

Change the Power button function on Windows 7

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Note : This document relates to PC Compaq and HP running Windows 7.

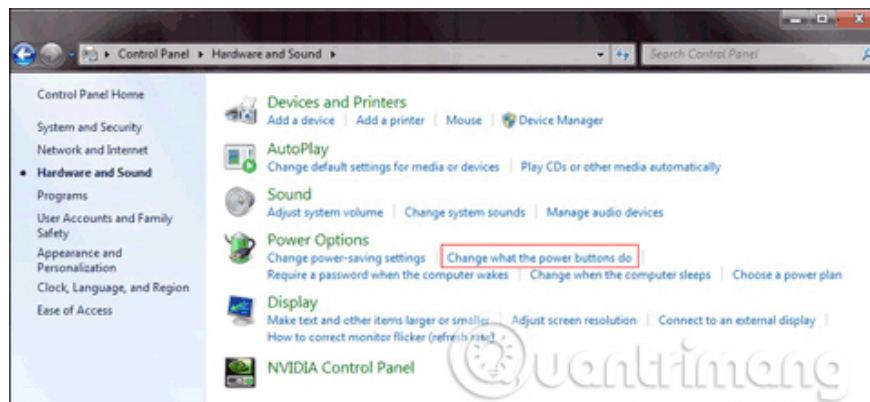
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Change the power button options

Computer cases with a power button can be pressed to turn off or to put the computer to sleep. Windows 7 helps you control how the computer works after pressing the power button on the computer. The function of the power button can be changed to **Do nothing, Sleep, Hibernate** or **Shut down** .

If you want your computer to enter power saving mode or turn off when you press the power button, use the following instructions to change the function of the power button:

1. Click **Start**, select **Control Panel**, and then click **Hardware and Sound** .
2. In the **Power Options** section , click **Change what the power buttons do** .



3. In the **Power and sleep button settings area** , click **When I press the power button** and choose one of the following options:

1. Do nothing
2. Sleep
3. hibernate

4. Shut down

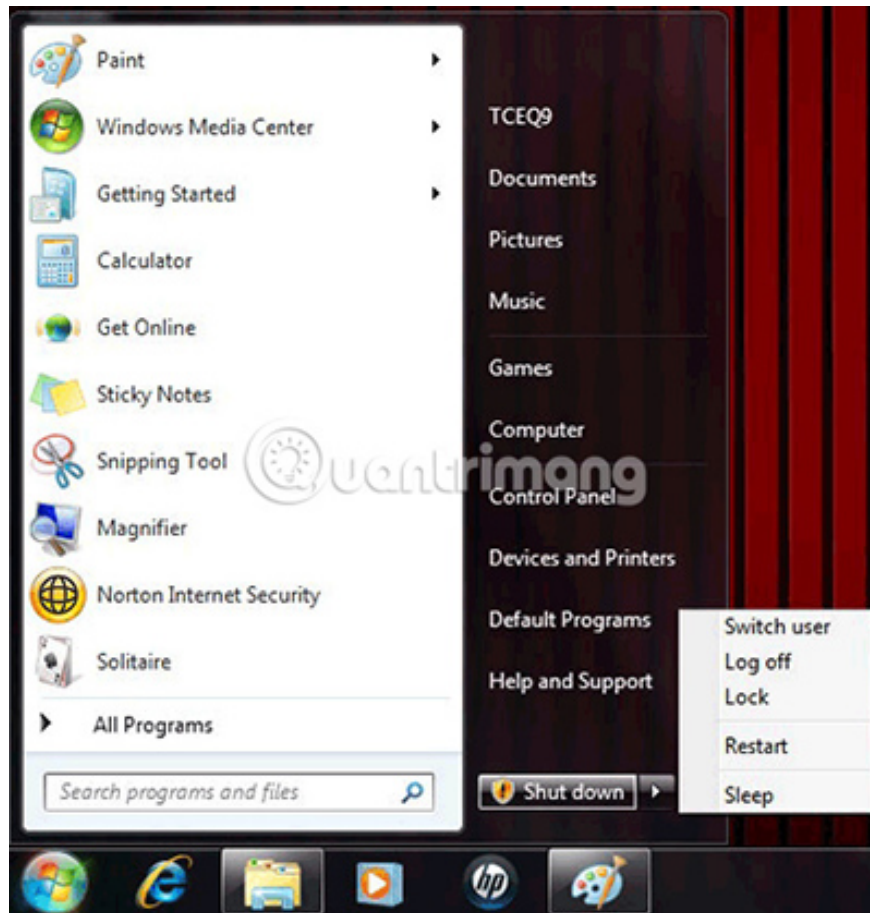


4. Click **Save changes** and close the **Power Options** and **Control Panel** windows.

Use the power button control features in the Start menu

The same options available for power button control features are also in the Start menu. Under normal conditions, the computer should be turned off or put to sleep using the Start menu.

1. The **Shut down** button on the Start menu will shut down the computer.
2. The arrow button in the Shut Down menu allows you to choose one of the following options: **Switch User, Log Off, Lock, Restart** or **Sleep** .

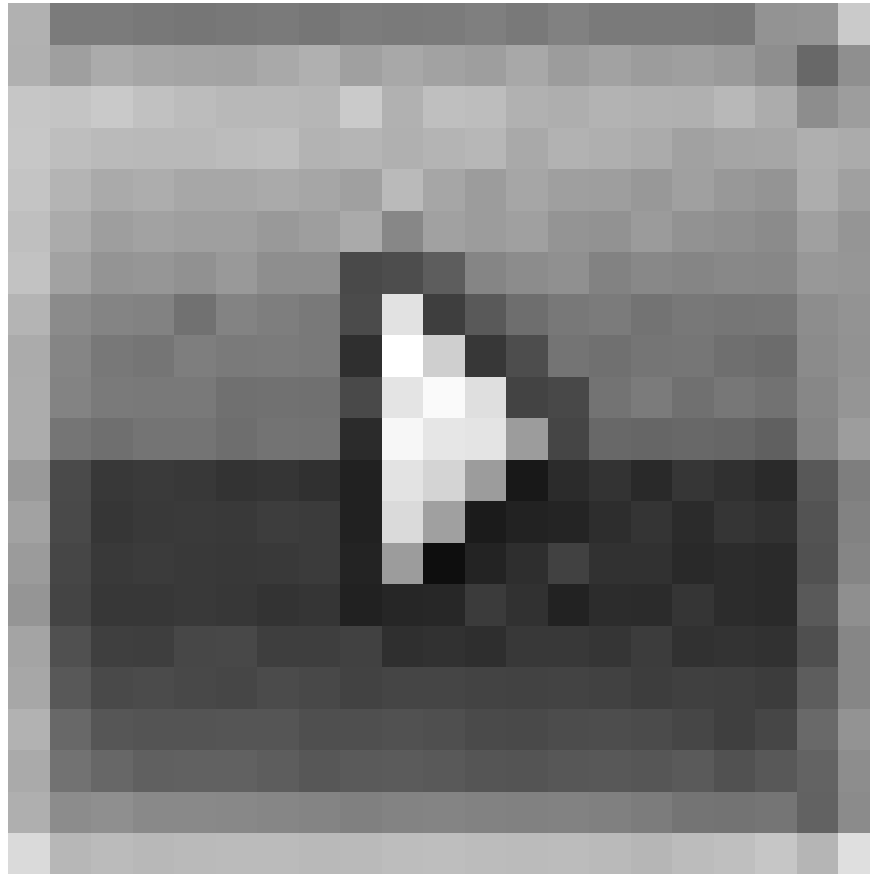


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Shut down button

Shut down: Only use the **Shut down** button when you want to power off your computer or do not plan to use it for a few days.



Arrow button

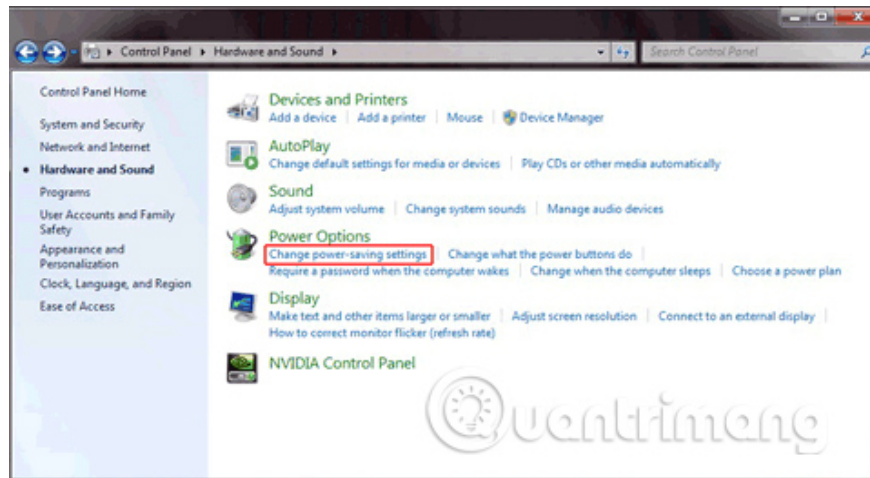
Open a menu with the following options:

1. **Switch User** : Log out the current user without closing the program and allow quick login to Windows account.
2. **Log Off**: Log out the current user from Windows.
3. **Lock**: Protect your computer when you leave for a short time.
4. **Restart**: Close Windows, shut down and restart the computer.
5. **Sleep**: Keeps your session in memory and puts the computer in a low power state.

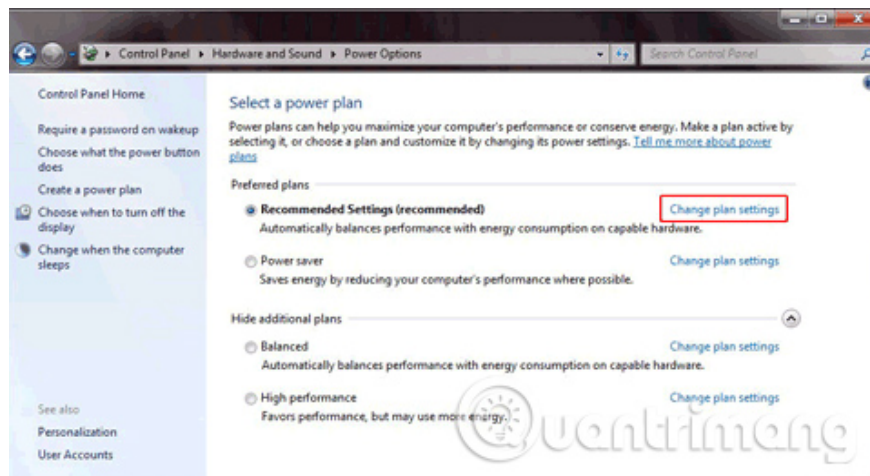
Energy saving settings

Follow the instructions below to select a package with specific energy-saving settings:

1. Click **Start**, select **Control Panel**, and then click **Hardware and Sound** . In the **Power Options** section , click **Change power-saving settings** .

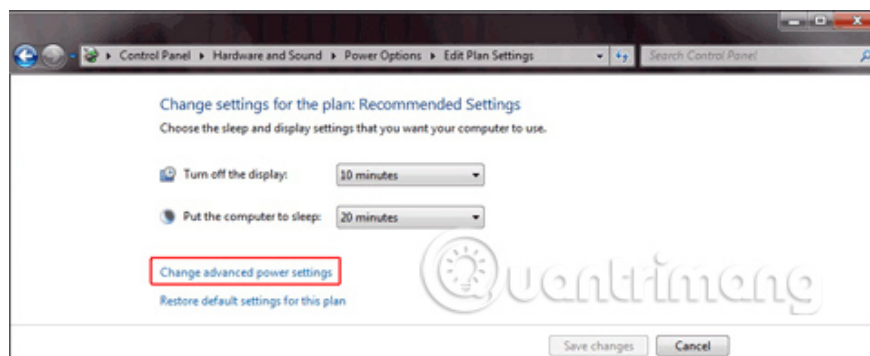


2. In the **Power plan** window , find the power pack you are using, (it is already selected) and click **Change plan settings** . Or you can choose a different power pack to meet your requirements: **Recommended Settings, Power saver, Balanced** or **High Performance** .

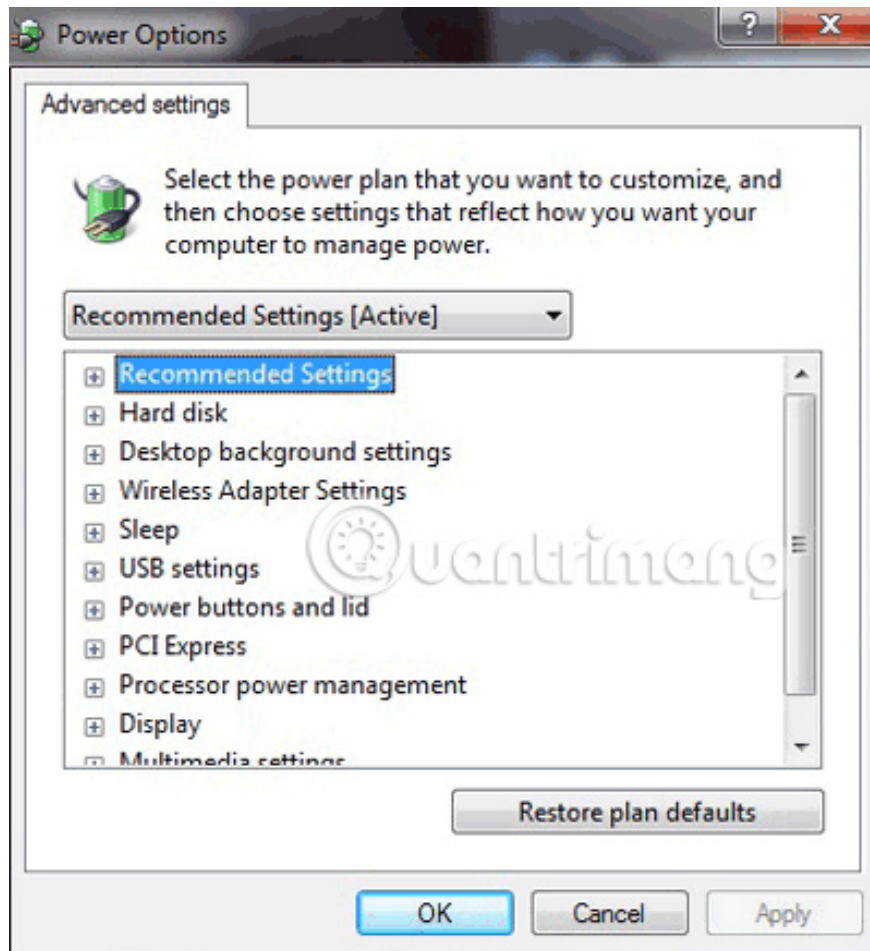


3. In the **Change settings** window , you can select the number of minutes from the drop-down menu to **Turn off the display** and **Put the computer to sleep** .

Additionally, if you click **Change advanced power settings** , there are additional options to configure for power settings.



4. Click the plus sign (+) next to each option in the **Advanced settings** menu to expand the list. Select a new setting from the displayed list.



5. After making all changes, click **OK** to close the **Power Options** window . Then close the **Edit Plan Settings** window.

Hope you are succesful.

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