**Windows 10 Extremely Slow**

If your computer still has a spinning hard drive in it. Then it's possible that the new default settings for Windows 10 21H1 and above are pushing your computer to its limits. Windows now includes many visual effects, such as animations and shadow effects. These look great, but they can also use additional system resources and can slow down your PC. This is especially true if you have a PC with a smaller amount of memory (RAM) or a spinning hard disk.

We highly recommend you put a ticket in for IT to replace that old hard drive with a solid state drive (SSD) for a boost in performance. However, in the meantime you have to work and this is aggravating, correct?

Try this:

**To adjust the visual effects in Windows**

1. Select **Search**, type **performance**, then select **Adjust the appearance and performance of Windows** in the list of results.
2. On the **Visual Effects** tab, select **Adjust for best performance** > **Apply**.
3. Restart your PC and see if that speeds up your PC.

Before yours should have looked similar to this:

![Visual Effects settings before](image1.png)

After is should look more like this:

![Visual Effects settings after](image2.png)