

Re: My Vista/Delphi/Dev experience

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As for the "its just a new shiny UI" argument, take a few minutes to skim
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_vista.

Well, if I felt limited in doing what I want in the old OS
I'd probably appreciate whatever they put in there. IMHO
for ME they gave nothing new and took some away

I'm not really sure what they took away from you. I understand you have issues with your graphics card performance, but this is a driver issue.

There are many nice things in Vista, especially for developers. How about being able to add as many websites as you like in IIS7? No more restricting you to one website unless you run the server OS.

There are also tremendous improvements to the rendering of applications under the new UI framework, meaning the applications aren't constantly having to respond to WM_PAINT; the OS takes care of caching the information needed in GDI and then renders it using DX. Much more performant, and you don't get dead windows that render artifacts due to not processing messages.

The improvements to explorer are great. The breadcrumb trail in the address bar is inarguably a great new feature, and allows for much quicker folder navigation. Being able to group and do advanced sorting and stacking in explorer is great. Being able to instantly search in folders is great. I can't count how many times, in the past, I've gone to C:\Windows\System32 (either in explorer or an Open/Save dialog) and wished there was *some* way just to see the bpl's. Why hello there Vista :). Just type .bpl in the search and, presto, results.

And the advanced search features are great. How about if I wanted all of the unprotected music on my PC to put on a device that doesn't support protected content. I can navigate to the folder that has my music (in subfolders or not) and just type protected:no in the search box and almost instantly I have my results.

System Restore is also amazing this time around. I actually leave it on on all drives. The System Restore in XP was crummy. Now it uses volume shadow copying. I've done all sorts of testing and restores on Vista over the months. Worked great every time. The Previous Versions feature is a nice addition to System Restore. Files on drives you have flagged for System Restore get individually backed up. I love the history in Delphi 2006. Sometimes I wish I had that in other apps. Now I do.

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Give it some time. Don't just install it, realize you have to change some of your code for your app to work, see too many UAC prompts and declare it rubbish. There really are nice things about it.

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