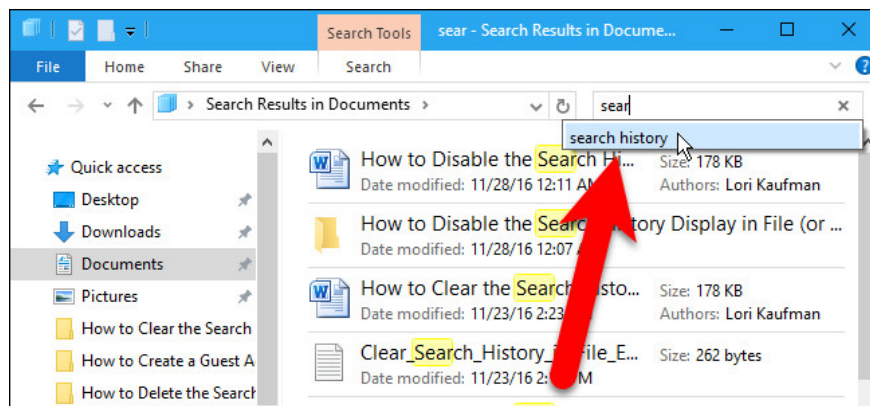


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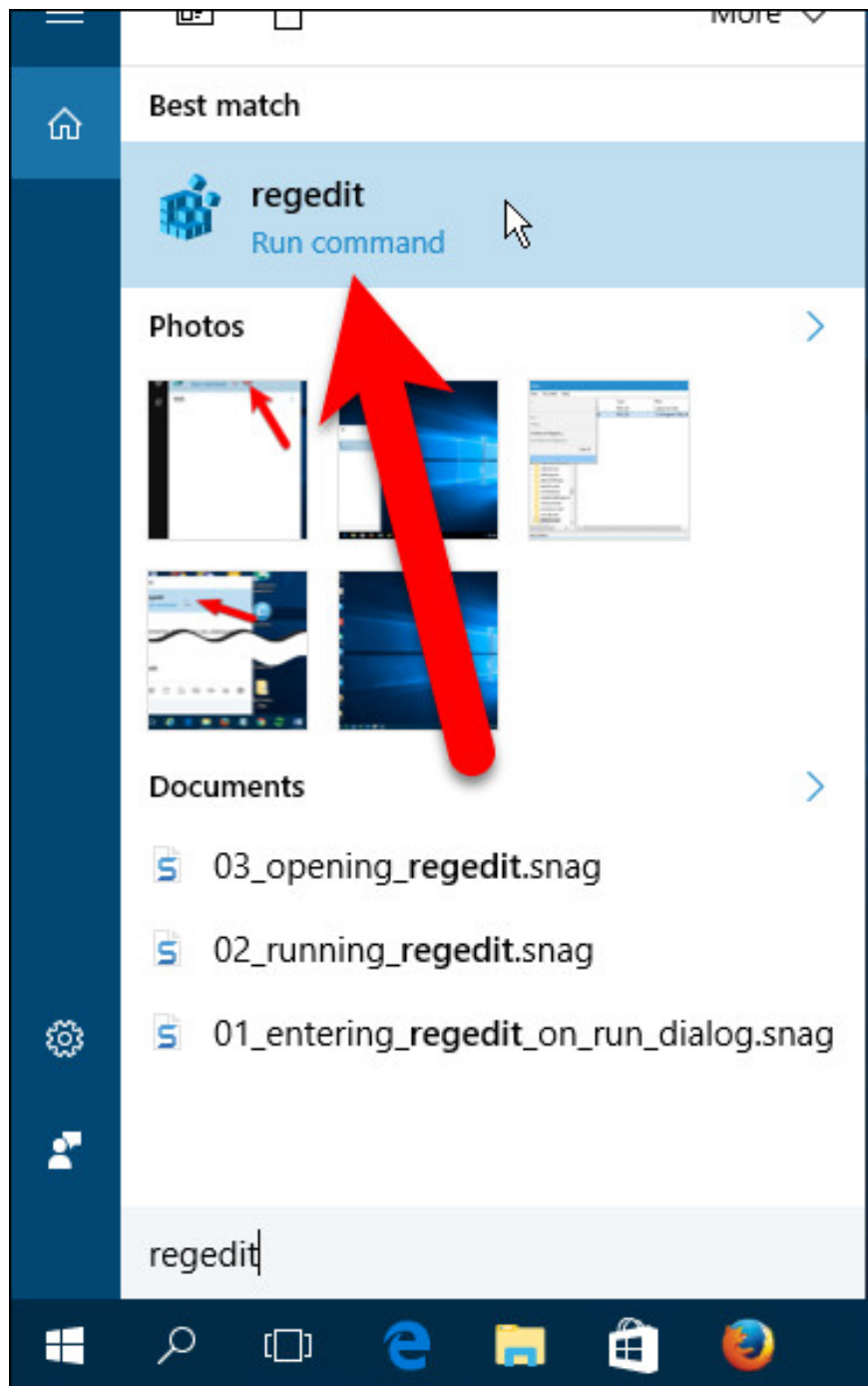
1. For users of Windows Home version: use the Registry to disable Search History

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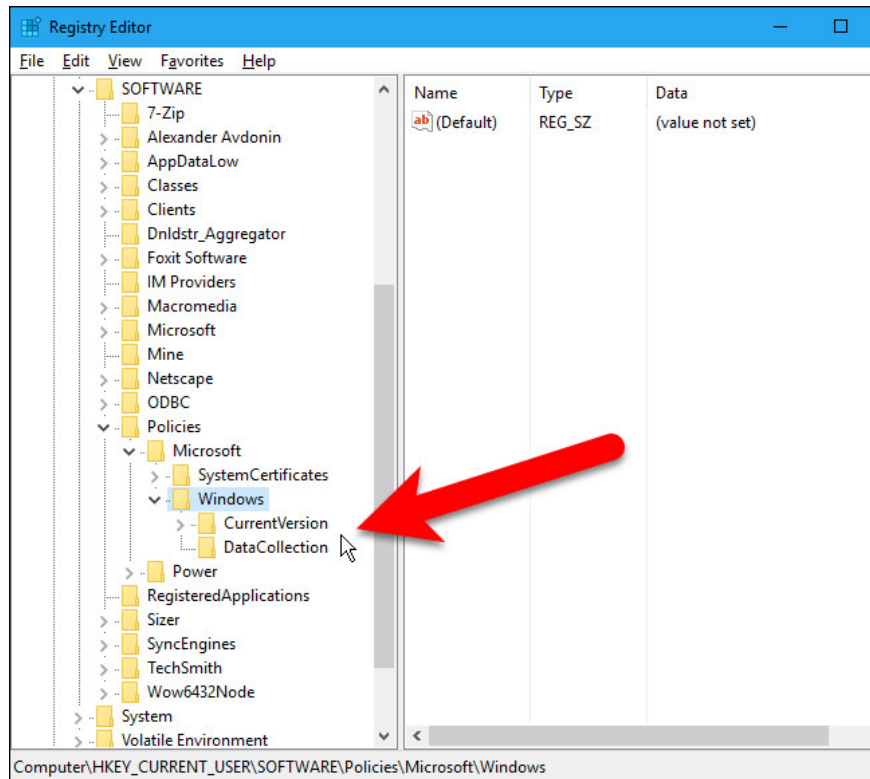
Registry Editor is a powerful tool that affects your system. Therefore, you should back up the Registry Editor to prevent a bad situation when editing the Registry Editor.

First open the Registry Editor by entering **regedit** in the **Search** box on the **Start Menu** and then press **Enter**. If the UAC window appears, click **Yes** to allow changing your computer.

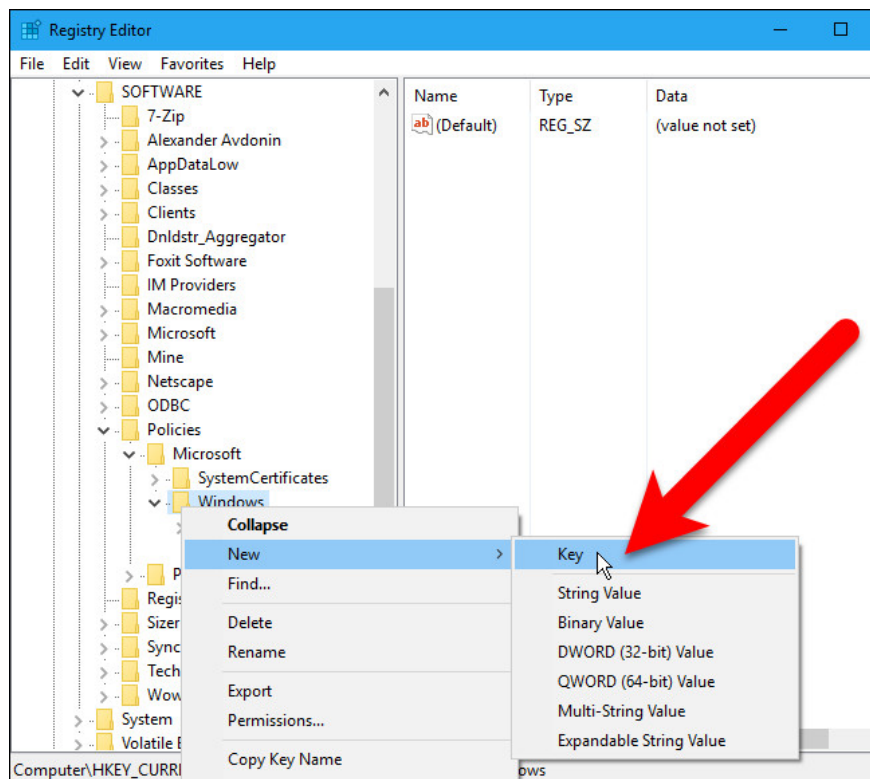


On the Registry Editor window, navigate to the key:

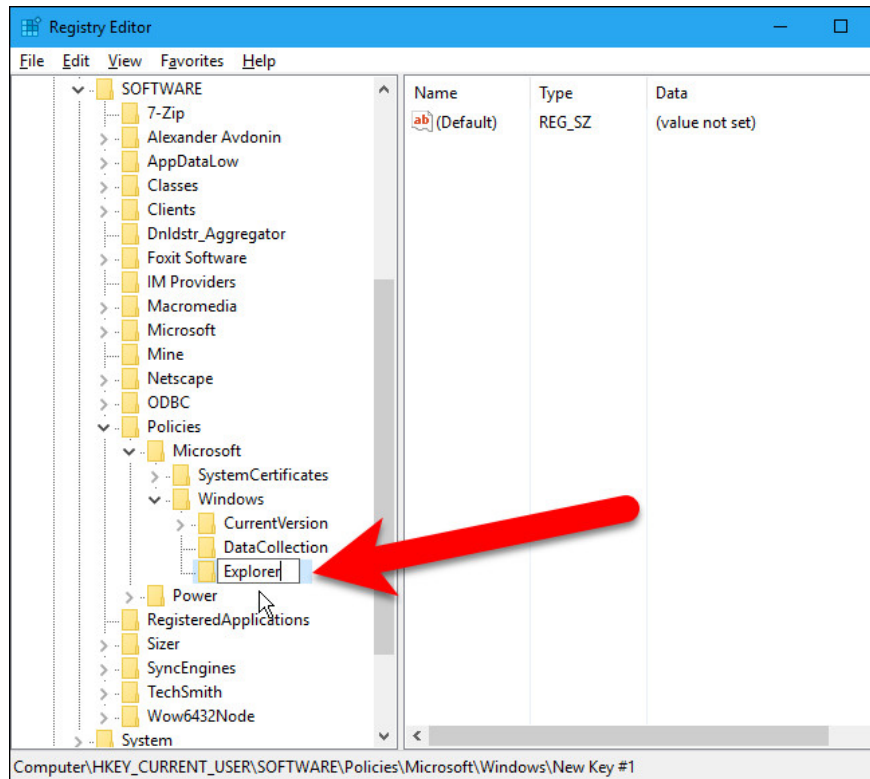
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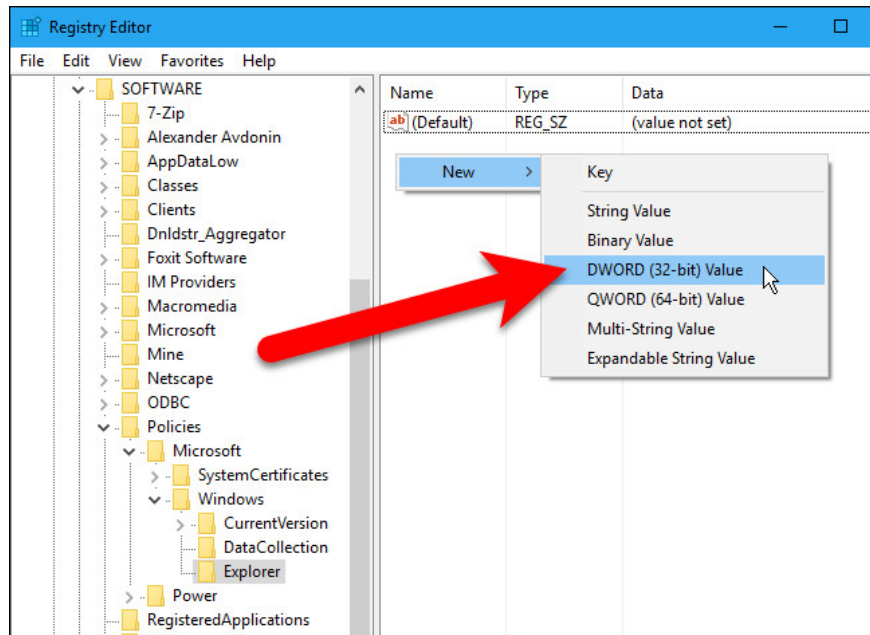
If you can't find the Explorer key, you can create a new key under the Windows key. To do this, right-click the Windows key, then select **New => Key**.



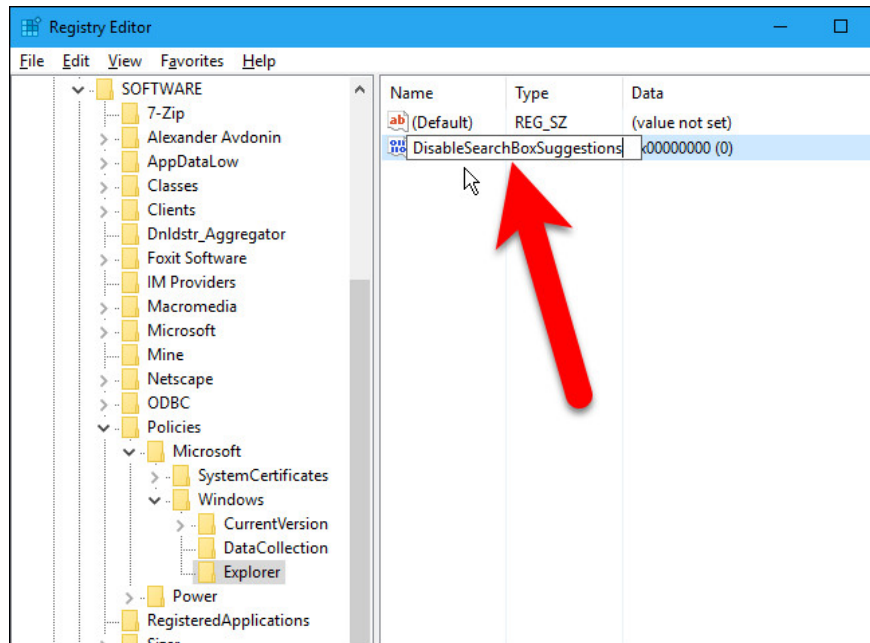
Name the new key Explorer.



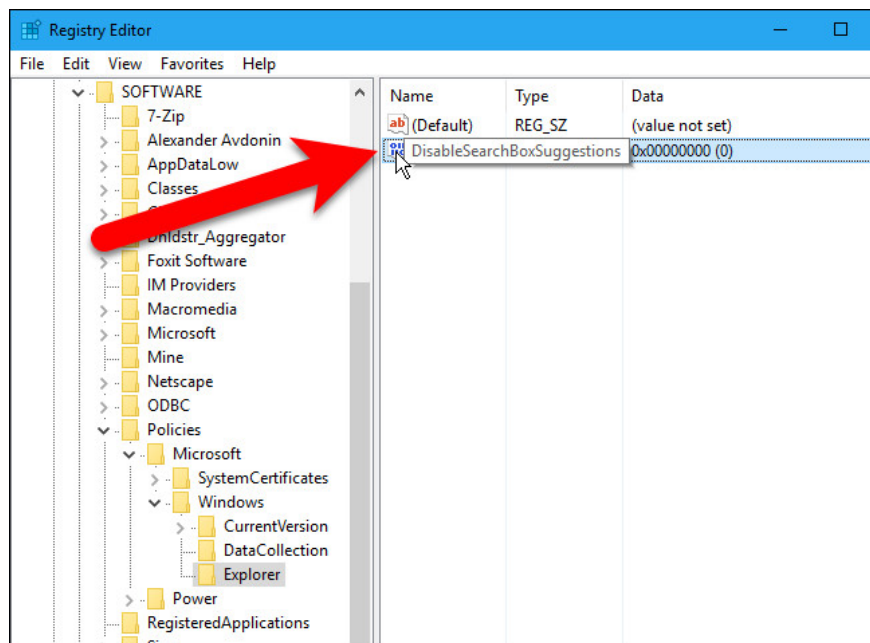
Next right-click any space in the right pane, then select **New => DWORD (32-bit) Value**.



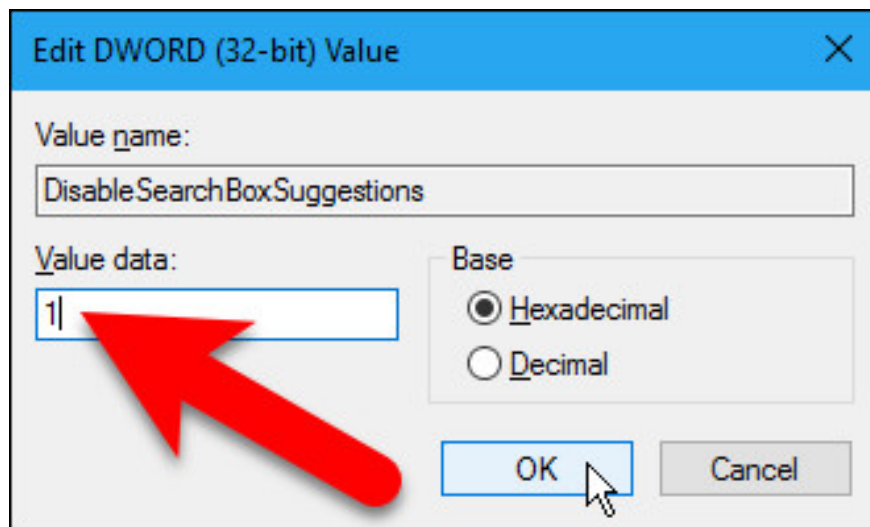
Name this new value **DisableSearchBoxSuggestions** .



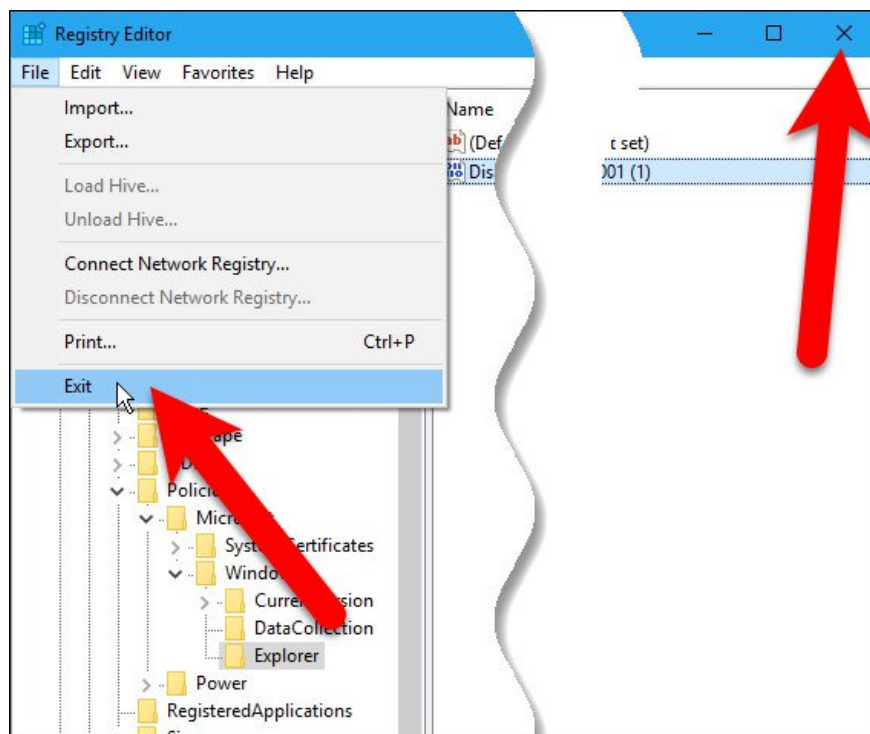
Double-click the value **DisableSearchBoxSuggestions** that you just created.



Enter 1 in the Value data box and then click **OK**.

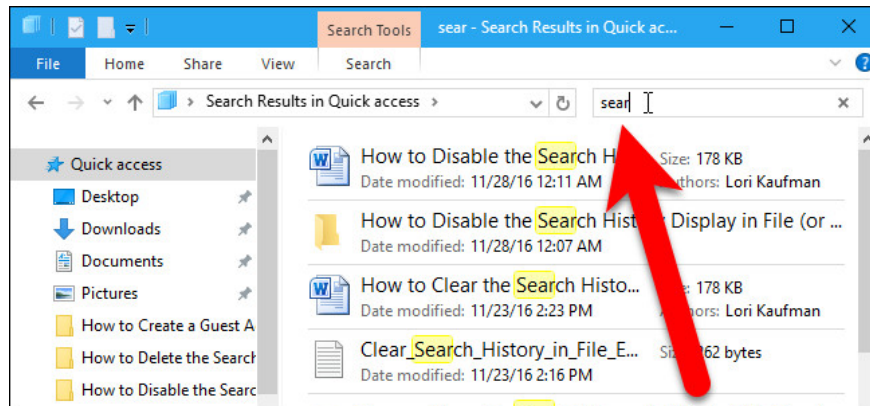


Finally close the Registry Editor window by choosing **File => Exit** or the fastest way is to click the **x** icon in the top right corner of the screen.



Restart your computer to apply changes.

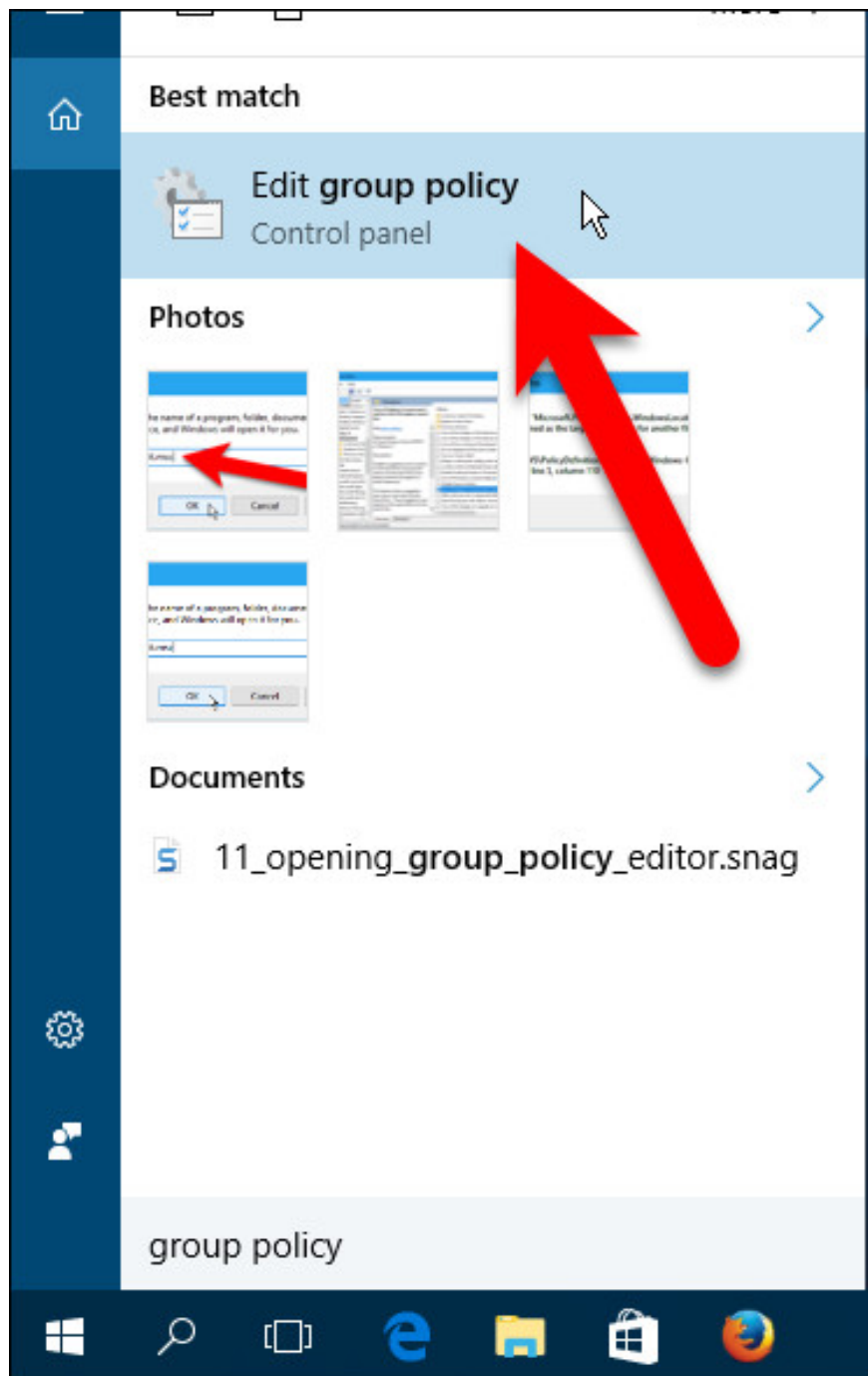
After the computer has finished booting, you will not see the **Search History** displayed when you enter your search into the Search box on File Explorer.



2. For users of Windows Pro and Enterprise versions: use Local Group Policy Editor to disable Search History Display

If using Windows 10 Pro or Enterprise version, the fastest way to disable **Search History Display** is to use Local Group Policy Editor.

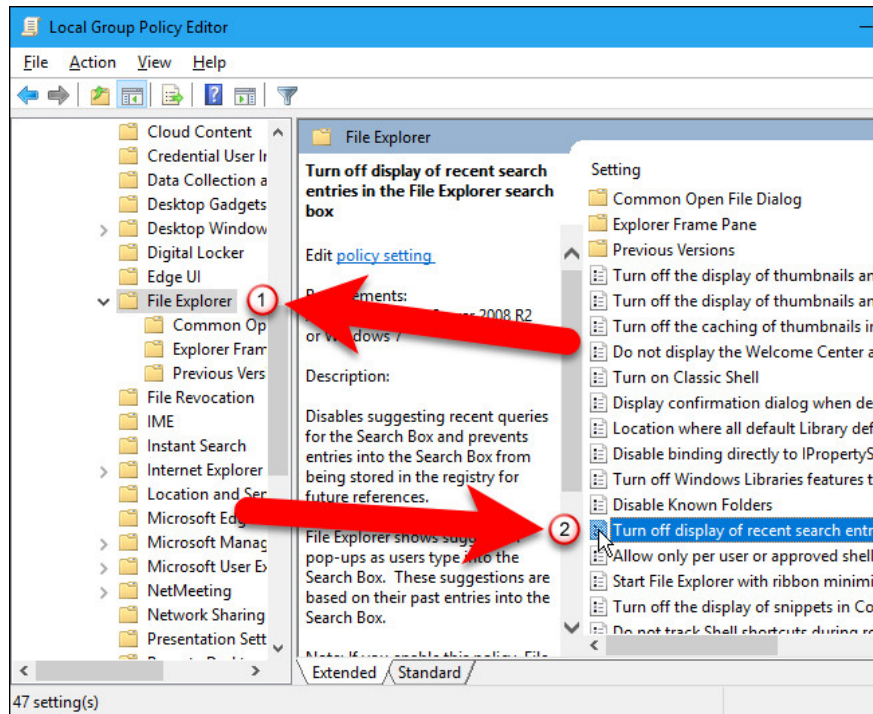
First on Windows 10 Pro or Enterprise, enter **gpedit.msc** into Search box on Start Menu and then press Enter to open the Local Group Policy Editor window.



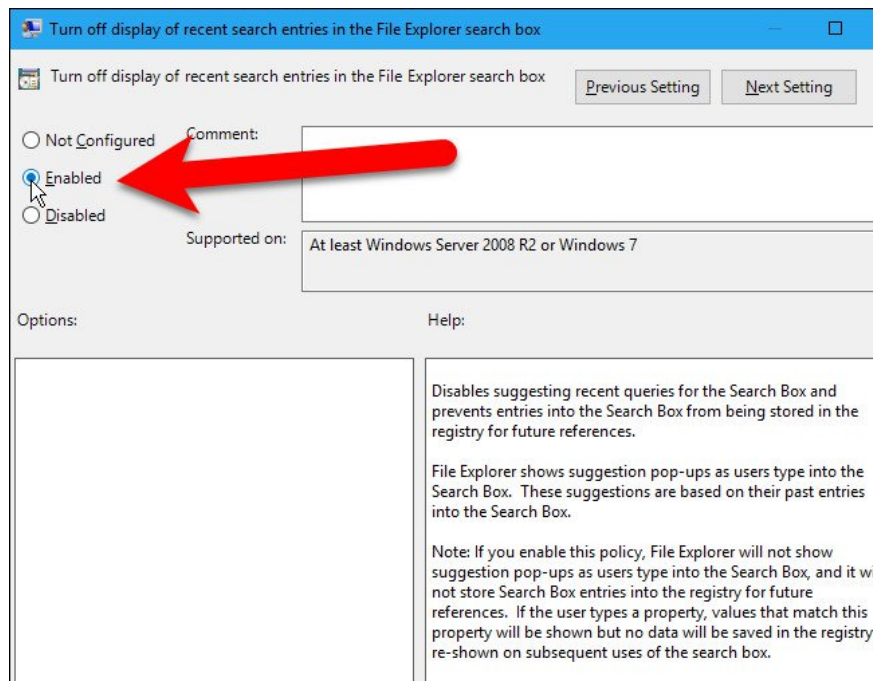
On the Local Group Policy Editor window you navigate to the key:

Configuration => Administrative Templates => Windows Components => File Explorer (Windows Explorer on Windows 7)

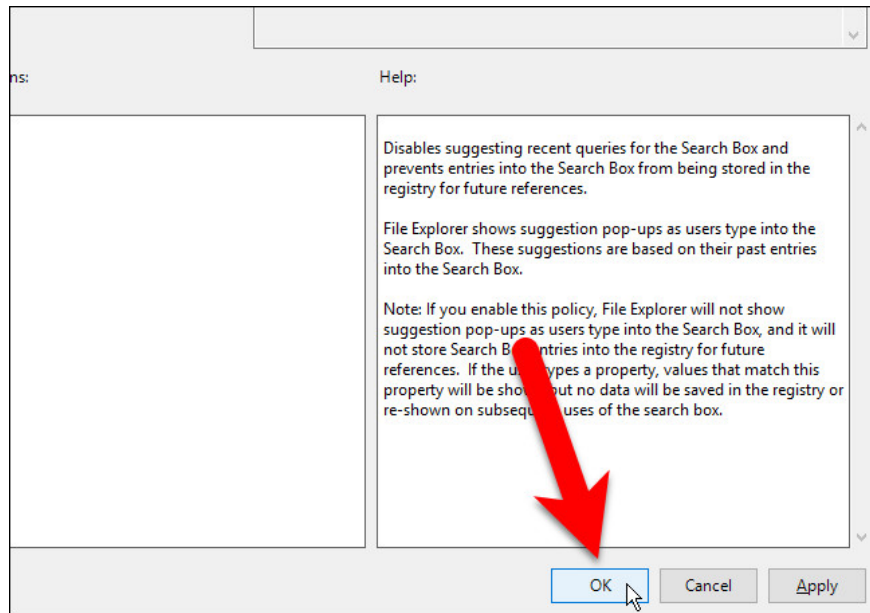
Find and double-click **Turn off display of recent search entries in the Windows Explorer search box** in the right pane.



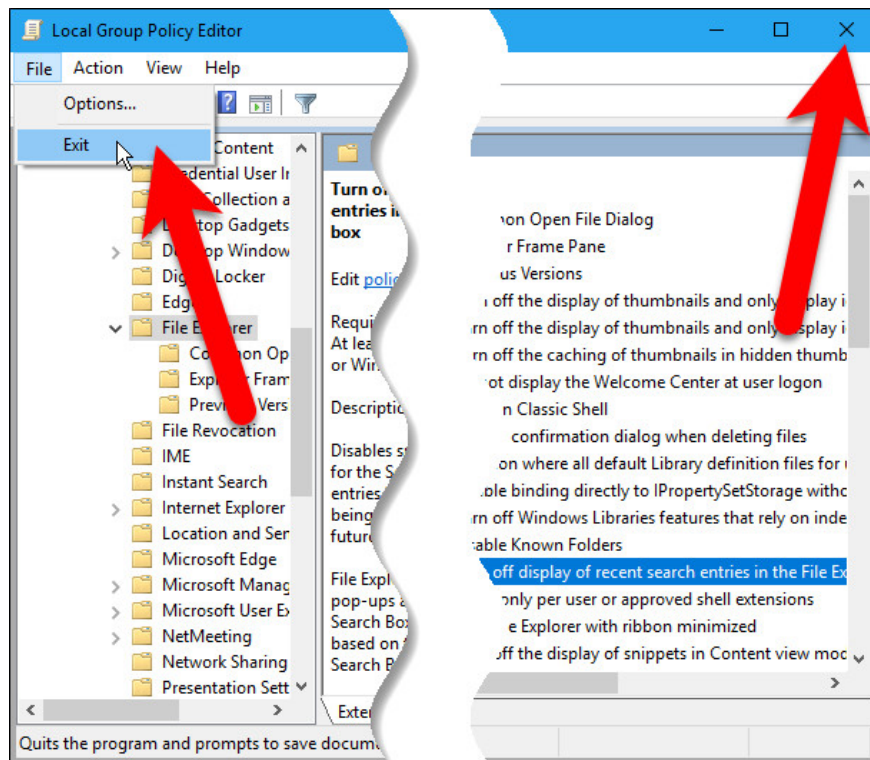
On the window Turn off display of recent search entries in the Windows Explorer search box, click **Enabled** in the top left corner.



Click **OK** to accept the change and close the Turn off display of recent search entries in the File Explorer dialog box again.



Close the Group Policy Editor window by clicking **File** => **Exit** or clicking the **X** icon in the top right corner.



Now on File Explorer, you will no longer see Search History.

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. Your computer requires entering a password after starting from Sleep mode, this is a fix
1. Guide to quickly fix "Inaccessible Boot Device" error on Windows 10/8/7 and Windows Vista

1. How to enable / disable the Security tab of files and folders on Windows?

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