Customize Your Mouse in WinXP

Did you know you can change the speed at which your mouse pointer moves around the screen? Or switch the roles of the buttons to suit left-handed operation? You can, and it's easy.

To adjust pointer speed:

1. Click **Start**, and then click **Control Panel**
2. Click **Appearance and Themes**
3. Under **See Also**, click **Mouse Pointers**
4. On the **Pointer Options** tab, under **Motion**, drag the slider left to make the pointer move slower, or right to make the pointer move faster. If you choose a fast speed, make sure that the **Enhance pointer precision** check box is selected (this provides better control of the pointer when moving it at short distances), and then click **OK**.

If you're left-handed and you'd like your change your mouse to work the way you do, you can change the setting so your mouse is also left-handed.

To make your mouse left-handed:

1. Click **Start**, and then click **Control Panel**
2. Click **Appearance and Themes**
3. Under **See Also**, click **Mouse Pointers**
4. On the **Buttons** tab, under **Button configuration**, select the **Switch primary and secondary buttons** check box
5. Click **OK**