

# Change this registry value to make your Windows 11 computer run faster immediately!

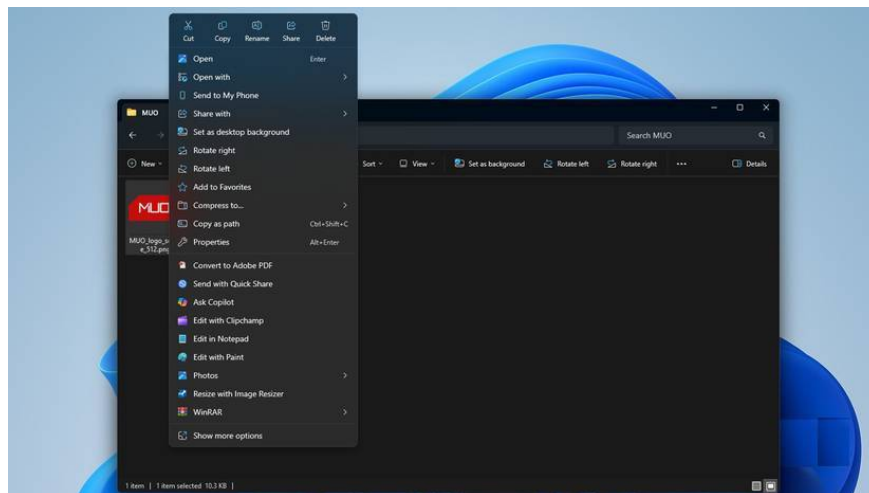
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Windows is slow. And we all know that. But if someone hasn't switched to another operating system instead of Windows, it's usually for a reason. That means there's only one real way forward: Learn to live with Windows.

Some tweaks require third-party applications—essentially adding code to Windows to make it work the way you want. Others involve disabling features entirely. But this time, there's something much simpler: A single registry edit that makes Windows run significantly faster.

## Windows 11 is too slow.

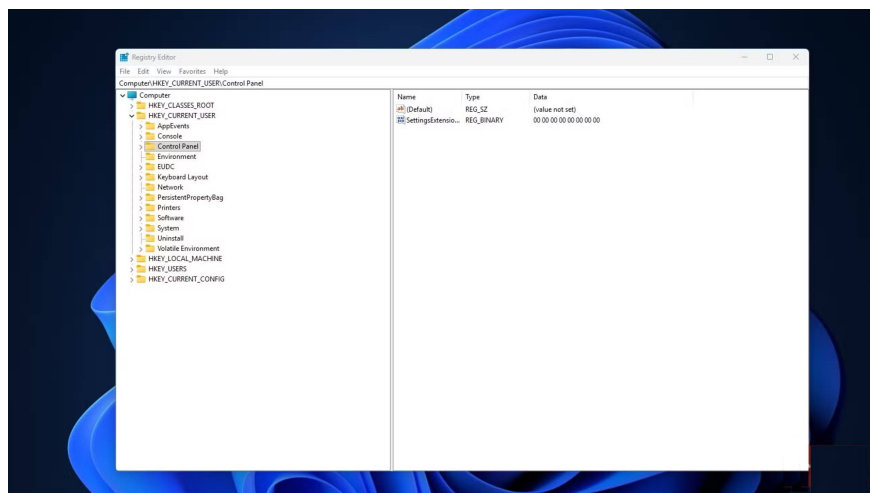
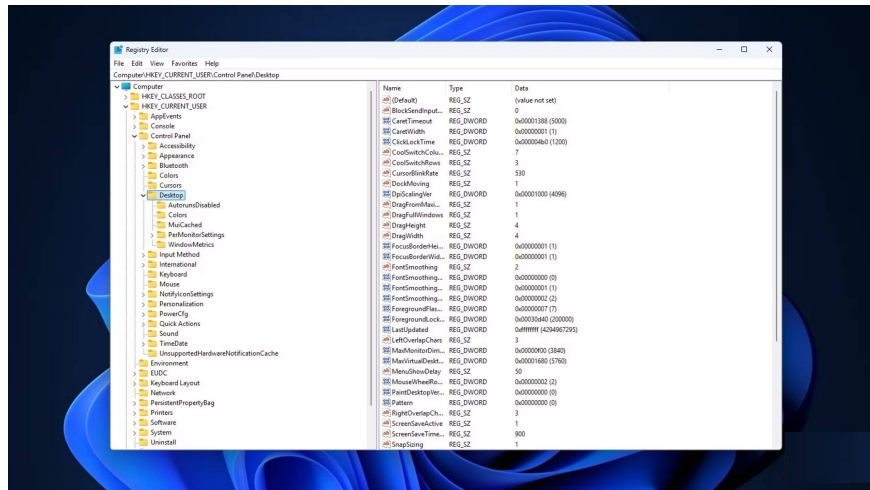
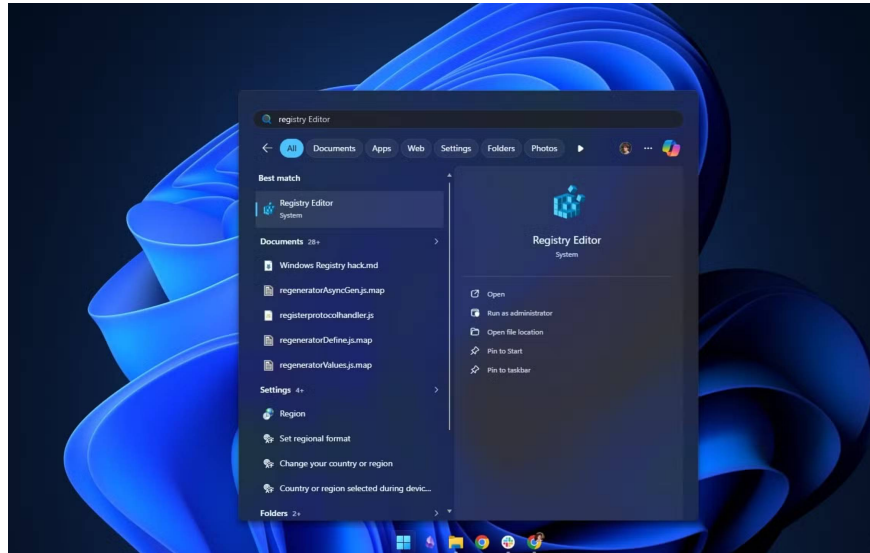
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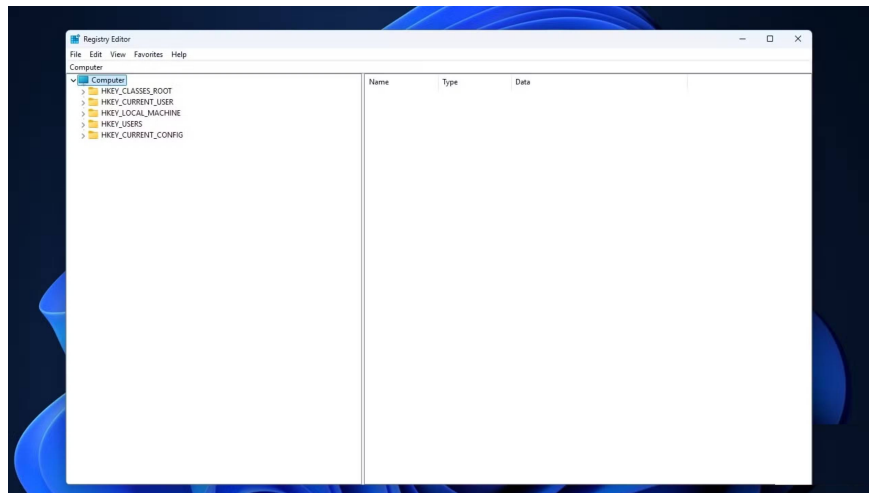
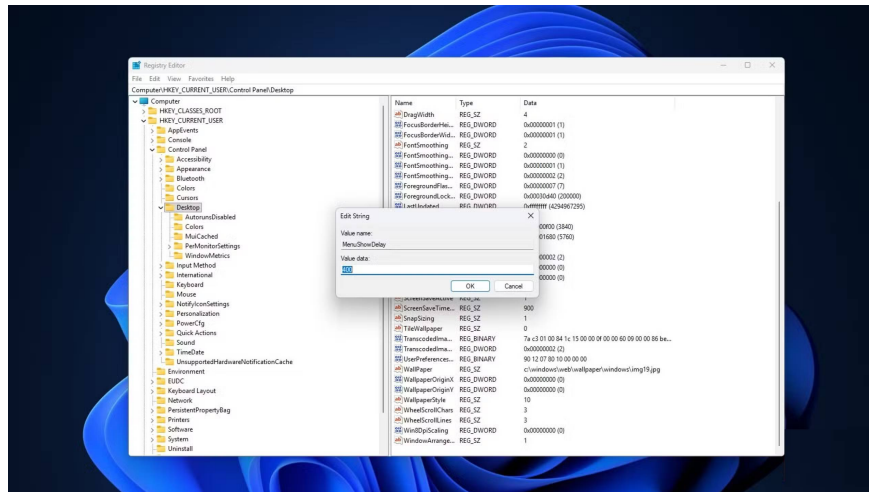
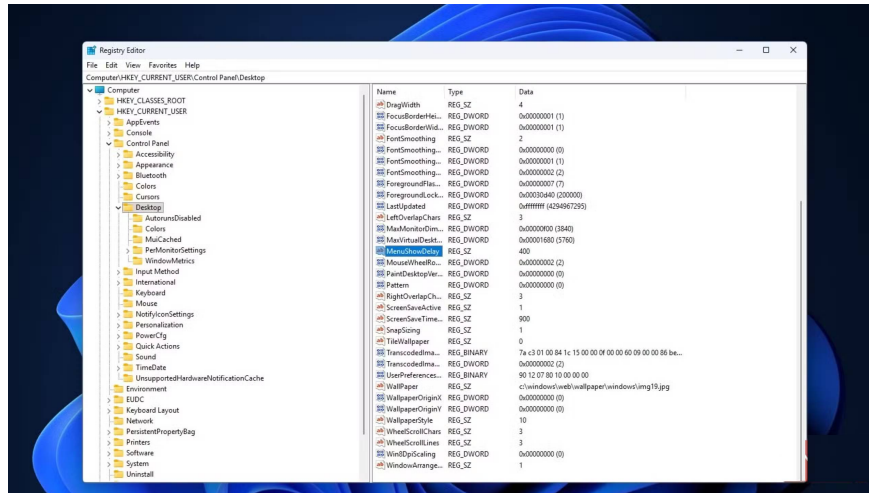


File Explorer doesn't load as quickly as one would like. Right-clicking on anything in Explorer takes at least a second before the menu appears. By now, we all know that games run smoother on Linux than on Windows – but that's not what this article is about. Windows runs slowly on Windows itself. The problem of the cluttered right-click context menu can be fixed with Nilessoft Shell . But even so, the menus are still not as responsive as on Windows XP computers from nearly 20 years ago – despite the superior modern hardware.

As it turns out, that feeling wasn't just imagination. Windows 11 intentionally slows down the appearance of certain menus. Fortunately, that delay is easily reversible.

## How to make the Windows menu appear faster





Changing this setting is very simple. Open the Start menu, search for **Registry Editor** , and launch it. From there, navigate to **HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Control Panel\Desktop** .

In the right pane, you'll find an item called **MenuShowDelay** . By default, it's set to 400 milliseconds. Double-click on it and change the value to whatever you want. The author of this article set his value to 0 ms. That's it! Restart your computer , log back in, and enjoy the results.

**Warning** : Modifying the Windows Registry can cause errors in subtle or very obvious ways. Changing random values ??can cause many applications to malfunction or Windows to stop working properly. If you lack experience, follow the instructions precisely; do not experiment on your own and do so at your own risk.

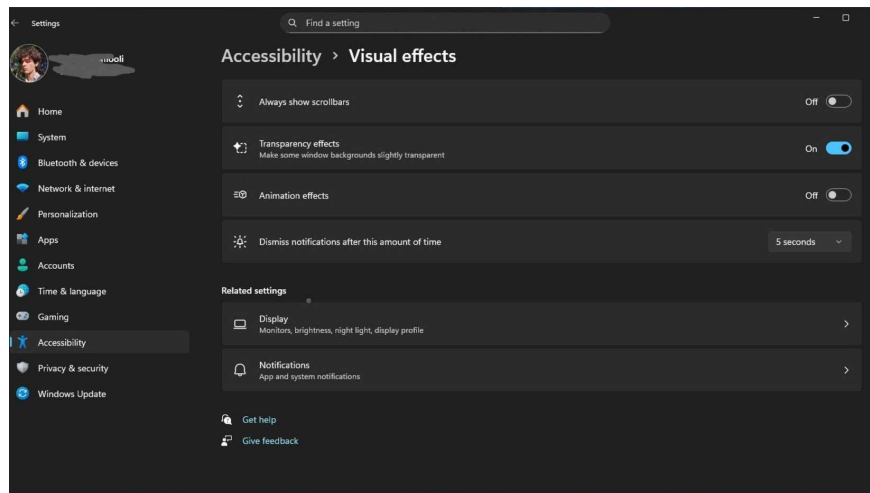
## Which menu does this actually affect?

**Not all menus have an impact.**

This Registry entry only affects the old menus—those that still look and function like the Windows 7 menus . That includes the expanded context menu you see when you click **Show more options** (or if you've reverted to the classic context menu), as well as menus in the Control Panel and similar parts of the system (like choosing the file type when saving). Windows 11 may look modern on the outside, but underneath, it's still Windows 10—and there's no shortage of old user interface elements hidden around.

What this trick doesn't affect is the Start menu. The Start menu isn't based on Win32 and uses Microsoft's newer Acrylic design, so it completely ignores this setting.

**Tip** : Another way to make the context menu faster is to disable all additional services associated with it using AutoRuns.



However, there are still ways to make the Start menu work faster. Performance improvements are largely achieved through registry editing tricks. After noticing that the Start menu didn't change, many people decided to investigate further.

Go to **Settings > Accessibility > Visual effects** and turn off animations. The process may take a little while, but once it's applied, the difference will be immediately noticeable.

Do you remember the feeling of clicking a toggle switch, menu, or button in Windows XP? The feeling is similar to doing this now.

**Note** : You can also directly replace the default Windows Start menu with a third-party menu.

Don't get me wrong! This article also appreciates smooth, well-designed animation effects. But if those animations are reducing responsiveness, it's best to ignore them. There's a reason why disabling animations is almost always included in Windows' 'optimization' scripts. Ironically, many animations designed to make Windows run smoother actually have the opposite effect. Remove them, and what you're left with will almost certainly be much faster.

None of these tweaks literally improve performance. They won't make your hardware faster or boost benchmarks. But they do make your computer feel faster.

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