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## [Install Windows Vista from a USB 2.0 Flash Drive](#)

*In 5 to 10 minutes*

Generally speaking, Microsoft revealed that Windows Vista will install in a traditional manner, and I mean via a DVD, from 20 to 25 minutes. But there is a way of speeding that up considerably. You will be able to deploy Windows Vista in 5 to 10 minutes. How, you ask? Well, this is the main benefit of installing Windows Vista from a USB 2.0 Flash drive. The fact of the matter is that an ultra-fast USB 2.0 flash drive should be an indispensable accessory for Windows Vista. You should take care and choose a flash drive with 4GB of storage space and a read speed in the vicinity of 25MBytes/sec. combined with a write speed of 14MBytes/sec. Once you have the flash drive, you are all set to go! Connect the USB flash drive and make sure that you know its address. In order to find this out, just type "list disk" after you run CMD.exe. The USB flash drive will have an address like this "disk 1", but we will continue to refer to it as "disc x" where "x" is the number of the drive on your computer. You will now need to enter the following commands: 1. diskpart 2. select disk 1 3. clean 4. create partition primary 5. select partition 1 6. active 7. format fs=fat32 8. assign 9. exit Using "xcopy d:\*.\*/s/e/f e:", simply copy the entire content of the Windows Vista DVD on the flash drive. Boot the computer from the USB drive and simply install Windows Vista. Via [Kurt Shintaku's Blog](#).