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Vista Command Line Switches on Windows

Introduction

A number of command line switches are available to Vista users that can be used to alter the operation of Vista in some way. This Tech note describes the available command line switches and the procedure for invoking them on a Windows machine. Note that the options listed are unsupported and subject to change without notice.

Switches

The available switches are as follows:

-nominsize	Removes the minimum size restriction on the main display. Use this switch when running on a display resolution of 1024x768 or less.
-nosplash	Don't display the splash screen.
-fullscreen	Expand the Vista window to use the full screen of the main display.
-langChinese	Run Vista in Chinese
-langFrench	Run Vista in French
-langGerman	Run Vista in German
-langPortuguese	Run Vista in Portuguese
-langSpanish	Run Vista in Spanish
-load:myshow.vst	Automatically load the specified show file
-notitlebar	Don't display the title bar

Invocation

1. Right click on the Vista icon.
2. Select Copy.
3. Right click on a vacant piece of desktop real estate.
4. Select Paste. This will create a new icon.
5. Right click on the new icon.
6. Select Properties.
7. In the Shortcut tab modify the "Target" field to include the required switches. The modified field should look something like:
`"C:\Program Files\Jands\Vista\vista.exe" -nominsize`
8. Click Apply.
9. Click OK.

The software must be restarted for the changes to take effect.