

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

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On NTFS volumes, you can set security permissions for files and folders. This permission allows you to access or deny access to files and folders. To set security for files and folders, follow the steps below:

- On **Windows Explorer**, right-click the file or folder you want to set permissions.
- At this time, **the popup menu** window appears, here you select **Properties**. On the **Properties** dialog window, click the **Security tab**.
- On the **Name** dialog box list, select the **user**, **contact**, computer or group you want to set permissions for viewing files or folders.

If permission is obscured, this means "inheritance" from a 'parent' object.

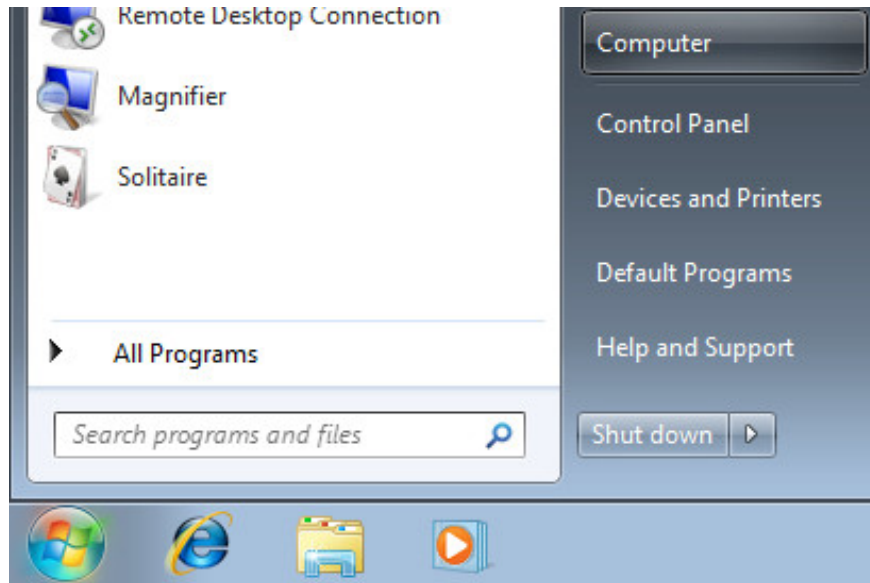
Also at the Security tab you can set up some settings to fix Flash Plugin errors on Firefox and Coc Coc. Refer to the steps to fix the Plugin error here.

1. Open the Security tab

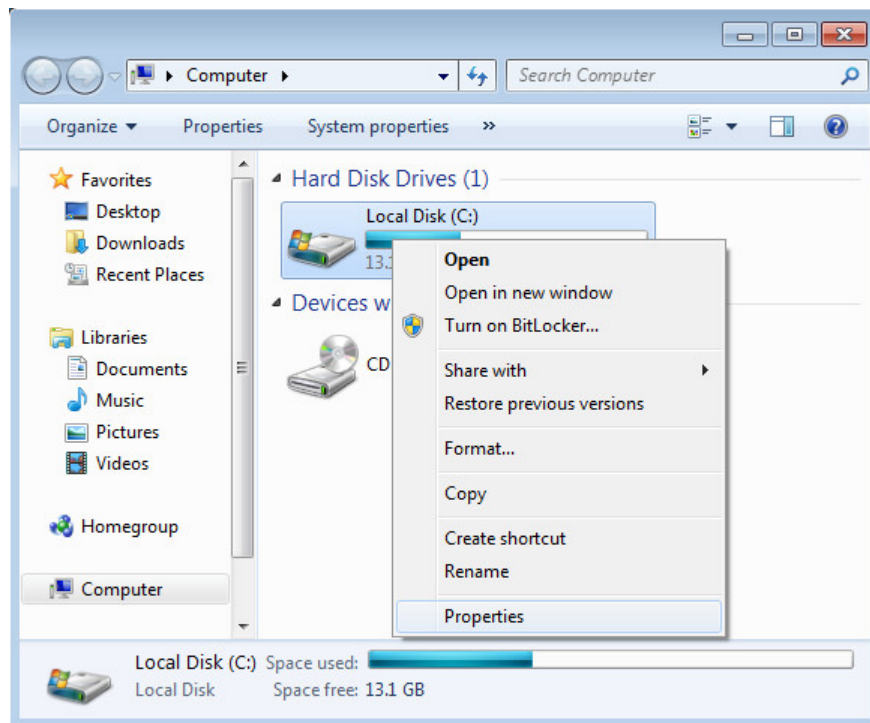
Note:

On Windows 7 Home you can only access the Security tab in **Safe Mode**.

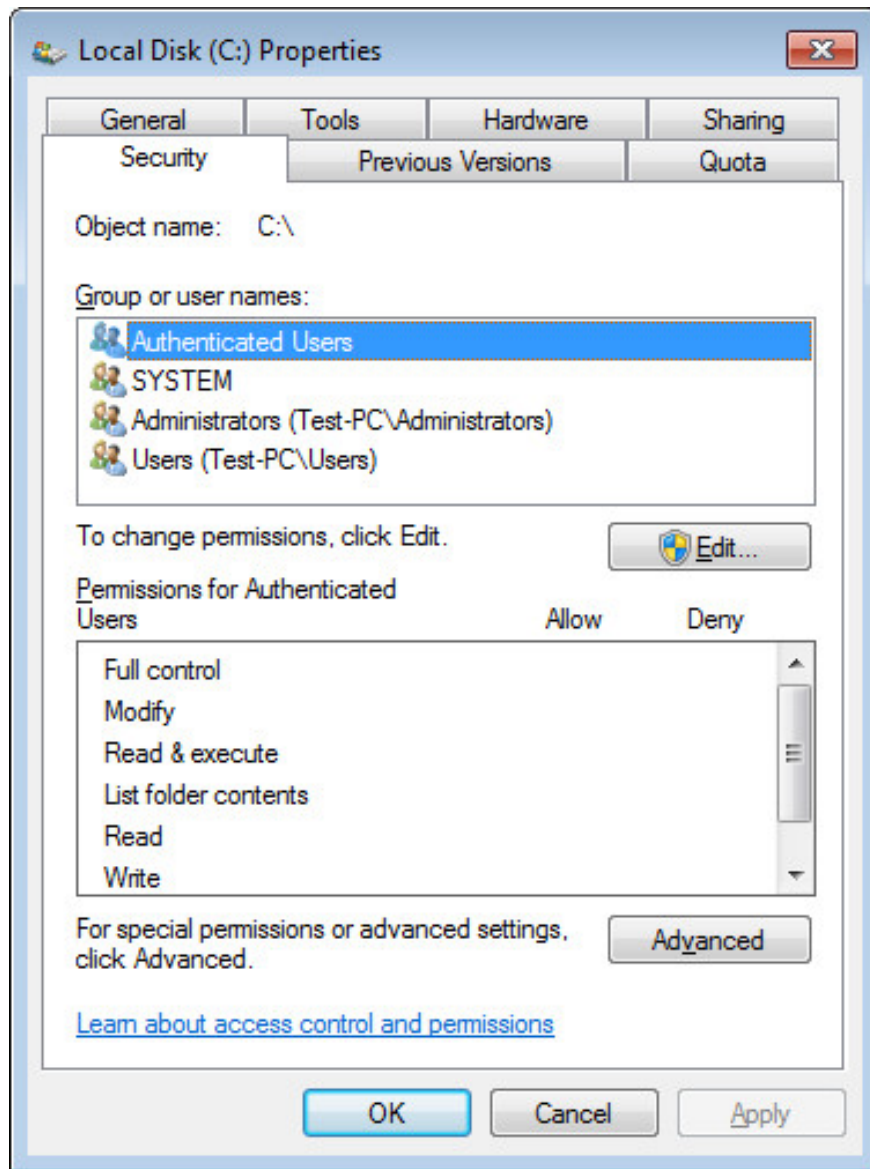
First go to **Start** , then select **My Computer** .



Right-click on a partition and select **Properties** .

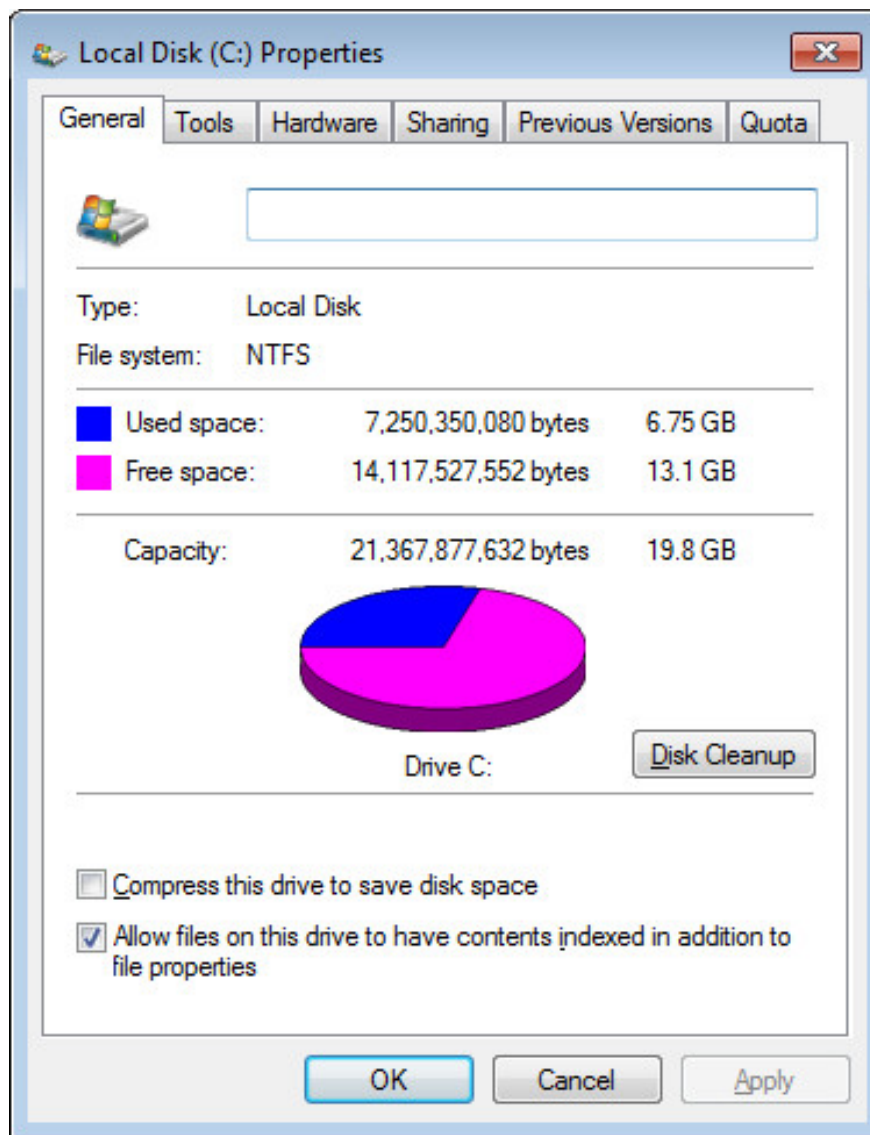


On the Properties window, find and click the **Security tab**.



2. Security tab is missing

Sometimes in some cases when opening the Properties window of a file and you notice that the **Security tab** is "missing".



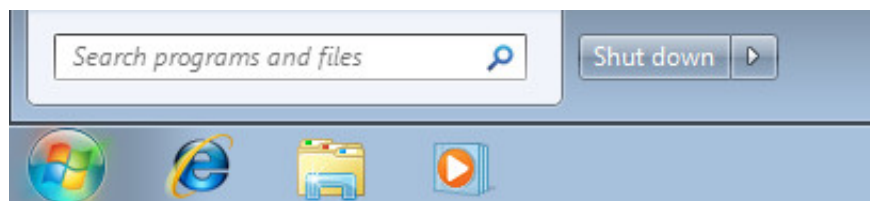
3. Gpedit

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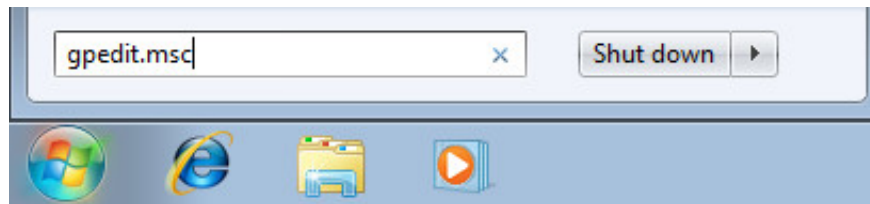
If your computer is running **Windows Vista Home**, you cannot access **Group Policy** (gpedit.msc).

Follow the steps below to enable / disable the Security tab on Group Policy:

First click on the **Start** button, then click the **Search programs and files** frame.

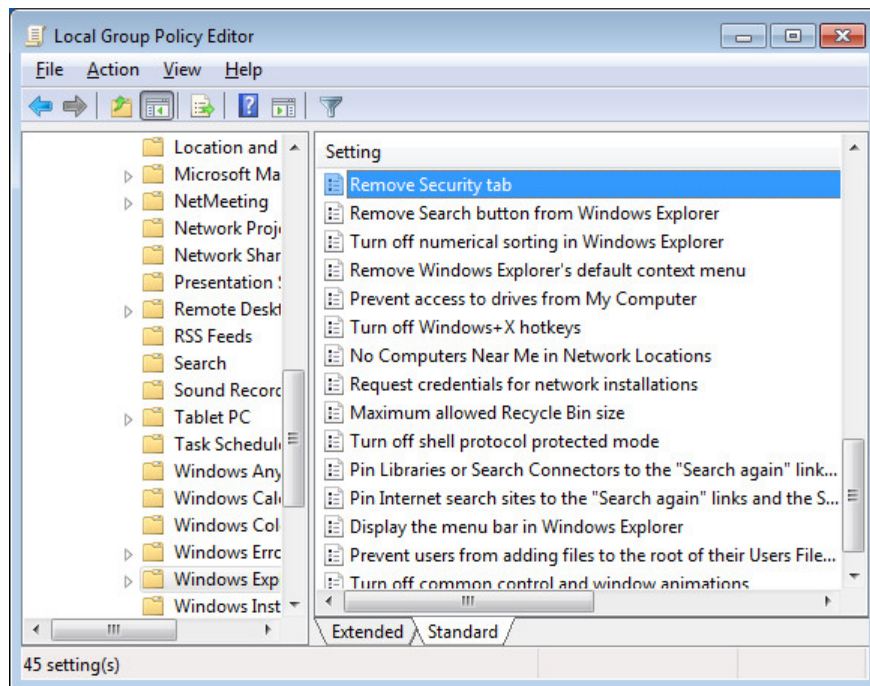


Enter **gpedit.msc** in the Search programs and files box and press **Enter** or click **OK** to open the **Group Policy** window.



On the Group Policy window, navigate to the **key** :

User Configuration => Administrative Templates => Windows Components => Windows Explorer



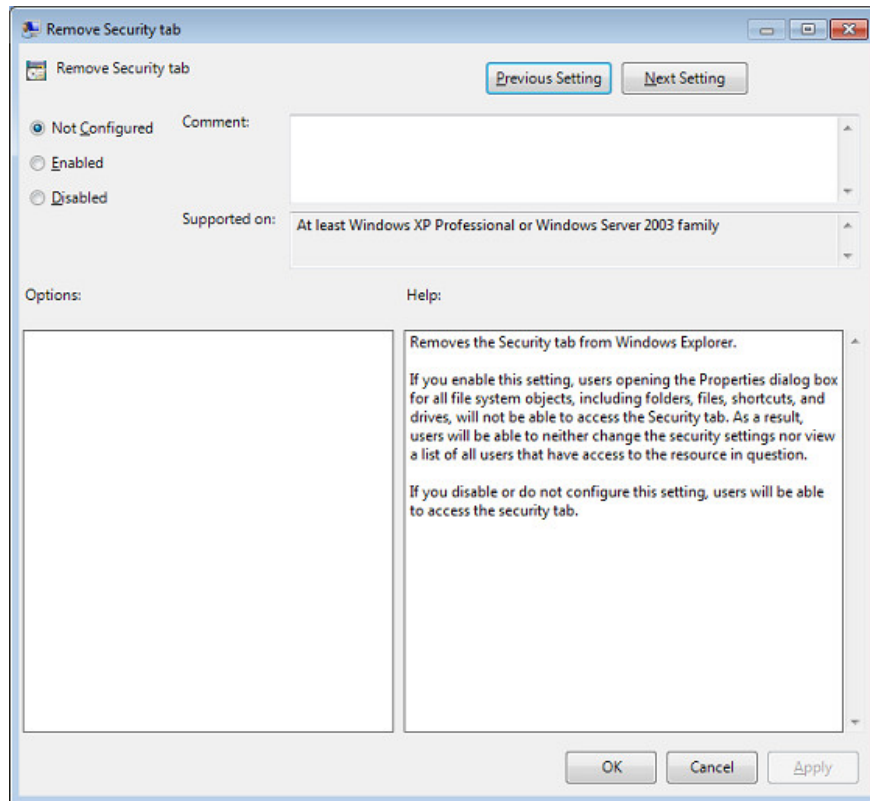
Here in the right pane, find and open the option called **Remove Security tab** .

On the Remove Security tab window, you will see that the **Default** status is set to **Not Configured** and the **Security tab** is **Enable** .

To **activate the Security tab** , select **Disable** .

To **disable the Security tab** , select **Enable** .

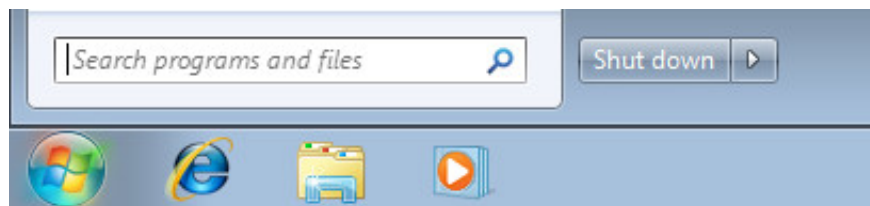
Once you're done, click **OK** and close the **Group Policy** window.



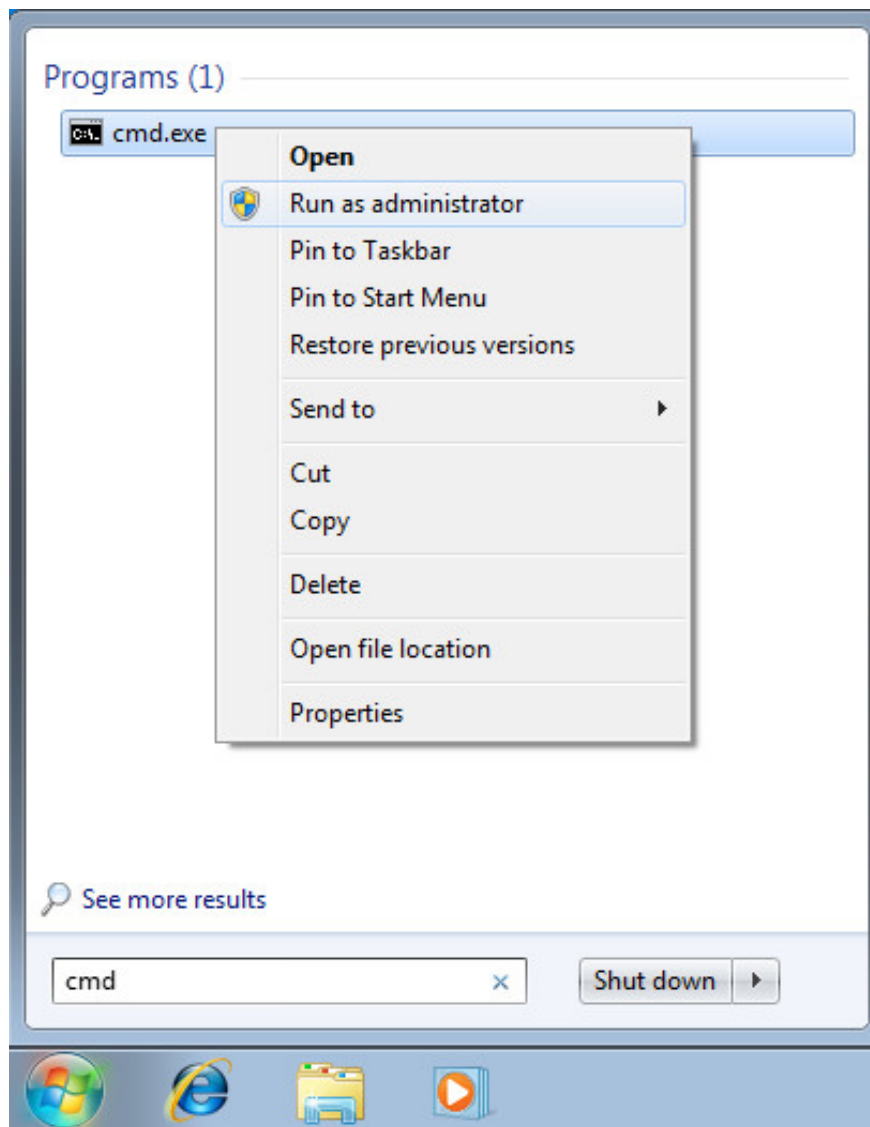
4. CMD

To enable / disable the Security tab from Command Prompt, follow the steps below:

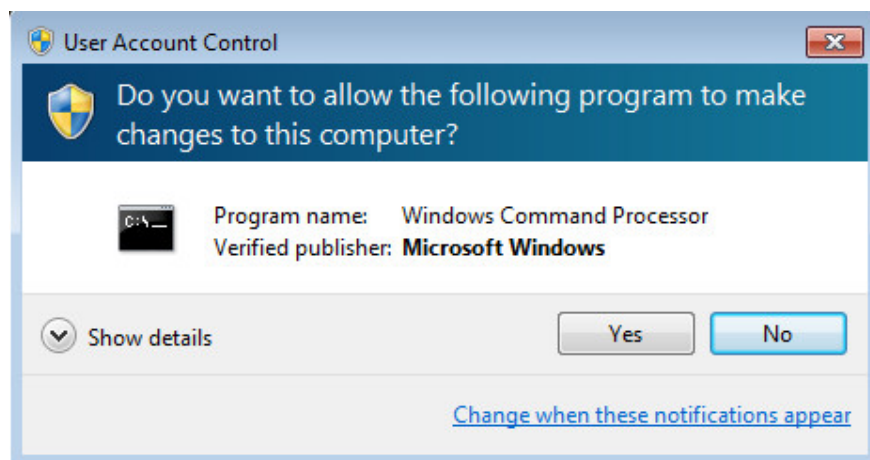
First click on the **Start** button, then click the **Search** box.



Enter **cmd** in the Search box, then on the search results list, right-click the cmd icon and then click **Run as administrator** .



Now the screen of the **User Account Control** window appears, where you click **Yes** .



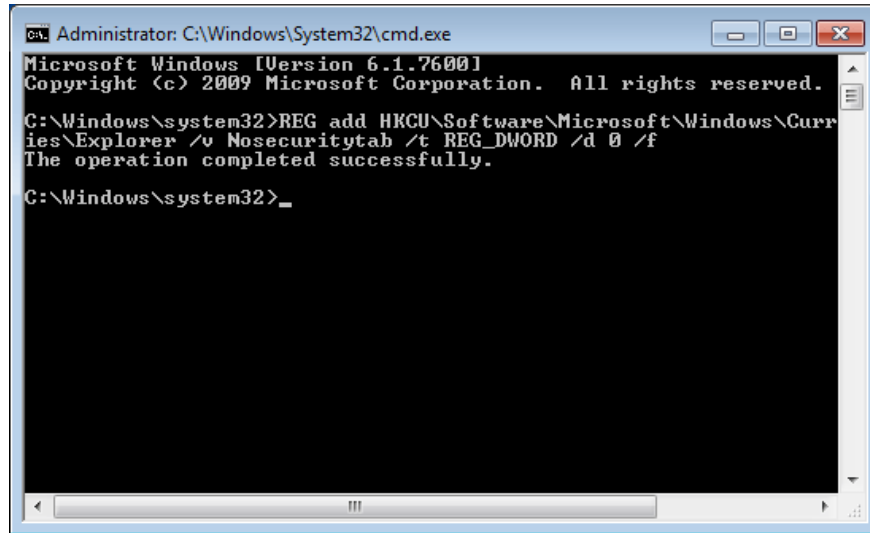
On the Command Prompt window, enter each of the following **Registry keys** to execute the commands:

- To **disable the Security tab** , enter the Registry key:

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REG add HKCUSoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionPoliciesExplorer / v Nosecuritytab / t  
REG_DWORD / d 1 / f
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- To **activate the Security tab** , enter the Registry key:

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REG add HKCUSoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionPoliciesExplorer / v Nosecuritytab / t  
REG_DWORD / d 0 / f
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Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe  
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7600]  
Copyright (c) 2009 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.  
C:\Windows\system32>REG add HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Cur  
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The operation completed successfully.  
C:\Windows\system32>_
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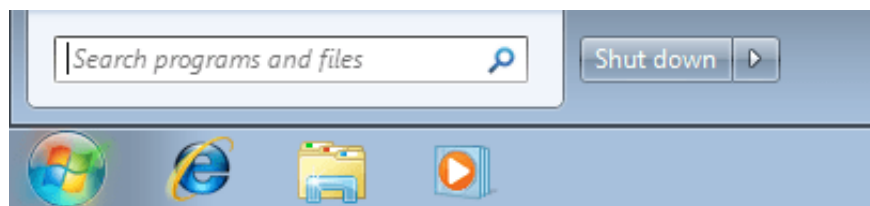
Once done, close the Command Prompt window.

5. Regedit

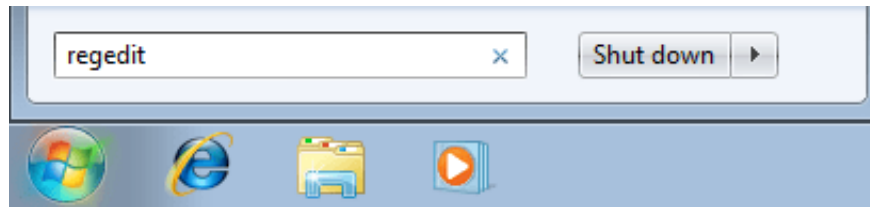
Warning: Editing the Registry Editor may cause serious errors, if the correction is wrong or an error occurs, you may have to reinstall the operating system.

Follow the steps below to disable / enable the Security tab on the Registry Editor:

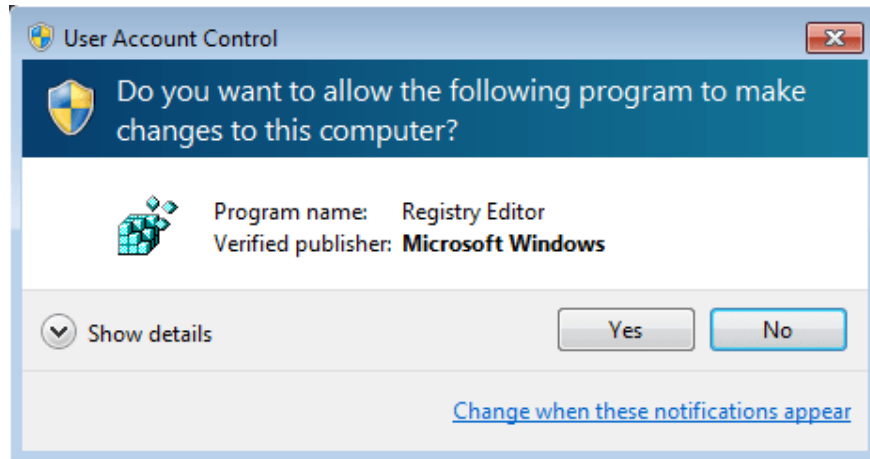
First click on the **Start** button, then click **the Search box** .



Enter regedit in the Search box and press **Enter** or click **OK** .



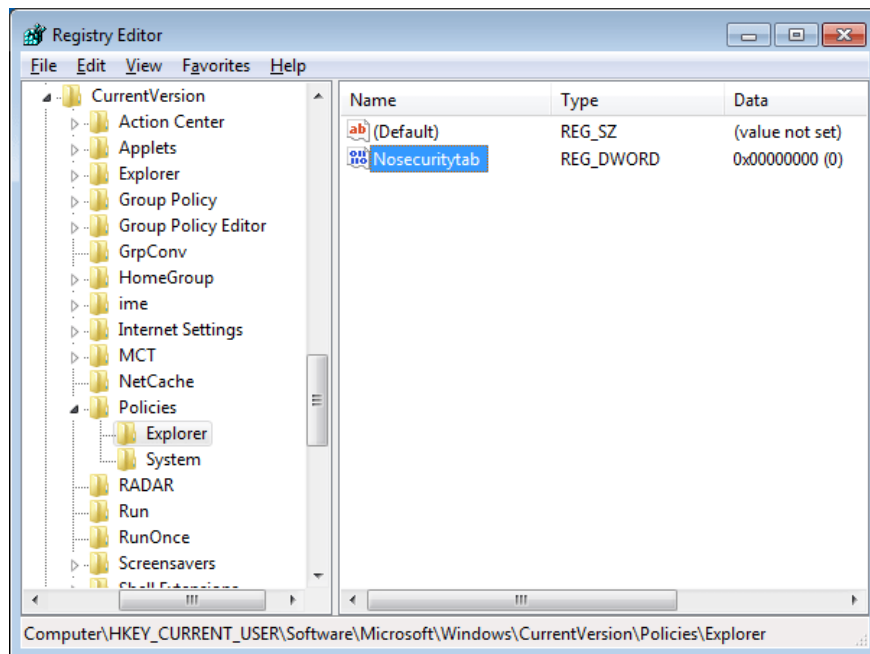
If the **UAC** window appears, click **Yes** to continue.



On the **Registry Editor** window, navigate to the key:

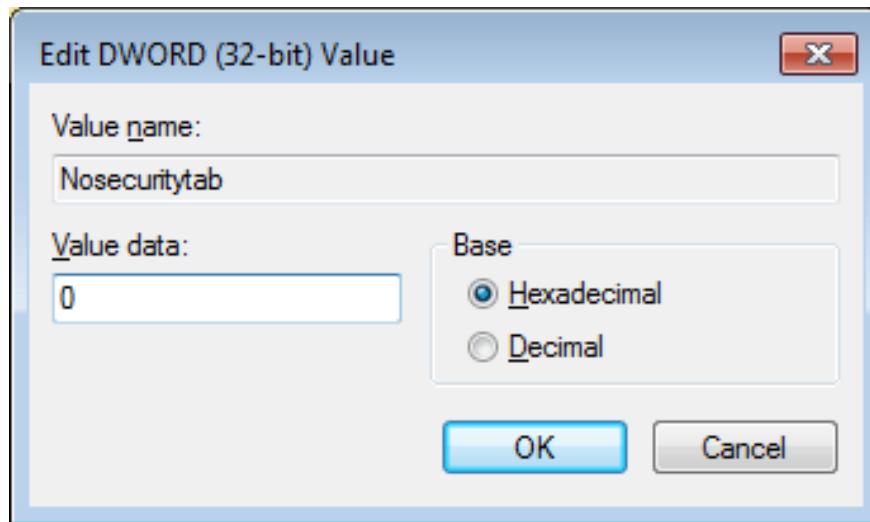
HKEY_CURRENT_USERSoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionPoliciesExplorer

Here look at the right pane, find and click the key named **Nosecuritytab** .



Double click the **Nosecuritytab** key to open the **Value Data** window and set the value.

- To **disable the Security tab** , change the value in the Value data frame to **1** .
- To **activate the Security tab** , change the value in the Value data frame to **0** .



Finally click **OK** and close the Registry Editor window.

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. Tutorial 4 simple steps to upgrade Windows XP to Windows 7
1. This is how to backup, restore Windows 7/8 / 8.1 and Windows Vista licenses
1. Here are some tips to help your old Windows 7 computer run as fast as it was when you first bought it

Good luck!

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