessary software that came with your system by using the **Add or Remove Programs (XP)** or **Programs (Vista/7)** feature in **Control Panel**. **Removing software could lead to problems, so please exercise caution.**

If you need **Microsoft Office** (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and Access) check out the **Microsoft Ultimate Steal** website (just Google ultimate steal).

All of the above are just suggestions. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at (239)-489-9074 or just stop by the Technology Support Center (K121).