

# How to add Windows 95 (or any other) startup sound to Windows

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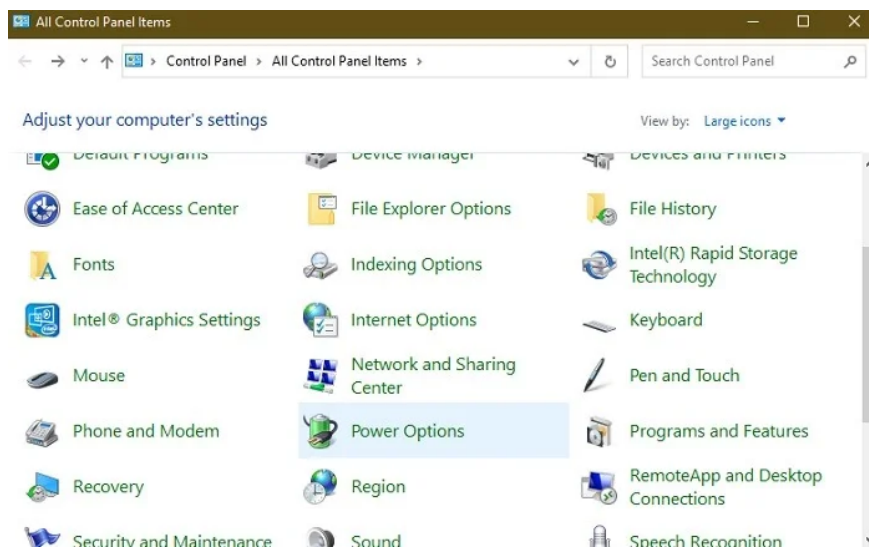
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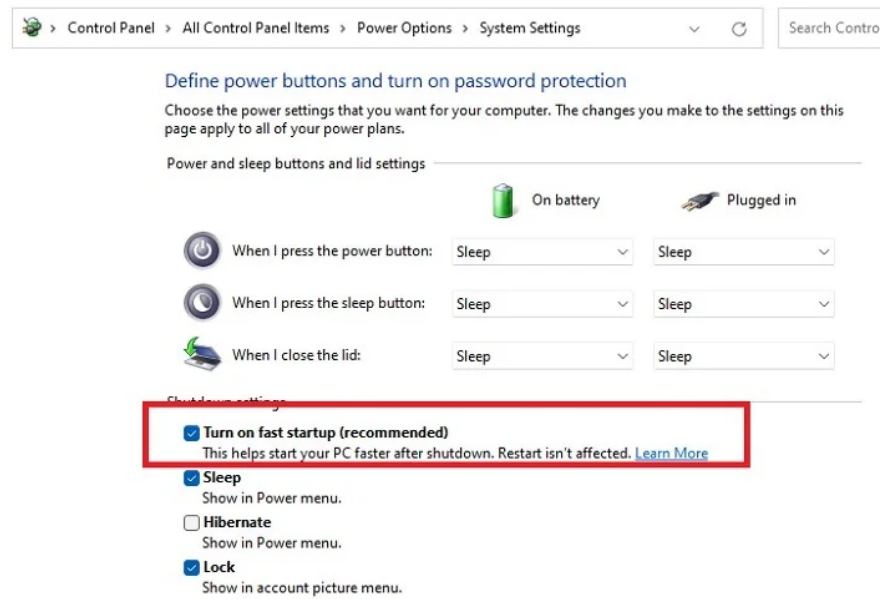
You may have noticed that when you turn off your Windows 11 PC, you can magically turn it back on by pressing any key on your keyboard instead of your machine's Power button. This is thanks to the Fast Boot feature in Windows 11, which essentially hibernates your PC, shutting it down but keeping sessions, drivers, etc. in an inactive state in the hibernation file, ready to operate again. again as soon as you turn on your PC.

Fast Boot helps speed up boot times, although its effect is negligible and some people even report that it slows down their boot times. It also prevents Windows from greeting you with a jingle, because Windows doesn't think your PC is actually shutdown in the first place.

Turning off Fast Boot will restore your boot sound. To do this, click Start, type control panel, then click **Control Panel** in the search results (or use any of these methods to open Control Panel). Select **Power Options** . If you don't see this, change **View by** in the top right to **Large icons** .

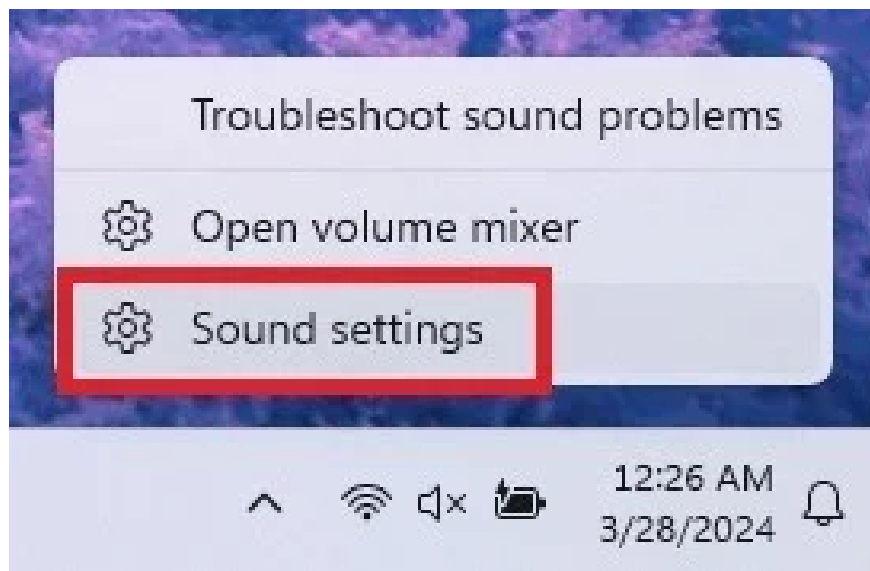


In the Power Options window, click **Choose what the power Buttons Do** , then uncheck the **Turn on fast start-up** box . If it's grayed out, click **Change Settings that are currently unavailable** , then uncheck the box.

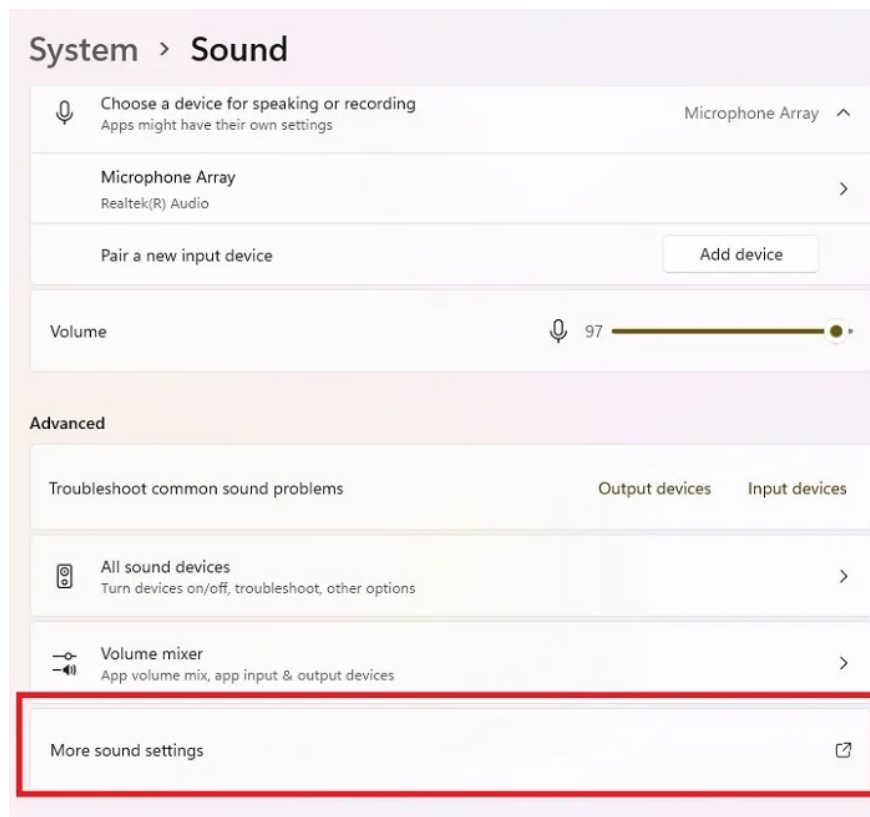


## Enable Windows 95 startup sound

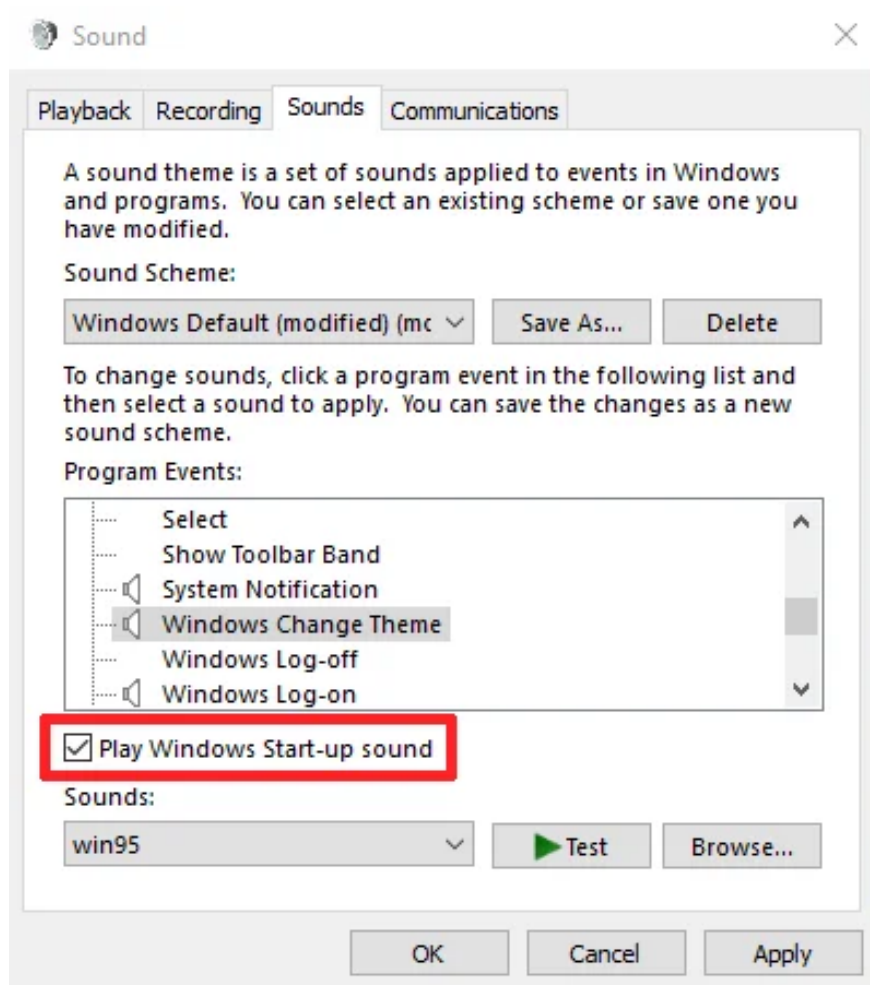
Next, go to sound preferences in Windows. Go to **Start** and type **Change system sounds** . Select results. Or, in the notification area in the bottom right corner of the screen, right-click the speaker icon, then click **Sound settings** . In Windows 10, select **Sounds** .



In the System sound settings window, scroll to the bottom in the right pane and select **More sound settings** .



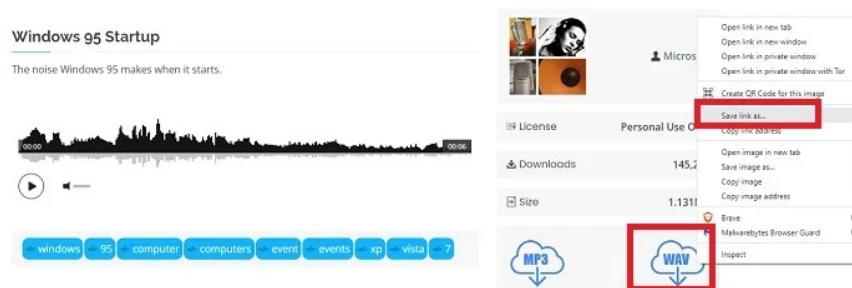
**In the Sound window** , click the **Sounds** tab , then check the **Play Windows Start-up sound** box . Click **Apply** . Your PC will now make a jingling sound every time it starts up. If you're satisfied with the Windows 10 startup sound, stop. If you want to satisfy your nostalgia and replace it with the Windows 95 startup sound (or any other sound for that matter), read on.



## Download Windows 95 startup sound

If you want to add another startup sound to Windows 11 besides the default sound, you will need to use a .wav file or convert an existing sound file to a .wav file. This is very simple to do and you can use a free online conversion tool like online-convert or media.io. You can also use VLC Media Player.

If you want to use the Windows 95 jingle, download it from here by right-clicking on the small WAV icon and clicking **Save link as** . If you have trouble downloading from here, try Orange Free Sounds.



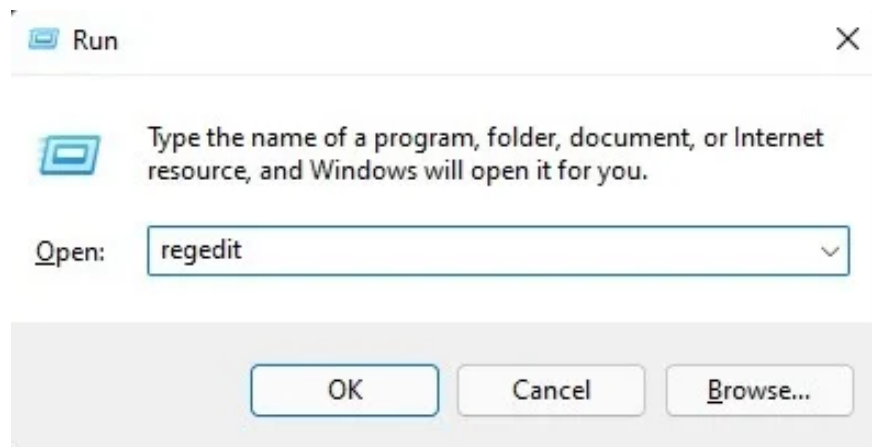
Once you have the .wav file, it seems reasonable to change the startup sound from the Sound settings window, but for some reason, this option is missing.

# Replace Windows 11 startup sound

Windows 11 makes changing the startup or login sound a bit difficult. If you open the Sounds window where you have startup sounds enabled, you'll notice there are no logon or startup sounds options listed in the list of system events available to change.

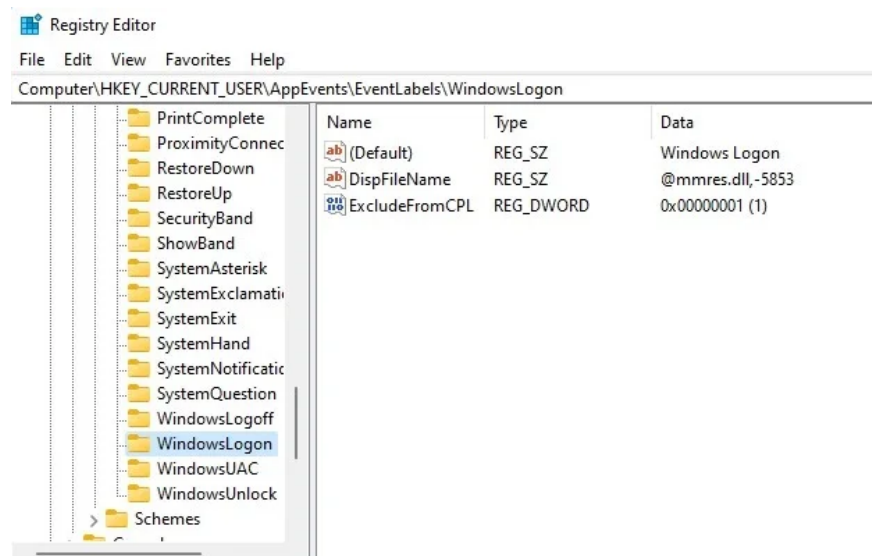
For Windows 10 users, the process works pretty much the same but you don't need to change the registry. However, make sure you are running the latest version of Windows 10. Early versions did not have the option to add sounds directly from the Sounds settings window.

To add login/startup options to the list, you will need to edit the registry. Type **Win + R** , then type **regedit** . Click **OK** to open Registry Editor.

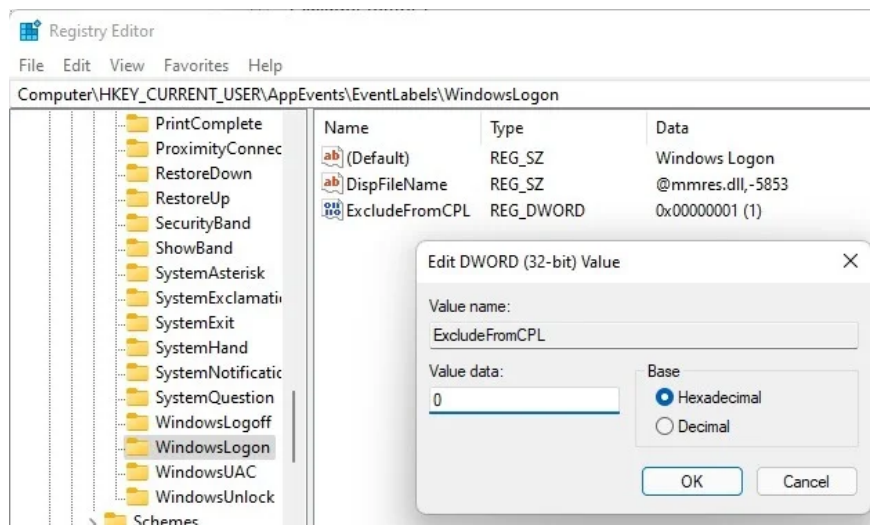


Navigate to the following area:

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER/AppEvents/EventLabels/WindowsLogon

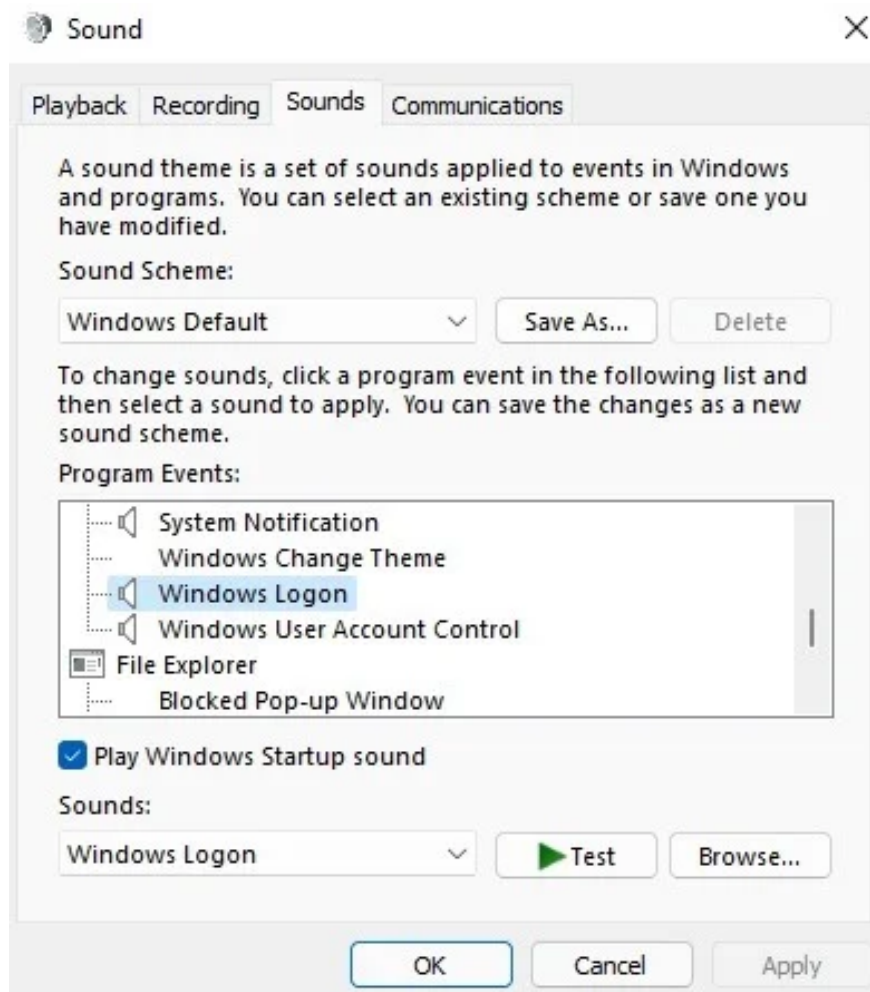


Double click **ExcludeFromCPL** and change its value to 0 (zero). This prevents Windows from hiding settings from you.



Click **OK** and exit Registry Editor. Return to Sound settings. Open **the Sounds** tab .

In the Windows section of the list, scroll down until you see **Windows logon** .



There are two ways to add the Windows 95 startup sound as an option in the **Sounds** drop-down box . First select **Browse** . Navigate to your audio and select it.

Or open File Explorer and add your startup sound file to **C:WindowsMedia** . Replace 'C' with whatever drive letter Windows is installed on. Either method will add your audio to the list.

Select the Windows 95 startup sound as the login sound and click **Apply** . Obviously you'll need to reboot your system to experience the nostalgia of the classic startup sound.

Use the same steps to change any Windows system sound you want, not just the startup sound. For example, use more personalized notification sounds.

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