

XP File Indexer

Hard Drive working when computer is idle

Q: My computer's Operating system is XP Home with 512MB of RAM. Sometimes when the computer is not being used, I notice the hard drive light flashing as though it is working. If I open a file or program or even the Task Manager, the hard drive stops spinning. What is happening here? Is this a hacker? I'm using anti-virus, anti-spyware programs and a firewall.

A:

If you have not scheduled any other background tasks to run at this time, it is most likely the XP Indexer working. Since the Hard drive stops as soon as you click to start a file or program confirms it is the XP Indexer as it is scheduled to do it's work only when the computer is idle.

The purpose of the Indexer is to speed up your file operations. It makes finding files much faster. However, you can turn off the Indexer if you prefer.

Click the **Start** button.

Select **Run**.

Type in **services.msc** and click **OK**.

Select **Indexing Services**.

Change **Startup Type** to **Disabled**.

Close the **Services** Window.

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