

Windows® 7 Operating System IDEXX Recommended Settings

Document Purpose	This document is presented to IDEXX Computer Systems customers who will be using Windows® 7 in their practice. This document outlines our recommended settings for using Windows 7 with IDEXX Cornerstone* Practice Management System. Cornerstone 8.0 Service Pack 2 or higher is required to use Windows 7.
Set Control Panel to Show All	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel. 2. Click the View by: drop-down and click Small icons. 3. Close the Control Panel.
Turn off User Account Control	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click User Accounts. 2. Click Change User Account Control settings. 3. Slide the adjustment bar to Never notify. 4. Click Yes at the User Account Control prompt. 5. Click OK and click Yes! Restart the computer.
Set Network Location to Work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Network and Sharing Center. 2. Click Home Network or Public Network if available from the View your active networks section. Note: If Home or Public Network option is unavailable, Work Network is already set. 3. Select Work Network. 4. Click Close and close the Network and Sharing Center window.
Disable IPv6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Network and Sharing Center. 2. Click Change adapter settings. 3. Right-click Local Area Connection (it may be listed as Local Area Connection followed by a number) and left click Properties. 4. Uncheck Internet Protocol Version 6 (TCP/IPv6). 5. Click OK and close the Network Connections window.
Enable File Sharing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Network and Sharing Center. 2. Click Change advanced sharing settings. 3. In the Home or Work section select the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click Turn on file and printer sharing. • Click Turn off sharing so anyone with network access can read and write files in the Public folders. • Click Turn on password protection. 4. Click Save changes and close the Network and Sharing Center window.
Disable Sharing Wizard	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Folder Options. 2. Click the View tab in the Folder Options window. 3. Scroll to the bottom and uncheck Use Sharing Wizard (Recommended). 4. Click OK and close the Control Panel.
Show Extensions of Known File Types	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Folder Options. 2. Click the View tab in the Folder Options window. 3. Uncheck Hide extensions for known file types. 4. Click OK and close the Control Panel.
Disable Screen Saver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Personalization. 2. Click Screen Saver. 3. Choose none from the drop-down menu. 4. Click OK and close the Control Panel.

Setup Appearance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Personalization. 2. In the Theme list, click Windows 7 Basic. 3. Close the Personalization window.
Display Percentage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Display. 2. Click Smaller – 100% (default). 3. Click Apply and close the Display window.
Configure Action Center	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Action Center. 2. Click Change Action Center settings. 3. Uncheck Windows Update, Internet security settings, Network firewall, User Account Control, and Windows Backup. 4. Click OK and close the Action Center window.
Add the Run Option to the Start Menu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Taskbar and Start Menu. 2. Click the Start Menu tab and click the Customize... button. 3. Check the Run command check box. 4. Click OK, click OK and close the Control Panel.
Show All Notification Area Icons	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Notification Area Icons. 2. Check Always show all icons and notifications on the taskbar. 3. Click OK and close the Control Panel.
Add Critical System Icons to the Desktop	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Personalization. 2. Click Change desktop icons. 3. Check Computer, Recycle Bin, User's Files, and Network. 4. Click OK and close the Personalization window.
Turn off Power Save	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Power Options. 2. On the left, click Create a power plan. 3. In the Create a power plan window, select High Performance. 4. In the Plan Name field, type IDEXX Power. 5. Click Next and click Create. 6. Under IDEXX Power, click Change plan settings. 7. Click Change advanced power settings. 8. In the Power Options window, expand Hard Disk. 9. Under Hard Disk, expand Turn off hard disk after. 10. Click Setting and set Setting (Minutes) to 0 (zero). 11. Click OK, close the Edit Plan Settings window.
Turn off Network Power Save	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Network and Sharing Center 2. Click Change adapter settings. 3. Right-click Local Area Connection and click Properties. 4. Click the Configure button. 5. Click the Power Management tab. 6. Uncheck Allow the computer to turn off this device to save power. Note: This check box may not be present on some systems. 7. Click OK, and close the Network Connection window.
Disable the Windows Firewall	<p>Note: A hardware firewall (router) is recommended in place of a software firewall.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Windows Firewall. 2. Click Turn Windows Firewall on or off. 3. In the Home or Work (Private) network location settings section, click Turn Off Windows Firewall (not recommended). 4. Click OK, close the Windows Firewall window.

Setup Automatic Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Click Start > Control Panel and click Windows Update.2. Click Change settings.3. In the Important updates section, choose Download updates but let me choose whether to install them.4. Click OK and close the Control Panel window. Note: Updates may start to download right after clicking OK.
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