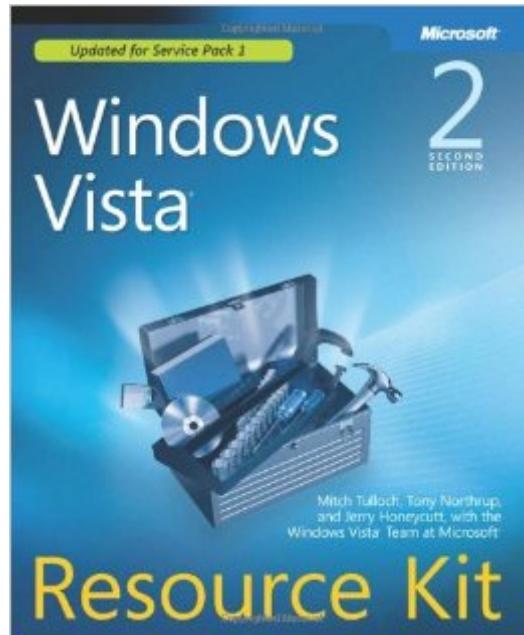


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# Windows Vista® Resource Kit, Second Edition



## **Synopsis**

Get the definitive reference for deploying, configuring, and supporting Windows Vista with expert insights from Microsoft Most Valuable Professionals (MVPs) and the Windows Vista Team at Microsoft. With additions and updates for SP1, this official Microsoft RESOURCE KIT provides more than 1,700 pages of in-depth technical guidance on automating deployment; implementing security enhancements, including Windows® Firewall and Windows Defender; administering Group Policy, files, folders, programs, and devices; using Windows Internet Explorer® 7; configuring network connections; and troubleshooting. You also get more than 170 timesaving scripts to help automate administrative tasks, additional job aids, and an eBook of the entire RESOURCE KIT with bonus chapters on a companion DVD.

**Key Book Benefits**

- Provides the information that every Windows administrator needs about troubleshooting, security enhancements, group policy, and automating administration from the experts who know the technology best
- Includes new coverage and updates related to SP1
- Features Direct from the Source sidebar contributions from more than 100 members of the Windows Vista team
- CD includes 170+ scripts, tools, and job aids, and a fully searchable version of the entire RESOURCE KIT book

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I have to maintain several personal and family computers two of which are Vista Operating System Machines, I find that it provides the information necessary to solve Microsoft Operating System

technical problems

Mitch and company have created an absolutely essential volume for administrators deploying Vista, support personnel, and especially application migration/compatibility specialist. The overview and intros into each section describe the new features and come off a little like Microsoft marketing materials, but don't be fooled by the leisurely starting pace. The kit is broken into 7 major sections including the aforementioned Overview. Then there are sections covering Deployment (including MDT 2008), Desktop Management, Desktop Maintenance, Networking, Troubleshooting, and a group of appendices that cover every critical system file and folder, user rights settings and defaults, and even accessibility options. The true test of a tome like this is in whether it is just interesting trivia and marketing gibberish or if you can use it to solve problems and conduct research. It is obvious that Mitch and his team have used Vista, deployed it and had to support users and apps on it and not just in some well appointed lab environment, but in the real world. Each of the sections is broken down into chapters covering various aspects of deployment, etc. It is in here where we find the proverbial "Beef". Descriptions of tools and settings as well step by step instructions on how to use the and real world guidance and when and why different options should be selected. The level of detail and care applied to getting right really impressed me. Even the URLs went to the right link or were generic enough to get you somewhere close instead of the usual published links that are invariably dead. During my initial read I used the kit to resolve a lingering support issue. I have recommended it my students and colleagues and would recommend it to you if you have to deploy, support, or maintain Microsoft Windows Vista.

Excellent resource material for people skilled in the Windows OS and wish to make a few adjustments- Not for beginners or the average "USER".

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