

How to lock Windows 11 Start menu from editing

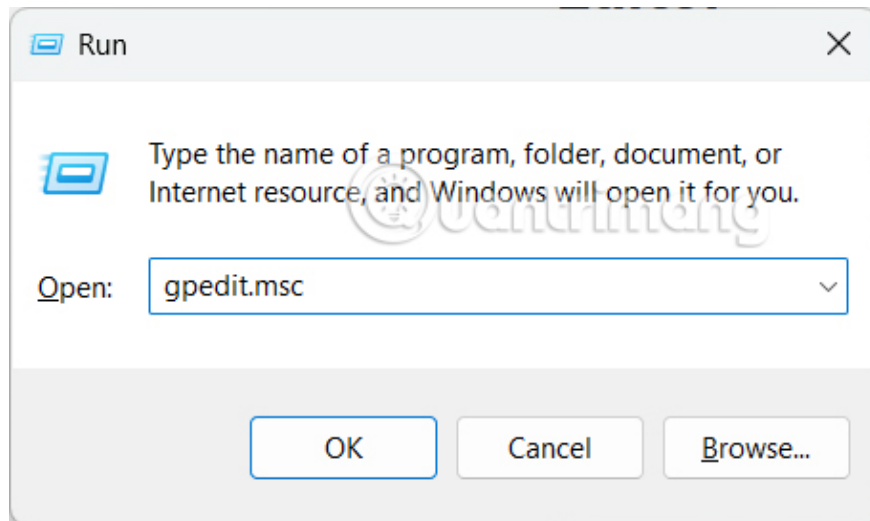
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Lock Windows 11 Start menu via Group Policy Editor

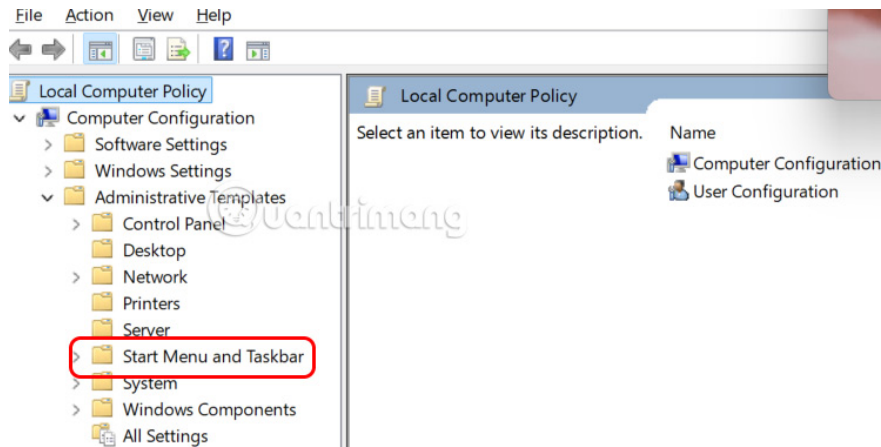
Step 1:

Open the Run dialog box and **enter the keyword gpedit.msc** to access the Group Policy Editor interface.

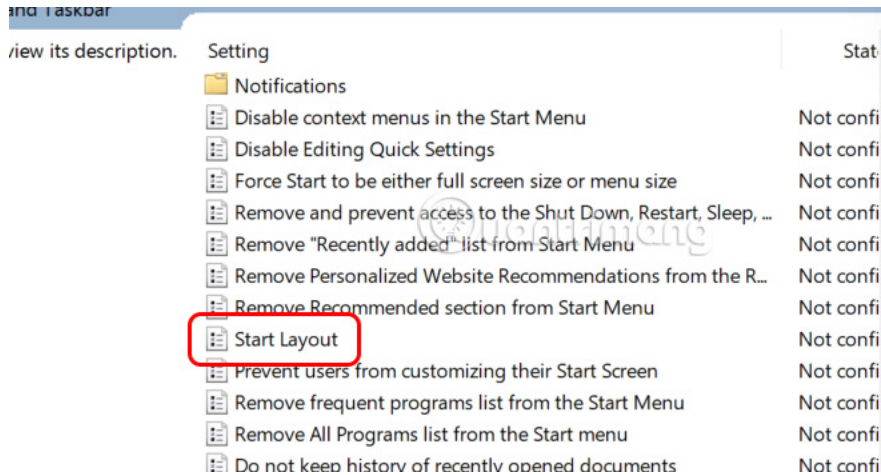


Step 2:

In the new interface, you access the path **Configuration > Administrative Templates > Start Menu and Taskbar** .

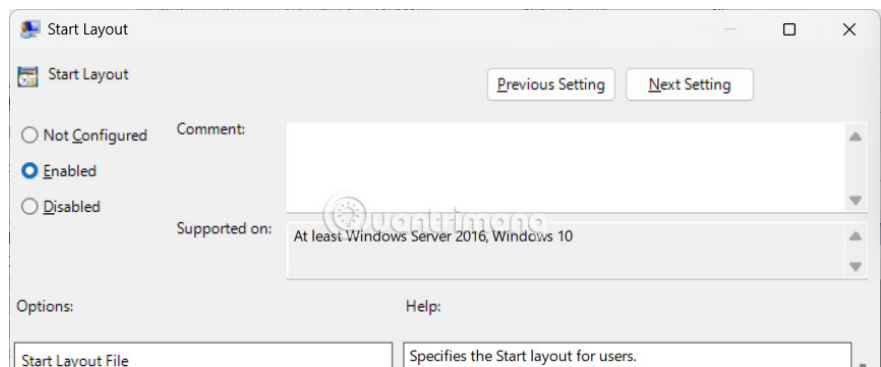


Look at the interface next to it, **double click on Start Layout** .



Step 3:

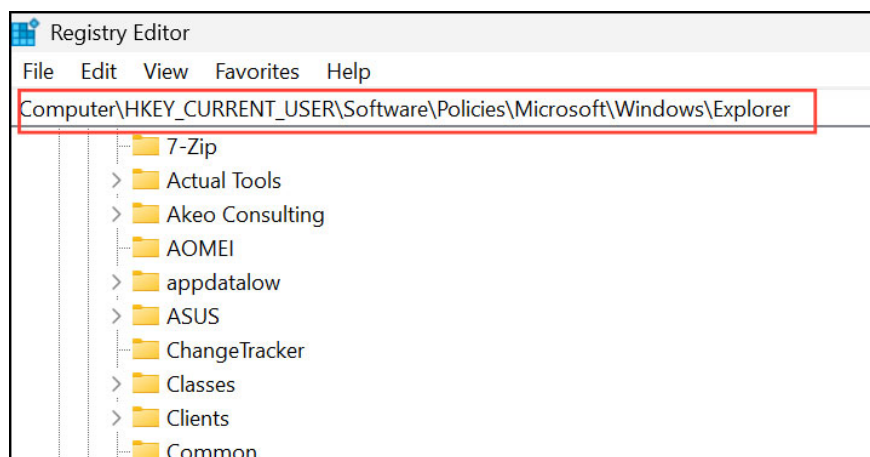
Click **Enabled** then **paste the path to the Start menu XML file** into the interface and click **Apply**.



Instructions to lock Start menu using Registry Editor

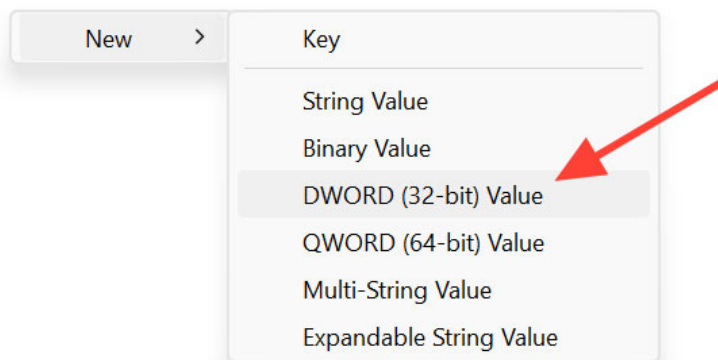
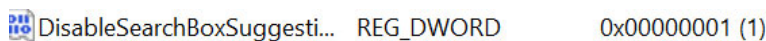
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In the Run dialog box interface, enter the keyword regedit and then access Registry Editor. Next, access the path below. **HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Explorer**

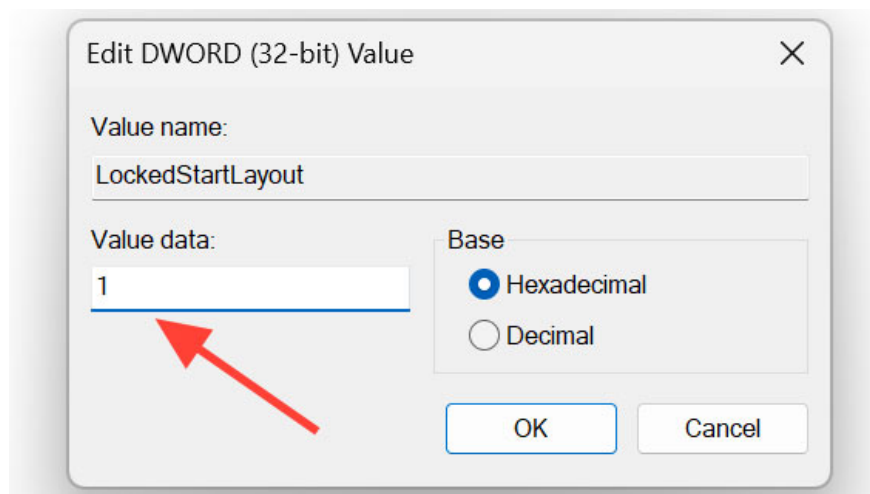


Step 2:

Click on the Explorer key then look to the side, **right-click** , select **New > DWORD (32-bit) Value** and name it **LockedStartLayout** .



Double-click LockedStartLayout , set the value to **1** , and then click **OK** . Restart your computer for the changes to take effect.



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