

# How to fix icon loss, icon error on taskbar Windows 7

Losing the icon on the taskbar or the icon, the broken shortcut on the taskbar, the Start menu, the Windows 7 desktop will make it difficult to control the activities on the computer. If you have lost the icon on the taskbar or broken the icon, please see how to fix this.

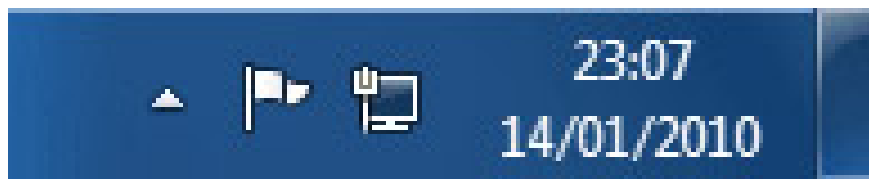
Icons and shortcuts on your computer make it easy to open, use applications and utilities on your computer without opening them. However, when using a **Windows 7** computer, you can see the icon status in the right corner of the disappearing taskbar or shortcut, the app's icon is corrupted on the taskbar, in the Start Menu, sometimes on the desktop. This error has both caused the aesthetics of the interface, which bothers you because you cannot use the computer in a routine manner.

Losing the **icon on the taskbar** and faulty icon may appear when the computer is attacked by the virus, if the computer has been scanned and the cause is excluded, try to refer to the following method to get the icon on the taskbar again.

1. Good tips and tricks in Windows 7 (Part 1)

## How to retrieve the lost icon on the Windows 7 taskbar






If it's not a virus or you're naughty, losing the icon on the Windows 7 taskbar is usually because you accidentally hide it. For example, in the picture below, you will see the speaker icon missing, losing the battery icon on the taskbar.



To retrieve lost icon on taskbar, there are 2 ways to do this:

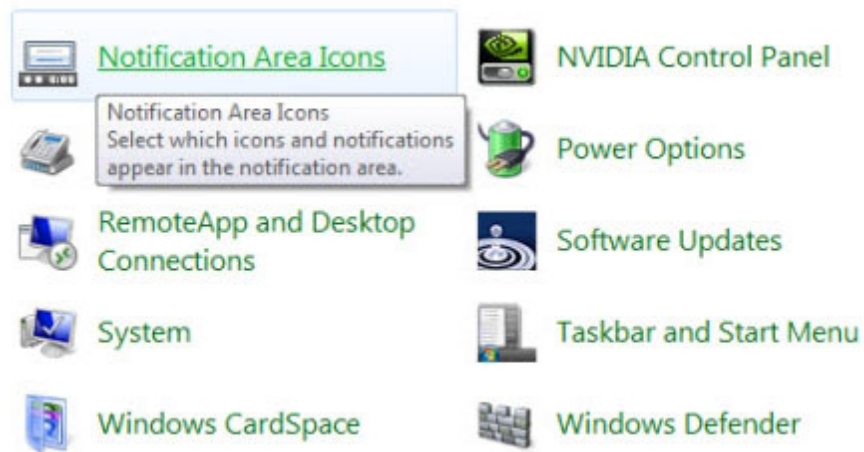
### Method 1:

Click the small arrow in the right corner of the taskbar (in the image above next to the flag icon) > Customize . In the left column you will see the icons, select the icon corresponding to the lost icon, then In the right column, select Show icon and notifications. This option will display the icon with the corresponding notifications. If you want to hide any icon, you just need to select Hide icon and notifications.

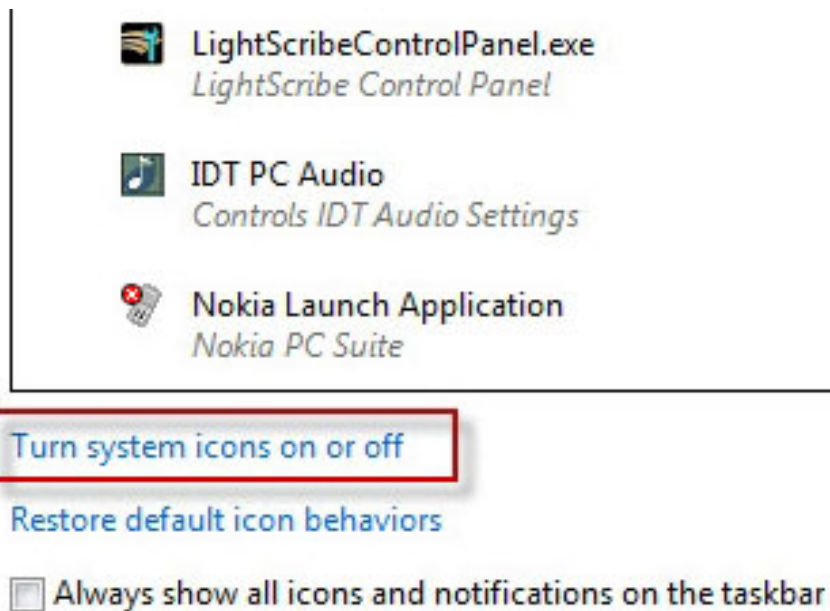
Icons	Behaviors
 <b>Action Center</b> Solve PC issues: 1 important message	Show icon and notifications ▼
 <b>Power</b> Fully charged (100%)	Show icon and notifications ▼
 <b>Volume</b> Speakers: 2%	Show icon and notifications ▼ <b>Show icon and notifications</b> Hide icon and notifications Only show notifications
 <b>Network</b> Network Internet access	Show icon and notifications ▼ Hide icon and notifications Only show notifications
 <b>igfxTray.exe</b> Intel® HD Graphics	Only show notifications ▼

## Method 2:

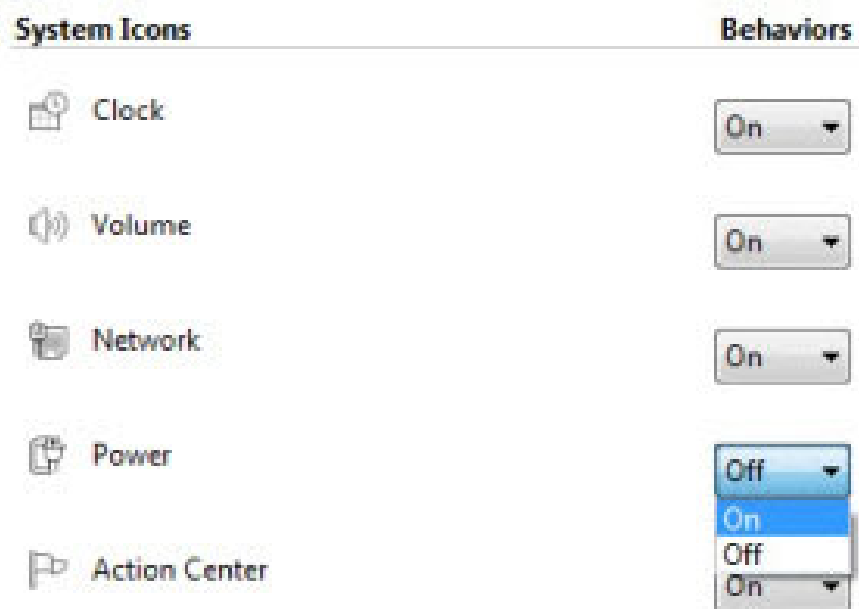
First, go to **Start** > select **Control Panel** > activate the icon **Noification Area Icons** .



On the window that appears, select **Turn system icons on or off** .



After that, a new window will appear, displaying a list of system icons, such as Clock, Volume, Network, Power, Action Center, etc. in the **System Icons** section. As for **Behaviors**, it will display the status of **On / Off** (off / on) of the corresponding icon.



You just need to select **On** for the icons you want to appear.

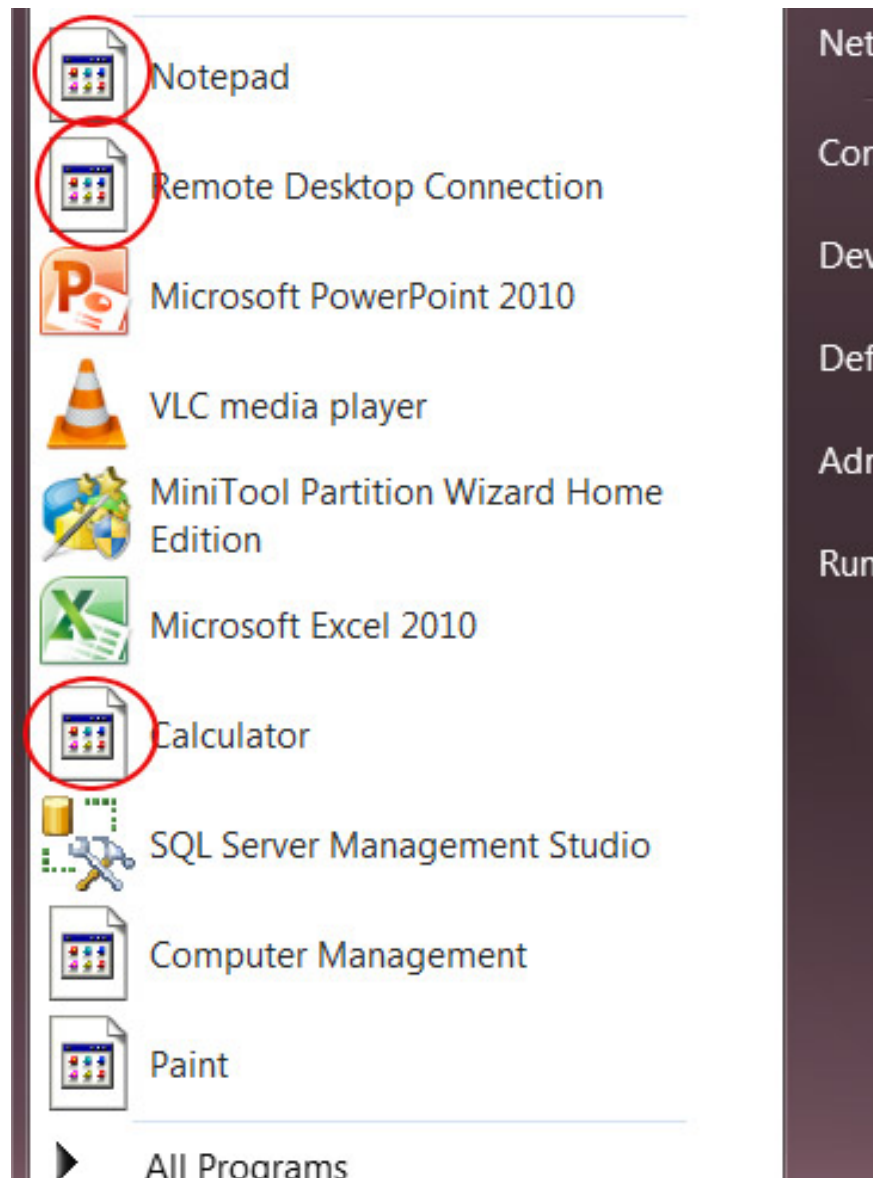
This tutorial is for the loss of the Power icon. If the Power icon still exists and you want to retrieve the other icons, you can quickly access the options list, by right-clicking the Power icon, selecting Turn system icons on or off.

## Fix icon error on Windows 7

If you encounter a symbol error, the icon looks like the image below (on both taskbar, Start Menu, desktop), then see how to fix below. It's also fast.



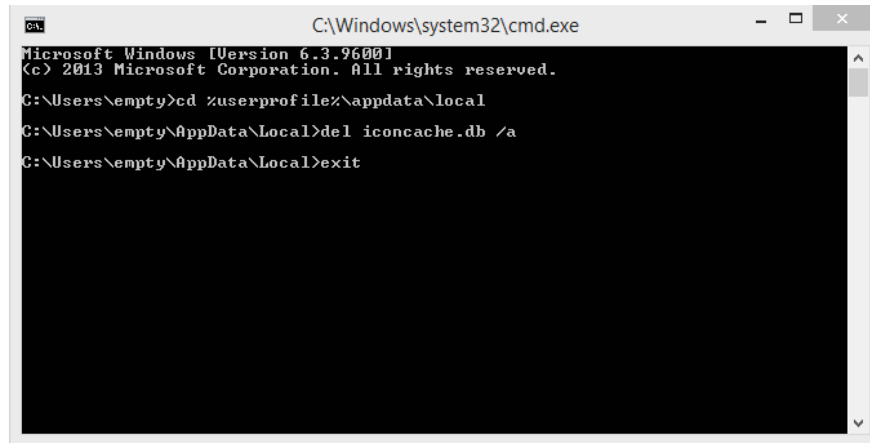
or



How to fix this icon error is as follows:

1. Open Task Manager
2. Find explorer.exe, right-click it> End process
3. On the Task Manager window click File> New Task> enter cmd.exe
4. In the cmd window you enter the command: `cd %userprofile%appdata\local`

5. Now delete the iconcache.db file, enter the command: `del iconcache.db /a`
6. Enter the command: `exit` to exit cmd
7. Restart Explorer: On the Task manager window: File> New Task (Run .)> enter `explorer.exe`



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C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]
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C:\Users\empty>cd %userprofile%\appdata\local
C:\Users\empty\AppData\Local>del iconcache.db /a
C:\Users\empty\AppData\Local>exit
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Now the icons have been restored.

If you're using Windows 10, you can see how to fix the taskbar icon error here:

1. Error losing battery icon on Taskbar bar Windows 10/8
2. Wifi icon missing on the Taskbar Windows 10, this is how to fix

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