

TaxWise, TrueCrypt, and Vista

There are several issues that need to be addressed when using TaxWise and TrueCrypt on computers with the Windows Vista Operating System.

TaxWise and Vista

- ❑ There continues to be only **limited support** for the **Windows Vista** operating systems (Basic, Premium, Business, and Ultimate).
- ❑ **Neither AARP Tax-Aide** purchased laptops **nor IRS Depot** computers **will use Vista** for the 2009 Tax Season.
- ❑ **TaxWise 2005-2009 will run on Vista**; however updates to Vista's default security setting (UAC) may be needed. Earlier TaxWise versions have not been thoroughly tested on Vista by the NTC.

TaxWise and Vista - UAC

- One of the new features in Vista is **User Account Control** (UAC)
 - CCH recommends this feature be disabled when running TaxWise software. UAC can be particularly disruptive with prior year TaxWise programs and networking.
 - The NTC has developed a program that turns this feature on and off. Instructions for using this program are on the following slide.

TaxWise and Vista – UAC on/off

- ❑ An executable program called “UacOnOff.txt” is posted on the Technology page of the AARP Tax-Aide Extranet.
 - ❑ Download this program
 - ❑ Change the file extension from “.txt” to “.vbs”
 - ❑ Click on the program to run it.

- ❑ Running the program again will turn UAC back on.

TaxWise and Vista

- Use the **Tax-Aide TrueCrypt version 6.2** Installers for encryption on Vista computers, from the Extranet.
 - Flash drives and other removable devices used on Vista computers also need TrueCrypt 6.2
 - Any other computer that uses removable devices with TrueCrypt 6.2 also needs TrueCrypt 6.2
- Be sure to use **Vista Printer Drivers** with both standalone Vista computers and when using Vista computers on a network

Networking TaxWise and Vista

- ❑ Slowdowns and connection interruptions can be caused by the **Master Browser** feature in Windows Vista
 - ❑ The Master Browser feature on each Vista computer wants to “control” the network and can cause conflicts
 - ❑ The Master Browser feature needs to be disabled on Vista computers, except servers.
 - ❑ The NTC has developed a program to turn this feature on and off.

Networking Vista – Master Browser

- An executable program called “[MaintainServerListOnOff.txt](#)” is posted on the Technology page of the AARP Tax-Aide Extranet.
 - Download this program
 - Change the file extension from “.txt” to “.vbs”
 - Click on the program to run it.

- Running the program again will turn the Master Browser back on.

TaxWise Workstation Setup

- ❑ Map the server's shared network drive to each workstation
- ❑ Use the TaxWise CD or a cloned TaxWise 2009 installation on the workstation to run TaxWise setup

Running 'Setup' on a Vista workstation from the server's \UTSyy\TWTech folder may not work.

Networking TaxWise and Vista

- ❑ **The correct Vista Printer Drivers** (32-bit or 64-bit) must be installed directly to the Vista workstation and not automatically from an XP system that is sharing the printer
- ❑ While both will work, it may be easier to connect Vista workstations to **Vista servers** than to XP servers

TaxWise and Vista Reminders

- ❑ Turn off **UAC** on Vista computers
- ❑ Use **TrueCrypt 6.2** on Vista computers
- ❑ Turn off the **Master Browser** on Vista network workstations (*It's OK on a Vista server*)
- ❑ Use the correct **Vista Printer Drivers** when using Vista computers
 - ❑ Be sure that a **Vista Printer Driver** has been acquired and installed directly onto the Vista workstation computers. An XP server will not be able to automatically provide Vista printer drivers.

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