

The Windows Vista Start Menu

The following table lists the contents of the Windows Start menu. Give it a once over so that you see what familiar items have moved, and what new items have been added that weren't in your previous version of Windows.

Start Menu Item*	Optional Feature
Default Programs (formerly Set Program Access and Defaults)	
Windows Update	
All Programs	
Accessories	
Calculator	
Command Prompt	
Connect to a Network Projector	
Ease of Access (formerly Accessibility)	
Ease of Access Center	
Magnify	
Narrator	
On-Screen Keyboard	
Windows Speech Recognition	
Windows Mobility Center (laptops/tablets only)	
Notepad	
Paint	
Remote Desktop Connection	
Run (appears only when you enable it by customizing the Start Menu)	
Windows Sidebar	
Snipping Tool	Tablet
Sound Recorder	
Sync Center	
System Tools	
Backup Status and Configuration	
Character Map	
Computer	
Control Panel	
Disk Cleanup	
Disk Defragmenter	
Internet Explorer (No Add-ons)	IE
System Information	

* Not every version of Windows Vista includes all of the items listed in the table. The Home versions, in particular, will be missing some of the advanced features. Also, some items appear only if you have enabled an optional Windows feature through the Control Panel. For these items, the Optional Feature column lists an abbreviation indicating the which feature must be enabled in order to get the Start menu item. There is a list of these feature abbreviations after the table.

Start Menu Item*	Optional Feature
System Restore	
Task Scheduler	
Windows Easy Transfer (formerly Files and Settings Transfer Wizard)	
Tablet PC	
Sticky Notes	Tablet
Tablet PC Input Panel	Tablet
Windows Journal	Tablet
Welcome Center	
Windows Explorer	
Wordpad	
Administrative Tools (not displayed by default)	custom
Computer Management	
Data Sources (ODBC)	
Event Viewer	
Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager	IIS
Internet Information Services (IIS) v6 Manager	IIS
iSCSI Initiator	
Local Security Policy	
Memory Diagnostics Tool	
Print Management	
Reliability and Performance Monitor	
Services	
Services For Network File System	NFS
System Configuration	
Task Scheduler	
Windows Firewall with Advanced Security	
Extras and Upgrades	
Small Business Resources	
Windows Anytime Upgrade	
Windows Marketplace	
Windows Ultimate Extras	
Windows Web Site	

Start Menu Item*	Optional Feature
Games	
Chess	Games
FreeCell	Games
GameExplorer	
Hearts	Games
InkBall	Games
Mahjong	Games
Minesweeper	Games
PurplePlace	Games
Solitaire	Games
Spider Solitaire	Games
Internet Explorer	IE
Maintenance	
Backup and Restore Center	
Help	
Problem Reports and Solutions	
Remote Assistance	
Subsystem for UNIX-based Applications	SUA
C Shell	SUADL
Check For Critical Updates	SUADL
Download Utilities for Subsystem for UNIX-based Applications	SUA
Help for Subsystem for UNIX-based Applications	SUADL
Korn Shell	SUADL
SVR-5 Korn Shell	SUADL
What's New in Subsystem for UNIX-based Application	SUA
Windows Calendar	
Windows Contacts	
Windows Defender	
Windows DVD Maker	
Windows Fax and Scan	Fax
Windows Live Messenger Download	
Windows Mail (formerly Outlook Express)	Mail
Windows Media Center	
Windows Media Player	WMP
Windows Meeting Space	WMS
Windows Movie Maker	
Windows Photo Gallery	
Windows Update	

* Not all items may appear or be available in all versions of Windows Vista. Some items appear only when optional Windows features are enabled. The feature options are noted in the second column, using the following abbreviations:

custom	Start menu customization option
Tablet	Tablet PC Optional Components
Fax	Fax and Scan
Games	Games
IE	Internet Explorer Access
IIS	Internet Information Services
Mail	Windows Mail Shortcut
NFS	Services for NFS
SUA	Subsystem for UNIX-Based Applications
SUADL	Utilities and SDK for Subsystem for UNIX-Based Applications (download)
WMP	Windows Media Player
WMS	Windows Meeting Space

The Windows Control Panel

The following table will help you learn your way around the new Windows Vista Control Panel. In the table, the items in **boldface** appear on the main Control Panel Home page for quick access. You'll notice that some items appear more than once. By the way, you can still select the Classic View to see a list of icons.

Control Panel Titles and Task Items

System and Maintenance

Welcome Center

Get started with Windows

Find which version of Windows you are using

Backup and Restore Center

Back up your computer

Restore files from backup

System

View amount of RAM and processor speed

Check your computer's Windows Experience Index base score

Allow remote access

See the name of this computer

Windows Update

Turn automatic updating on or off

Check for updates

View installed updates

Power Options

Require a password when the computer wakes

Change what the power buttons do

Change when the computer sleeps

Indexing Options

Change how Windows searches

Problem Reports and Solutions

Check for new solutions

Choose how to check for solutions

View problem history

Performance Information and Tools

Check your computer's Windows Experience Index base score

Use tools to improve performance

Device Manager

View hardware and devices

Update device drivers

Not every version of Windows Vista will include all of these items. Also, some add-on hardware or software components install additional control panel items. In most cases these will appear under Additional Options.

Control Panel Titles and Task Items

Windows Anytime Upgrade (*not on Ultimate*)

Compare features with your current configuration

Decide whether to upgrade Windows Vista

Administrative Tools (*see the following section for details*)

Free up disk space

Defragment your hard drive

Create and format hard disk partitions

View event logs

Schedule tasks

Security

Security Center

Check for updates

Check this computer's security status

Turn automatic updating on or off

Check firewall status

Require a password when the computer wakes

Windows Firewall

Turn Windows Firewall on or off

Allow a program through Windows Firewall

Windows Update

Turn automatic updating on or off

Check for updates

View installed update

Windows Defender

Scan for spyware and other potentially unwanted software

Internet Options

Change security settings

Delete browsing history and cookies

Manage browser add-ons

Parental Controls

Set up parental controls for any user

View activity reports

Control Panel Titles and Task Items

BitLocker Drive Encryption (*Ultimate and Enterprise only*)

Protect your computer by encrypting data on your disk

Manage BitLocker keys

Network and Internet

Network and Sharing Center

View network status and tasks

Connect to a network

View network computers and devices

Add a device to the network

Set up file sharing

Internet Options

Change security settings

Delete browsing history and cookies

Manage browser add-ons

Offline Files (*Business, Enterprise and Ultimate only*)

Encrypt your offline files

Manage disk space used by your offline files

Windows Firewall

Turn Windows Firewall on or off

Allow a program through Windows Firewall

People Near Me

Sign in or out of People Near Me

Change People Near Me settings

Sync Center

Sync with other computers, mobile devices or network folders

View sync results

Resolve sync conflicts

Hardware and Sound

Printers

Add a printer

Change default printer

Remove a printer

Send a fax (*Business, Enterprise and Ultimate only*)

Autoplay

Change default settings for media or devices

Play CDs or other media automatically

Sound

Adjust system volume

Change system sounds

Manage audio devices

Control Panel Titles and Task Items

Mouse

Change button settings

Change pointer appearance

Power Options

Change power-saving settings

Change what the power buttons do

Require a password when the computer wakes

Change when the computer sleeps

Personalization

Change the size of on-screen items

Adjust screen resolution

How to correct monitor flicker (refresh rate)

Scanners and Cameras

View scanners and cameras

Scan a document or picture

Keyboard

Change cursor blink rate

Check keyboard status

Device Manager

View hardware or devices

Update device drivers

Phone and Modem Options

Set up dialing rules

Game Controllers

Set up USB game controllers

Windows SideShow

Setup a secondary display to use with Windows SideShow

Pen and Input Devices

Change tablet pen settings

Color Management

Change advanced color management settings for displays, scanners, and printers

Tablet PC Settings

Change screen orientation

Programs

Programs and Features

Uninstall a program

Turn Windows features on or off

View installed updates

Use an older program with this version of Windows

How to install a program

Control Panel Titles and Task Items

Windows Defender

- Scan for spyware and other potentially unwanted software
- View currently running programs

Default Programs

- Stop a program from running at startup
- Change default settings for media or devices
- Make a file type always open in a specific program
- Set your default programs

Windows SideShow

- Set up a secondary display to use with Windows SideShow

Windows Sidebar Properties

- Add gadgets to Sidebar
- Uninstall a gadget

Get Programs Online

- Get new programs online at Windows Marketplace
- Manage programs you buy online (digital locker)

Mobile PC

Windows Mobility Center

- Adjust Commonly used mobility settings
- Adjust screen brightness
- Adjust settings before giving a presentation
- Connect to a projector or other external display

Power Options

- Change battery settings
- Require a password when the computer wakes
- Change when the computer sleeps
- Change what the power buttons do
- Change what closing the lid does

Personalization

- Change screen saver
- Change desktop background
- Adjust settings before giving a presentation
- Adjust screen brightness

Tablet PC Settings

- Change screen orientation

Pen and Input Devices

- Change tablet pen settings

Sync Center

- Sync with other computers, mobile devices or network folders
- View sync results
- Resolve sync conflicts

Control Panel Titles and Task Items

User Accounts and Family Safety

User Accounts

- Change your account picture
- Add or remove user accounts**
- Change your Windows password

Parental Controls

- Set up parental controls for any user**
- View activity reports

Windows CardSpace

- Manage Information Cards that are used to log on to online services

Appearance and Personalization

Personalization

- Change desktop background**
- Change the color scheme**
- Adjust screen resolution**
- Change screen saver
- Change the theme

Taskbar and Start Menu

- Customize the Start menu
- Customize icons on the taskbar
- Change the picture on the Start menu

Ease of Access Center

- Accommodate low vision
- Change screen reader
- Underline keyboard shortcuts and access keys
- Turn High Contrast on or off

Folder Options

- Specify single- or double-click to open
- use Classic Windows folders
- Show hidden files and folders

Fonts

- Install or remove a font

Windows Sidebar Properties

- Add gadgets to Sidebar
- Choose whether to keep Sidebar on top of other windows

Clock, Language and Region

Date and Time

- Set the time and date
- Set the time zone

Control Panel Titles and Task Items

Add clocks for different time zones

Add the Clock gadget to Windows Sidebar

Regional and Language Options

Install or uninstall display languages (*Enterprise and Ultimate only*)

Change display language (*Enterprise and Ultimate only*)

Change the country or region

Change the date, time, or number format

Change keyboards or other input methods

Ease of Access

Ease of Access Center

Let Windows suggest settings

Optimize visual display

Replace sounds with visual cues

Change how your mouse works

Change how your keyboard works

Speech Recognition Options

Start speech recognition

Set up a microphone

Additional Options

Administrative Tools

There are a series of administrative tools reached by clicking Start, Control Panel, System and Maintenance, Administrative Tools. The following table lists tools, which are described in Chapter 25.

Administrative Tools

- Computer Management (*see below for details*)
- Data Sources (ODBC)
- Event Viewer
- Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager
- Internet Information Services (IIS) 6.0 Manager
- iSCSI Initiator
- Local Security Policy
- Memory Diagnostics Tool
- Print Management
- Reliability and Performance Monitor
- Services
- Service for Network File System (NFS)
- System Configuration
- Task Scheduler
- Windows Firewall with Advanced Security

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Computer Management Tools

System Tools

- Task Scheduler
 - Task Scheduler Library
- Event Viewer
 - Custom Views
 - Windows Logs
 - Applications and Services Logs
 - Subscriptions

Shared Folders

- Shares
- Sessions
- Open Files

Local Users and Groups

- Users
- Groups

Reliability and Performance

- Monitoring Tools
- Data Collector Sets
- Reports

Device Manager

Storage

- Disk Management

Services and Applications

- Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager
- Services
- WMI Control
- Internet Information Services (IIS) 6.0 Manager
- Indexing Service