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Maintaining Computer Performance

VS

Natural Performance Degradation

In

Windows based Computer Environments

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Introduction

A common experience with computer users who purchase a new computer, is that it performs to their expectations for a while. After 6 months they get the feeling their computer is slowing down in performance.

These 'feelings' of slow computer performance can be summarized as follows:

- The computer cannot keep up with the ongoing demands of it and increased use by the user
- After 12 months my expectations and demands on the computer have increased – more applications, more simultaneous tasks, more family users etc
- The computer is now out of date and as such cannot serve my needs and there is better technology that can satisfy my computing needs
- The computer has slowed down and it cannot keep up with my demands

Even though computing technology develops at a high rate with the value for money constantly increasing, generally only the last point is valid over the course of 12 months.

This paper will explain:

1. The reasons for natural performance degradation in computing environments
2. How an individual or small business can address and maintain computing performance over time
3. The ROI (return on investment) in maintaining a computer's performance over time

The current sophistication in windows based environments is very high and compared to the early windows editions a person has access to multimedia and work productivity tools that would have been unheard of 20 years ago.

In saying that, an operating system (the brains) that controls computer systems cannot be all to all people. Non IT (information technology) will generally need some support either through a computing service business, friend or work IT department.

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