



How to speed up your Windows 7 computer with a flash drive.

Windows 7 includes a new option named ReadyBoost which enables you to use a flash drive to speed up your computer. ReadyBoost allows the computer to use flash memory as Random Access Memory (RAM) when the computer is running low on RAM. Computers can also use the hard drive for RAM or virtual memory, however it is much slower. Using ReadyBoost is an easy way to increase your computers performance if it's running slow.

1. Plug an empty flash drive into your computer
2. Open Computer, right click on the flash drive, and click properties (Image 1)
3. Click on the ReadyBoost tab (Image 2)
4. Select the Dedicate this device to ReadyBoost bullet point and click the Apply button
5. The flash drive will now be used as ReadyBoost while plugged in and the notification bar will turn red (Image 3)

If the flash drive is accidentally removed, simply plug it back in to restore functionality. (removing the flash drive will not cause harm to your computer)

To stop ReadyBoost from using the flash drive or to remove the flash drive, execute the following steps.

1. Open Computer, right click on the flash drive, and click properties (Image 1)
2. Click on the ReadyBoost tab
3. Select Do not use this device
4. Click OK

