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My only copy of Vista came preinstalled and is sufficiently unstable on a Toshiba laptop that I would never recommend anyone to use it.

I actually got Vista to a useable state – meaning: About the same speed as the old 1.2 GHz Athlon 64 + 1 Gig RAM – But this time on a Dual core 1.8 GHz Toshiba A300 lapdog with 3 GB RAM!!

Not too surprising, since a 1.8GHz processor isn't all that much more power than a 1.2GHz, given the memory bottleneck. A laptop will also be significantly slower than a decent desktop.

It's a dual core should be ~twice as fast.

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Did the tooth fairy visit you last night?

There is a lot of things to switch off but especially: The service "Superfetch" which sucks away all the RAM and "Readyboost" which I will never use. Since it is a lapdog one can also set the HDD to use maximum buffering because we have backup power.

HDD buffering has nothing to do with performance. It's there for the disk drive, not the computer.

Vista likes to swap, swap & swap – so we want the disk to appear fast!

Hard disk "cache" has nothing to do with swapping. It's there for the drive's use (decoupling the magnetics from the interface), not the OS'.

On "Windows Features" I killed the following:

Remote Differential Compression\*, Removable storage management, Services for NFS, Print Services, Windows Fax & Scan, Windows Meeting Space, Windows DFS Replication Service, Indexing Service.

You don't use removable storage? Printers?

Names are misleading: The removable storage management is for legacy handling of NT backups, the print services are for web-printing; No, I do not use any of those.

Ah, and here I thought that "removable storage management" was used to support storage devices that were, well, removable. ...and printing services for...

Anyways:

<http://www.howtogeek.com/howto/windows-vista/remove-optional-and-probably-unnecessary-services/>

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\*responsible for hour-ooooong drag & drop Vista  
Experience via  
Explorer!!!

Next job is to get dual-boot going!

I tried to get dual boot to work with two 'doze sessions (bringing  
up a new drive) but one kept stomping all over the other, turning  
both to mush.

It will work with Linux. Unfortunately my WLAN hardware is not recognised  
when test-booting from a Knoppix CD so there will be work to be done here.

I intend on trying that, though I'm not too optimistic that the  
Linux will find enough of my hardware to make it useful. I've given  
up (at least temporarily) trying to get Linux to work on my desktop,  
and that should have been a piece of cake.

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Keith

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