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Big Book of Windows Hacks

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O'Reilly, \$34.99, 652 pages

When O'Reilly says "big book," they mean Big Book. And when they say "windows hacks" they mean Anything You Can Run Or Plug Into Your PC. Officially there are 188 hacks, ranging from modifying Windows XP or Vista, making a DVR from an old PC you don't use any more, to creating your own search engine. Beyond the big chapter-sized hacks (all of which have more than a few different ways to fix your system the way you want, and not the way you got it), there are a multitude of small sidebar tips and hacks

(probably pushing the hack total to over 300 or so). Some of them are just explanations of a technical part of the page; others are just a quick hit of information to make your life easier. For any non-techie, the Big Book of Window Hacks will be a handy desk reference, or to make you look good when a friend calls needing some help.

