

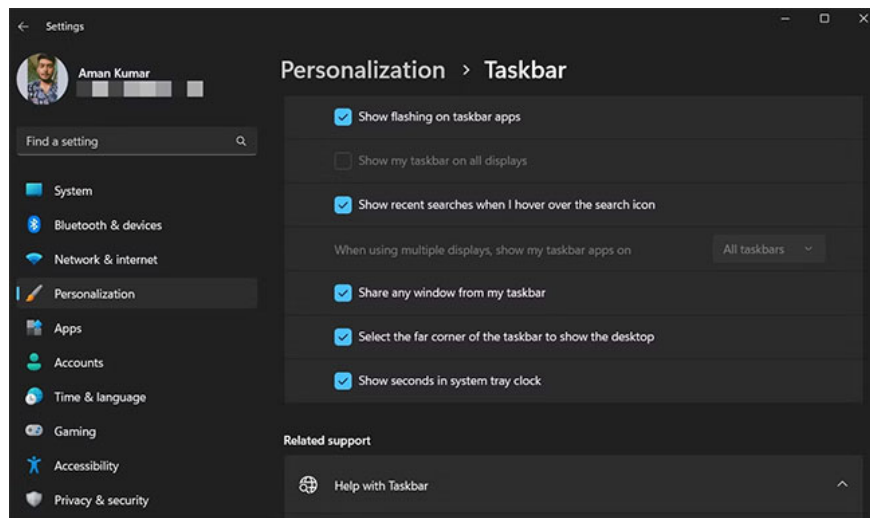
# How to display seconds on Windows system clock

Did you know that you can display seconds on the Taskbar? If not, read this article to learn how to do it!

## Add seconds to the clock by changing system settings

One of the favorite and easiest ways to add seconds to the system tray clock is to change system settings. Here's how:

1. Open the Settings menu by pressing the **Win + I** hotkey .
2. Select **Personalization** from the left pane, then select **the Taskbar** option in the following window.
3. Click the drop-down icon next to **Taskbar behaviors** .
4. Scroll down and check **the Show seconds in the system tray clock** box .



All operations have been completed. Close the settings menu and restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

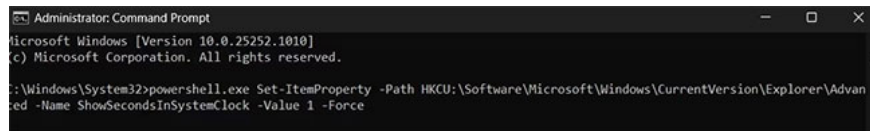
Note that this method will only work with Windows 11. If you have Windows 10 or 8, you can try the other methods mentioned below.

## Display seconds on the system clock using Command Prompt or Windows PowerShell

If you are a power user, you can run commands in Command Prompt or Windows PowerShell to configure the display of seconds on the system tray clock. To do this in Command Prompt, follow the instructions below:

1. Open the Start menu by pressing the Win key.
2. In the search bar, type **CMD** and select **Run as administrator** from the right pane.
3. Enter the following command into the Command Prompt window with admin rights and press **Enter**.

```
powershell.exe Set-ItemProperty -Path HKCU:SoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersion
```



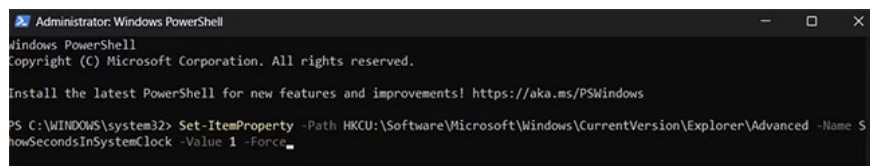
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C:\Windows\System32>powershell.exe Set-ItemProperty -Path HKCU:\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced -Name ShowSecondsInSystemClock -Value 1 -Force
```

Now, to do this in Windows PowerShell, follow the steps below:

1. In the Start menu search bar, type **PowerShell** and select **Run as administrator** from the right pane.
2. Enter the following command into the PowerShell window with admin rights and press **Enter**.

```
Set-ItemProperty -Path HKCU:SoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionExplorerAdvanced
```



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Set-ItemProperty -Path HKCU:\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced -Name ShowSecondsInSystemClock -Value 1 -Force
```

All operations completed! Now, your system clock has displayed additional seconds.

If you want to remove seconds from the system clock, you can also do that using Command Prompt and PowerShell. To do this using Command Prompt, execute the following command in a CMD window with admin rights.

```
powershell.exe Set-ItemProperty -Path HKCU:SoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersion
```

And to do this using PowerShell, run the following command in a PowerShell window with admin rights.

```
Set-ItemProperty -Path HKCU:SoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionExplorerAdvanced
```

## How to display seconds by editing Registry

### Warning:

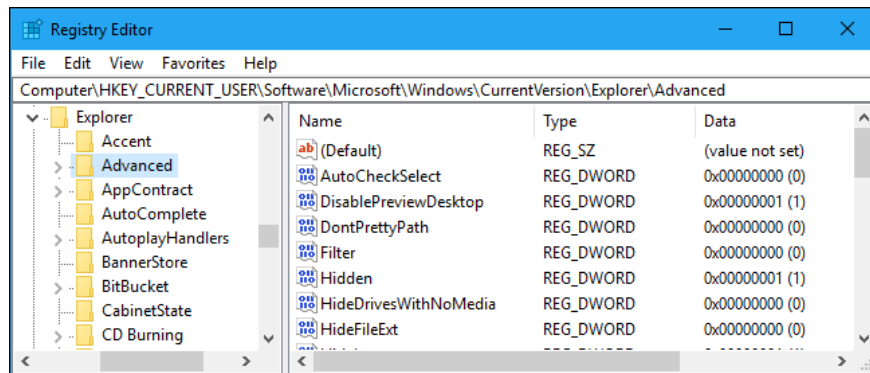
Registry Editor is a powerful tool, and misusing it can make your system unstable or even inoperable. This is a pretty simple trick and as long as you follow the instructions, you shouldn't have any problems.

However, if you have never worked with Registry Editor before, learn how to use Registry Editor before you begin. And remember to back up the Registry (and your computer!) before making changes!

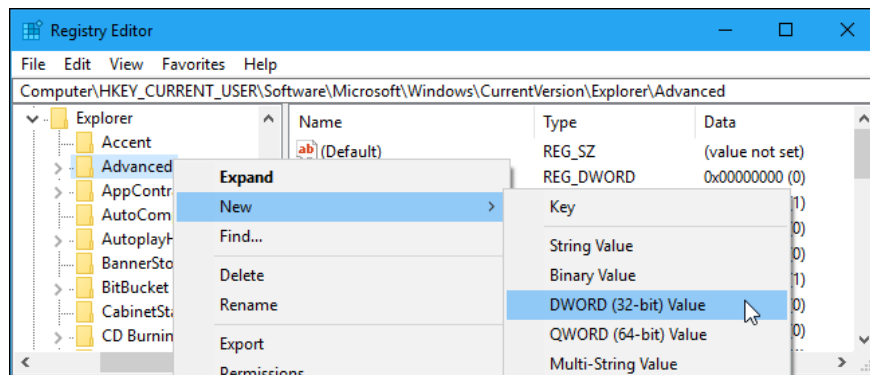
Start by opening Registry Editor. Type **regedit** into the **Start** menu and launch the utility. Accept the administrator prompt and you will access the Registry. As always, be careful here because just one wrong action can lead to a system crash.

Open the **Advanced** key following this link:

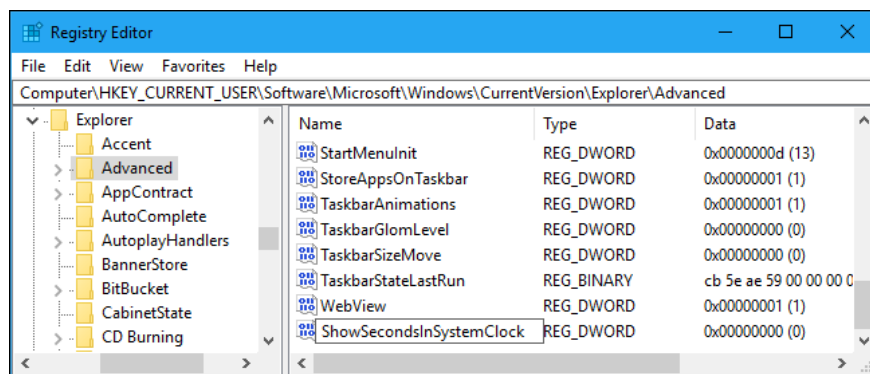
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Right click on the **Advanced** folder in the left sidebar. Select **New > DWORD (32-bit Value)**.



Name it *ShowSecondsInSystemClock*.



Next, double-click this value in the right panel. In the **Value data** field, set the value to **1**. Click **OK** to save changes, then close Registry Editor. After logging out and logging back into your account, you will see the number of seconds displayed on the clock.



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