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Subject: Re: Vista Themes

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Windows Vista will use up to one Gibibit of system memory to cache commonly used software products on your machine. As the others have said, you should try to disable themes completely by disabling the Windows Theme service. If you do not know how to disable the service, type 'msconfig' (without quotes) in the search bar on the start menu. Go to the services tab, scroll down to Themes and uncheck it. A system reboot is required for changes to take effect.

Also, if you're using a version of Windows Vista that supports Aero, turn it off since it requires more video processing and even more system memory.

In the long run, if Windows Vista is running sluggish on your computer, I highly recommend formatting your hard disk and installing Windows XP.

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