

Recommended Windows 7 Setup

Services to be disabled

- (1) Automatic Updates
- (2) Themes
- (3) Fast User Switching
- (4) SSDP Discovery Service
- (5) Wireless Zero Configuration
- (6) IPSEC Service
- (7) cftmon
- (8) Certificate Propagation
- (9) Desktop Window Manager Session Manager
- (10) Distributed Link Tracking Client
- (11) Function Discovery Provider Host
- (12) IP Helper
- (13) Offline Files
- (14) Print spooler
- (15) Program Compatibility Assistant
- (16) Security centre
- (17) TCP/IP Netbios helper
- (18) Windows connect now
- (19) Windows Search indexing
- (20) Windows media player network sharing service

System Settings

- (1) Classic Theme Desktop
- (2) Screen Saver – Disabled, and wallpaper
- (3) Classic “Start Menu”
- (4) Disable Aero Theme
- (5) Power Options for Turn off monitor – Never
- (6) Message Balloons – Disable
- (7) English UK language and keyboard
- (8) Internet Explorer 8 - Disable Updates and accelerators
- (9) Default Home page : TBD
- (10) Performance – Set to Adjust For Best Performance
- (11) System Restore – Disable
- (12) Disable Fast User Switching
- (13) Disable Welcome Screen
- (14) Paging file size – Initial 1.5 * RAM size
Paging file size – Max 2.5 * RAM size
- (15) Power plan , set to High Performance
- (16) Turn off unused windows features ‘Tablet PC’, Windows Gadgets Platform
- (17) Disable sidebar gadgets
- (18) Disable Aero Peek and Aero snap features
- (19) Disable all visual effects, except last four in custom list

- (20) fsutil memoryusage set = 2 (handles more concurrent file operations to file system)
- (21) UAC – Optional ?? : Disable user account control, set to “Never Notify”

Remove MS OS Software

- (1) Games
- (2) Outlook Express
- (3) Windows Messenger

Disk Layout

- (a) Boot partition - ??? (NTFS)
- (b) Data Partition - ??? (NTFS)

Others Items to be considered

- (1) Logical name / host name
- (2) IP address
- (3) Gateway
- (4) Time Server
- (5) Directory Structure on data partition
- (6) Housekeeping
- (7) Printer Setup ?
- (8) APC Power options