

'Camouflage' Windows 7

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All Programs menu

'Nostalgic' users prefer **Windows XP** 's visual display to applications listed in tabular form in the **Start** , **All Programs** menu, compared to **Windows 7** scrolling lists. Furthermore, Windows 7 does not support the option to quickly switch the interface between **Aero** and **Classic** like **Vista** . The Classic Start Menu Pro utility (downloaded here) will change Windows7's All Programs menu back to classic style. After downloading, extract compression, install and launch the utility.

The components in the **Start** menu and **All Programs** will be rearranged, users can access each file, folder or application on the computer. In addition to the ability to create and rearrange applications, Classic Start Menu Pro also adds power management (Power Control) feature to set the time to turn off, open, restart or apply modes. save electricity.

Picture 1 of 'Camouflage' Windows 7

Figure 1: Classic Start Menu Pro changes Windows 7's All Programs menu according to XP's visual display.

You can also take advantage of Favorites to display them in the way above. In Windows 7, click **Start** , type regedit in the **Search programs and files** pane and press **Enter** . In the **Registry Editor** window, the **Microsoft Windows CurrentVersion Explorer Shell Folders** branch of **HKEY_CURRENT_USER Software** , double-click the **Favorites** item on the right and change the current path to **C: ProgramDataMicrosoftWindowsStart MenuPrograms** . Do the same for **HKEY_CURRENT_USER Software Microsoft Windows CurrentVersion Explorer User Shell Folders** .

Also change the value of **Favorites C: ProgramDataMicrosoftWindowsStart MenuPrograms** before exiting **Registry Editor** . Next, right-click on the **Start** button, select **Properties** and click **Customize** in the **Start Menu** tab. Browse the list and highlight the **Favorites** menu options and click **OK** .

Restarting for changes to take effect, at the **Favorites** section location in the right pane will appear the **Programs** item with a list of applications similar to **Win XP** 's **All Programs** .

Control Panel

Figure 2: Large icons option (or Small icons) helps Windows 7 display tools that are familiar to users.

By default, Windows 7's **Control Panel** displays components in 8 main categories. Combining relevant tools and components into groups makes it difficult for users to find the necessary tools; For example, to adjust the settings of the mouse, you must enter the related keyword ' **mouse** ' into the **Search Control Panel** in the right corner. To return to the familiar **Classic** interface with more detailed display tools, next to the **View by** item, select **Large icons** or **Small icons** .

System Tray

The system tray icon (**System tray**) displays system components such as **Volume** , **Network** , **Clock** and the status of applications . Windows 7 also allows the option to show / hide icons to the system tray. more neat system. **Right-click** on the space of the **Taskbar** , select **Properties** and click the **Customize** item of the **Notification area** . Set up details for each icon with 1 of 3 options, **Show icon and notifications** , **Hide icon and notifications** or **Only show notifications** . Also, option **Always show all icons and notifications on the taskbar** allows to show / hide all icons in the system tray.

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