Enabling or Disabling the New Interface Components in Windows XP

The new Windows XP interface is enabled by default in the Home Edition and Professional edition. You may want to disable some of the new interface components in order to improve the computer's performance. This article describes how to enable or disable all or parts of the new interface in Windows XP.

You can enable or disable portions of the new interface by clearing or selecting a check box. Follow these steps to modify the new interface.

- 1. Right-click **My Computer** and then click **Properties**.
- 2. On the Advanced tab, under Performance, click Settings.

System Properties			<u>?</u> ×	
System Restore	Automatic	: Updates	Remote Ì	
General	Computer Name	Hardware	Advanced	
You must be logged	l on as an Administrator	to make most of	these changes.	
Visual effects, processor scheduling, memory usage, and virtual memory				
		[Settings	
User Profiles				
Desktop settings r	elated to your logon			
		[Settings	
Startup and Recov	/ery			
System startup, system failure, and debugging information				
			Settings	
	Environment Variab	les Erro	r Reporting	
	OK	Cancel	Apply	

Note: To select all of the check boxes, click **Best Appearance**. To clear all of the check boxes, click **Best Performance**.

Performance Options	×
Visual Effects Advanced	
Select the settings you want to use for the appearance and performance of Windows on this computer.	
C Let Windows choose what's best for my computer	
O Adjust for best appearance	L
Adjust for best performance	L
O Custom:	L
 Animate windows when minimizing and maximizing Fade or slide menus into view Fade out menu items after clicking Show shadows under menus Show shadows under mouse pointer Show translucent selection rectangle Show window contents while dragging Slide open combo boxes Slide taskbar buttons Smooth edges of screen fonts 	
OK Cancel Apply	