

# eXPandVISTA<sup>TM</sup> EZ

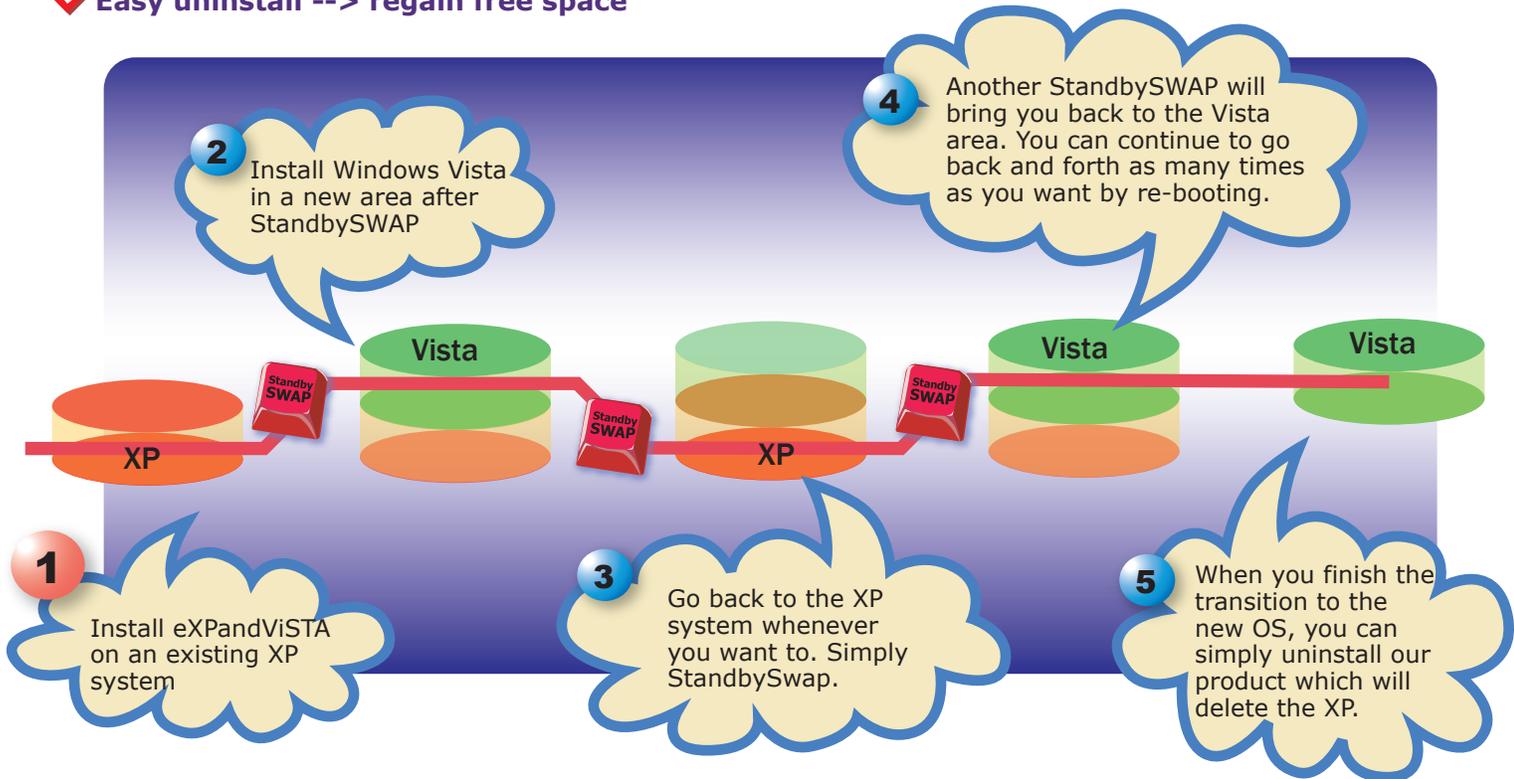
Ready for a smooth OS transition?

## A Bullet Proof Migration Utility

eXPandVISTA EZ (TM) will let you try Windows Vista (TM) while you keep your working Windows XP (R) system alive and unaffected. eXPandVISTA will let you go back and forth between each OS on a single computer on a single drive in a single partition. (No need to create and modify partitions!)

**Why? Because it's reversible!**

- ✓ **Simple design --> reliable**
- ✓ **No partition management needed**
- ✓ **Easy uninstall --> regain free space**



## How does it work?

StandbySoft technology will let you install or upgrade to another OS within the system volume with zero interference. This enables both systems to be bootable while using separate areas within drive C: (one OS at a time.) By using a special key combination upon booting, you will be able to easily alternate between two OSs: choosing from Windows XP and Windows Vista, or Windows Vista and Windows Vista SP1 when it arrives.

Relax and enjoy your hassle free transition. When you decide to stay with just one OS, simply uninstall our product and enjoy the additional free space.

### Minimum Requirements:

**Operating Systems:**  
Windows XP Home Edition or Professional  
Windows Vista (any)

**CPU & Memory:**  
Minimum required for either OS

**HardDisk:**  
Should fit both XP and Vista operating systems plus your files

**Filesystems:**  
NTFS

**Contact:**  
xvsales@standbydisk.com  
<http://www.expandvista.com>



# eXPandVISTA Life Cycle

This option is for users who will wish to use their applications and files right away on their new operating system. StandbySoft eXPandVISTA EZ will Initialize a protected "StandbyArea" by making a copy of your current operating system in the new area. The contents of this area can then be upgraded (an option of the Microsoft install procedure) to the new operating system.

(1) Install eXPandVISTA EZ into your current OS (XP, for example).

(2) At the end of installing eXPandVISTA EZ, you will be presented with a choice to begin the Startup Wizard. If you are uncertain at this time whether you wish to perform an upgrade, then simply launch it later from [Start Menu --> Programs --> StandbySoft eXPandVISTA EZ --> StartupWizard]. After the Wizard launches, choose the first choice "upgrade OS" and follow instructions.

(3) When you choose to Initialize from the Wizard, you will be presented with some options. In order to save space, StandbySoft eXPandVISTA EZ can be instructed not to copy certain kinds of files, including unnecessary temporary files. On most modern systems a large amount of space can also be saved by not copying large media files if you are not intending to use them with the new OS you are about to install. Also, backup files are quite large, and likely will not be necessary to duplicate. If you do need access to these files in both operating systems, then simply uncheck the appropriate boxes, and StandbySoft eXPandVISTA EZ will copy these files along with the rest of the system.

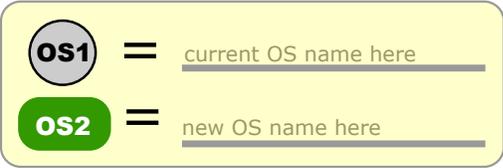
(4) The StandbySwap button in the Wizard will cause a re-boot into a system that looks identical to the one you were just using, but you will see a message informing you that you have StandbySwapped. Make sure to remove any bootable media such as CD/DVD or floppy before click on StandbySwap button on the wizard.

(5) After confirming the duplicated system booted successfully after StandbySwap, you will place the CD/DVD for your new operating system into the disc drive, and follow the instructions for that operating system's setup to complete an upgrade installation of the new operating system. Be sure you have an upgrade capable CD/DVD to avoid overwriting your current OS environment to be overwritten. The matrix of OS upgrade ability is listed in the readme.

(6) Now you can try your upgraded OS while your previous OS is hidden and available in the StandbyArea.

(7) StandbySwap will hide the upgraded OS and boot the old OS in its place.

## Option 1: Upgrade Install



(1) Install eXPandVISTA into current OS (OS1)



(2) Small "StandbyArea" is created



(3) "Initialize" command will copy OS1 environment to "StandbyArea" (OS1')



(4) "StandbySwap" will Swap two areas and boot OS1' instead of OS1 (OS1 now in "StandbyArea")



(5) Apply new OS (OS2) upgrade to current OS (OS1') (OS1 still in "StandbyArea", untouched)



(6) OS1 environment becomes OS2 (OS1 still in "StandbyArea")



(7) Try new OS (OS2) to see if everything works fine under it.



(8) If you prefer to go back to your old OS environment (OS1) just "StandbySwap" (OS2 still in "StandbyArea")



(9) Another "StandbySwap" will boot your new OS (OS2) again. (OS1 again in "StandbyArea")

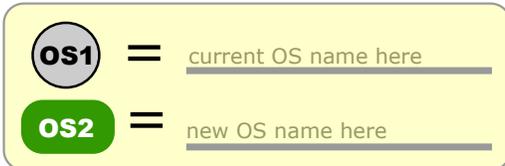


(10) When old environment (OS1) is not needed, simply uninstall eXPandVISTA. (deletes "StandbyArea")





## Option 2: Clean Install



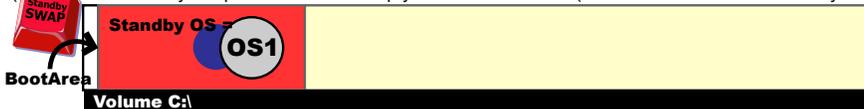
(1) Install eXPandVISTA into current OS (OS1)



(2) A Small, empty "StandbyArea" is created



(3) Perform "StandbySwap". It will set the empty area as boot area. (OS1 will be hidden in "StandbyArea")



(4) Clean install new OS (OS2) from installation CD (OS1 still in "StandbyArea")



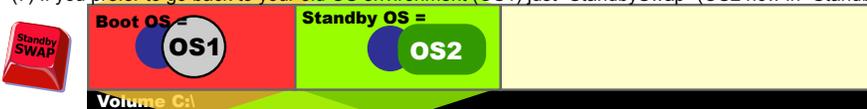
(5) New OS installed (OS1 still in "StandbyArea").



(6) Re-install eXPandVISTA EZ in new OS environment to enable StandbySwap again.



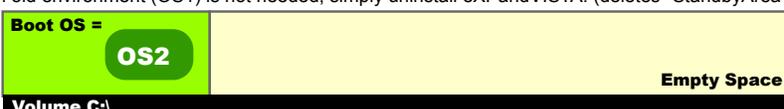
(7) If you prefer to go back to your old OS environment (OS1) just "StandbySwap" (OS2 now in "StandbyArea")



(8) Another "StandbySwap" will boot your new OS2 again. (OS1 again in "StandbyArea")



(9) When old environment (OS1) is not needed, simply uninstall eXPandVISTA. (deletes "StandbyArea")



The second option is to install your new operating system into the blank StandbyArea. This has the advantage that it will require less disk space (comparing to the other option "OS Upgrade"), and the new environment could be more stable and will likely have faster response times.

(1) Install eXPandVISTA EZ into your current OS (e.g. XP).

(2) A small "StandbyArea" is created as shown.

(3) Make sure you have nothing in your DVD/CD drive. Before performing a StandbySwap. Your system will boot from a blank area that you can install your new operating system into. Since this boot area is empty it will not boot successfully. The below message or similar will be displayed: "BOOTMGR is missing / Press Ctrl + Alt + Del to restart". This is the time when you want to insert an OS installation disc.

(4) After inserting a disc, reboot by pressing Ctrl + Alt+ Del. The following message will be displayed: "Press any key to boot from DVD...". You should press a key to start it, and then the operating system's installer should guide you through the rest of the installation process. In case you have multiple partitions, you should select the same system partition where the previous OS is installed (e.g. C:). **WARNING: Do NOT choose to format during the install, or you will lose your prior system.**

(5) The new OS is installed while your previous OS is hidden in the StandbyArea.

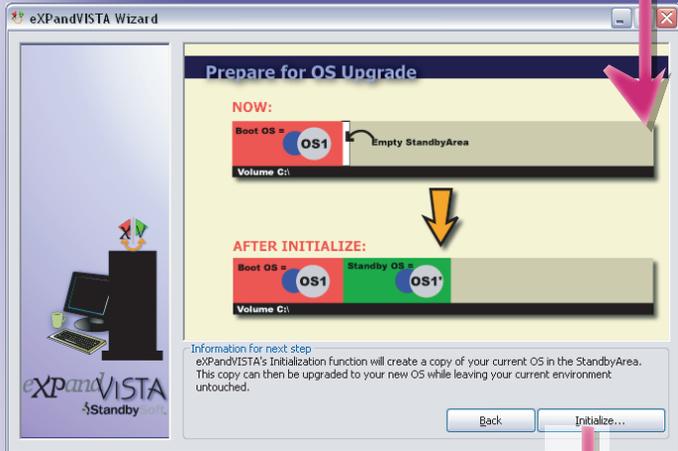
(6) Re-install eXPandVISTA EZ in the new OS to enable StandbySwap again in order to enable changing the OS. Now you can try your new OS while your previous OS is hidden and available in the StandbyArea.

(7) StandbySwap will hide the new OS and boot old OS.

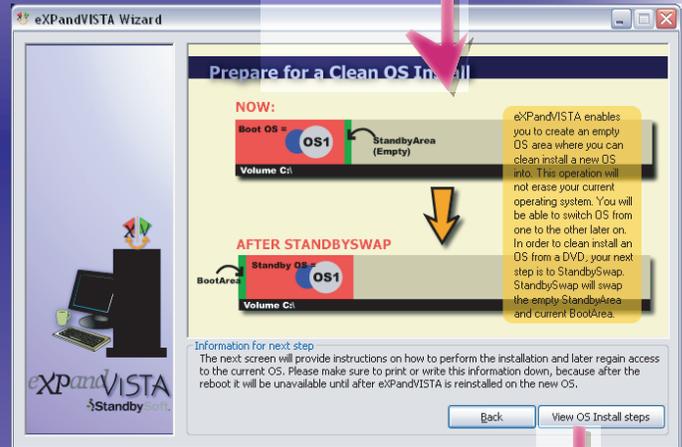


Choose from two methods of new OS install: upgrade install, or clean install. Your current OS environment will not be overwritten. All operations happen in a separate area from where your current OS resides.

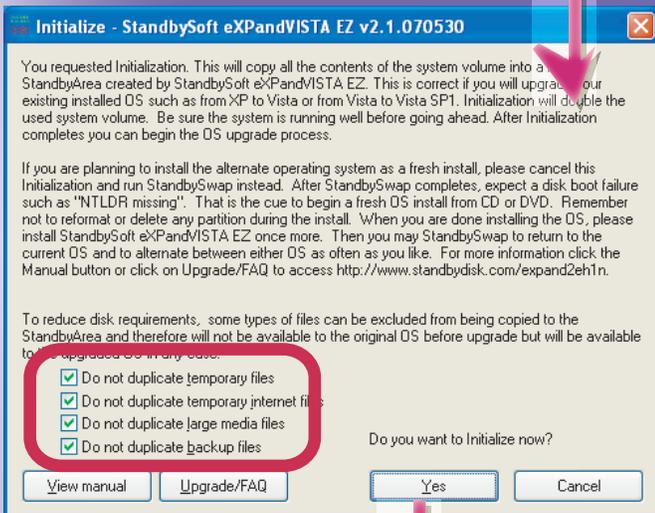
# EZ Wizard Navigation



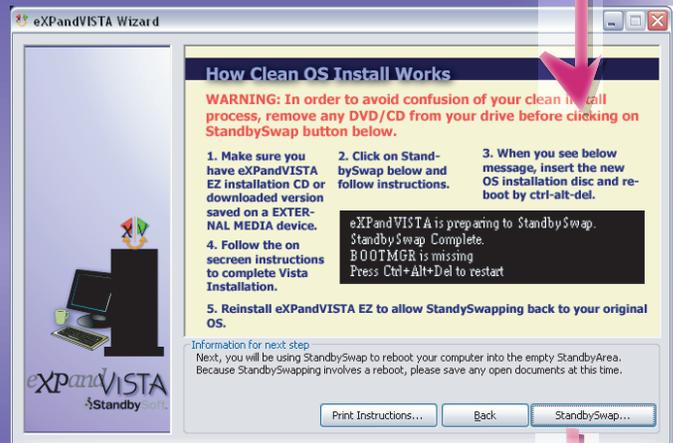
Explains how & where it duplicates the current OS environment.



Explains the empty StandbyArea.

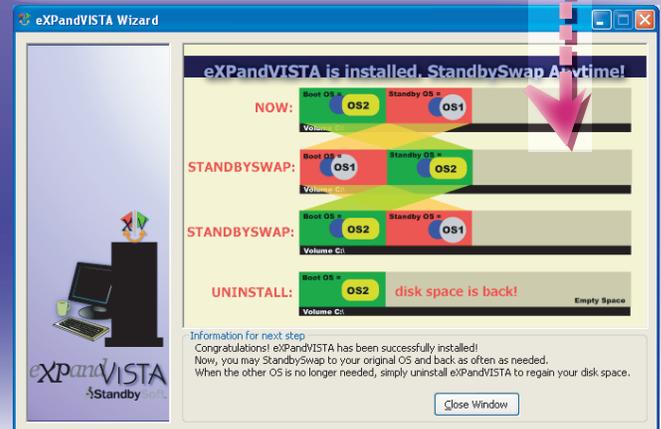


eXPandVISTA EZ allows you to avoid copying unnecessary files.



Ensures safe operation by providing information in advance.

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Explains the concept of swapping between two OS areas.