

Instructions to block automatic driver installation on Windows 11

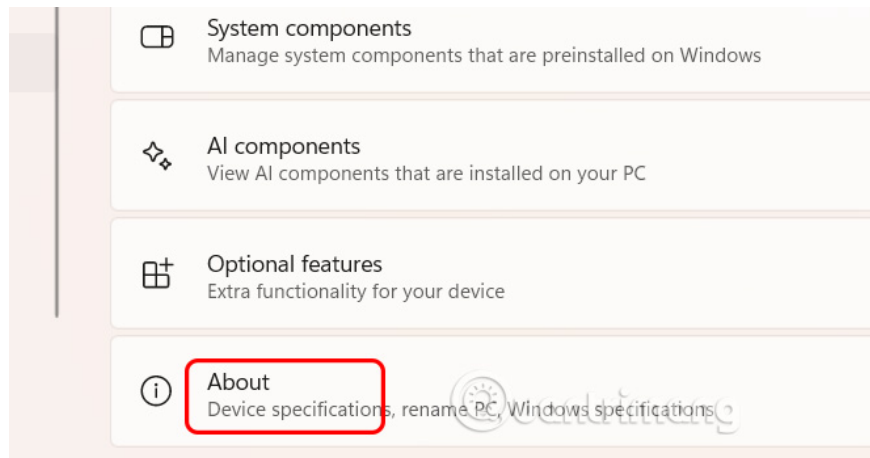
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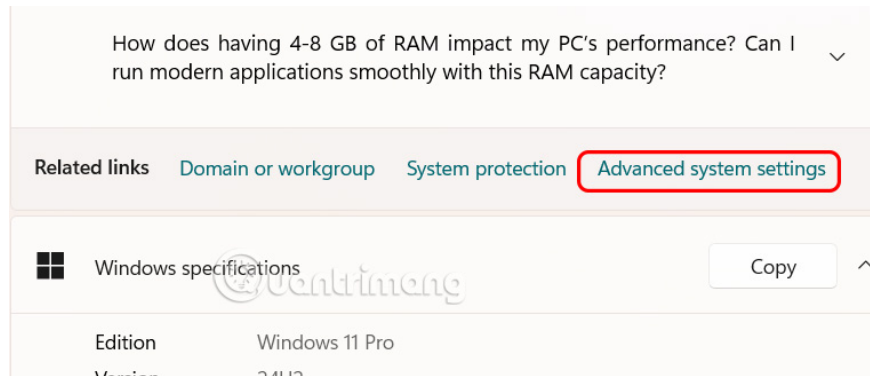
Step 1:

Open **Settings** on Windows, then **select System and click About** to continue.



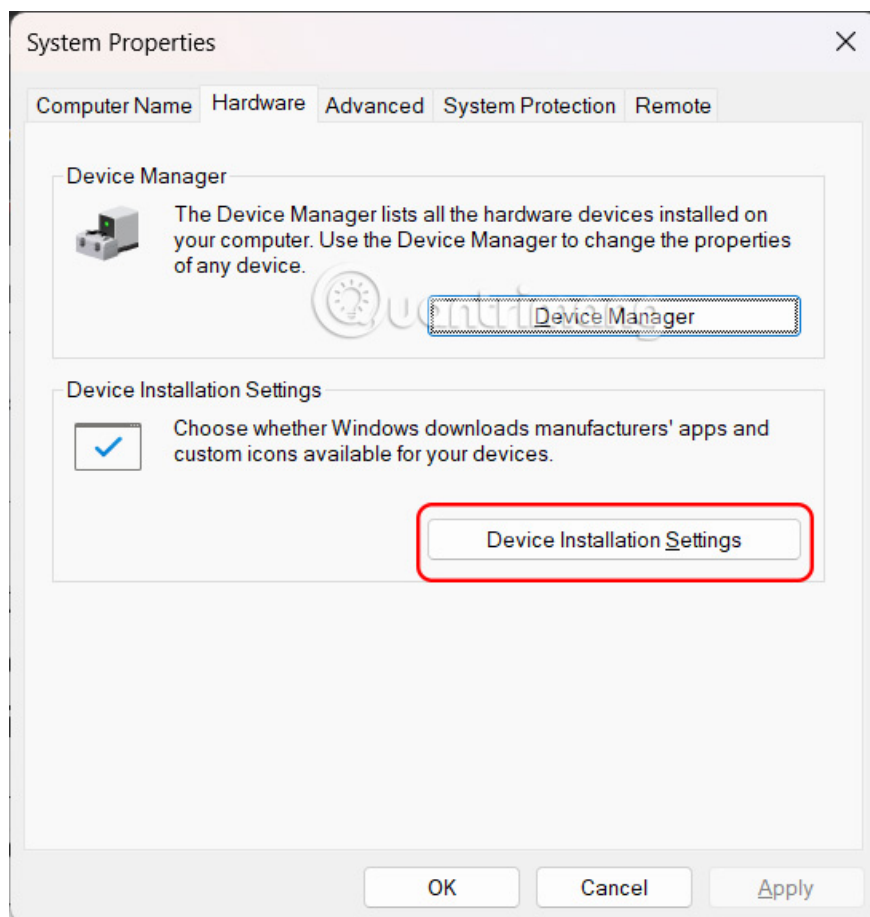
Step 2:

In the new interface, **click on Advanced system settings** as shown below.

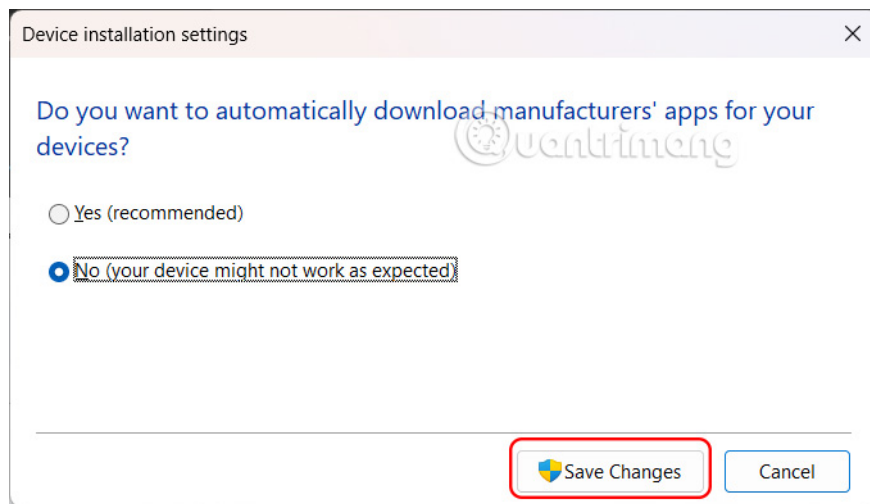


Step 3:

In the new interface, click on **the Hardware tab** , then **click on Device Installation Settings** .



Now you just need **to click No (your device might not work as expected)** then **click Save Changes** to save the changes.

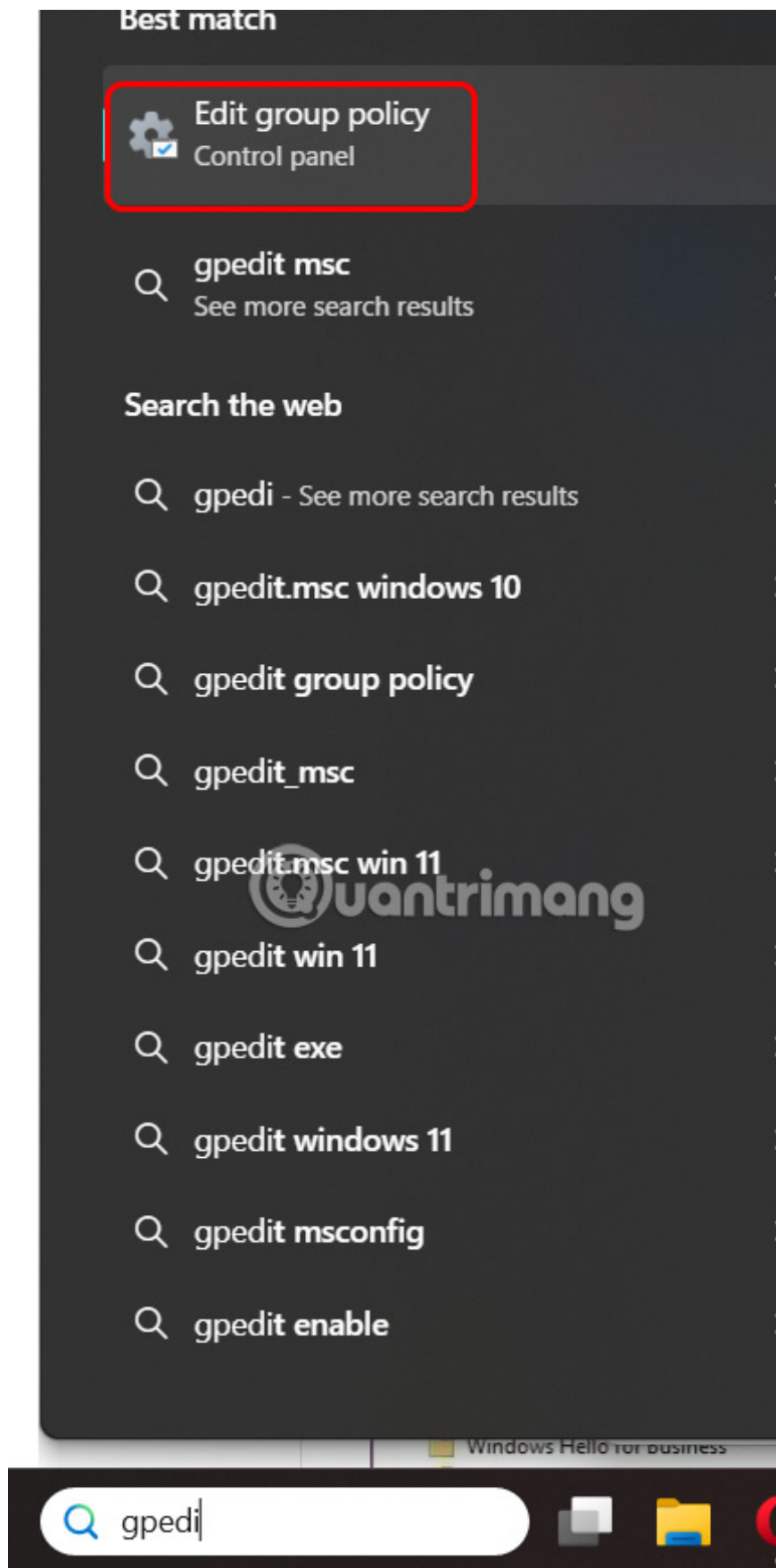


Windows will not install the driver automatically then. If you add a new graphics card or printer, you will install the driver manually.

How to block automatic driver installation via Group Policy

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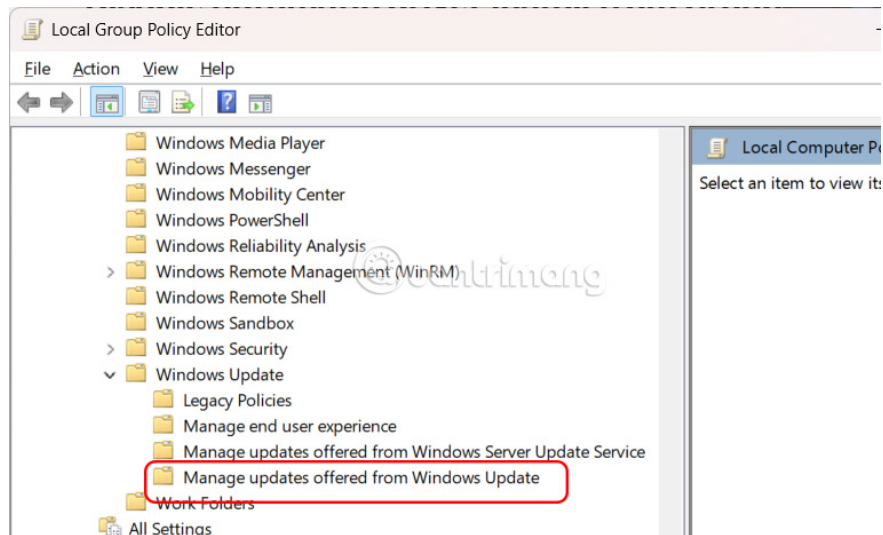
You type **gpedit** in the search bar and then click **Local Group Policy Editor** to access.



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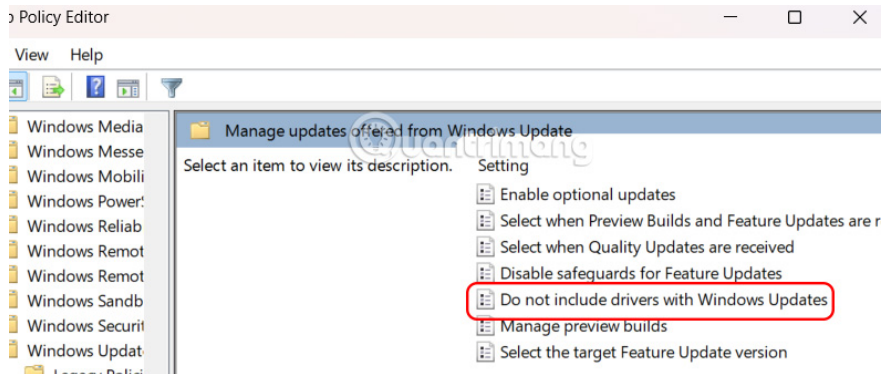
Now you need to access the link below.

Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Windows



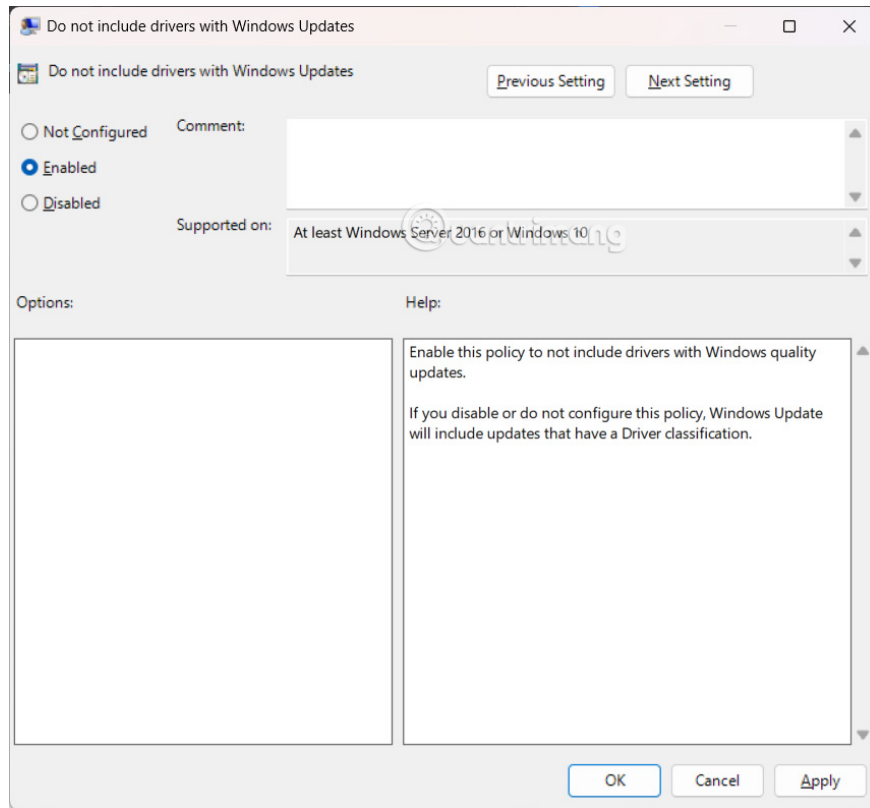
Step 2:

Look to the side and click on **Do not include driver with Windows Update** .



Step 3:

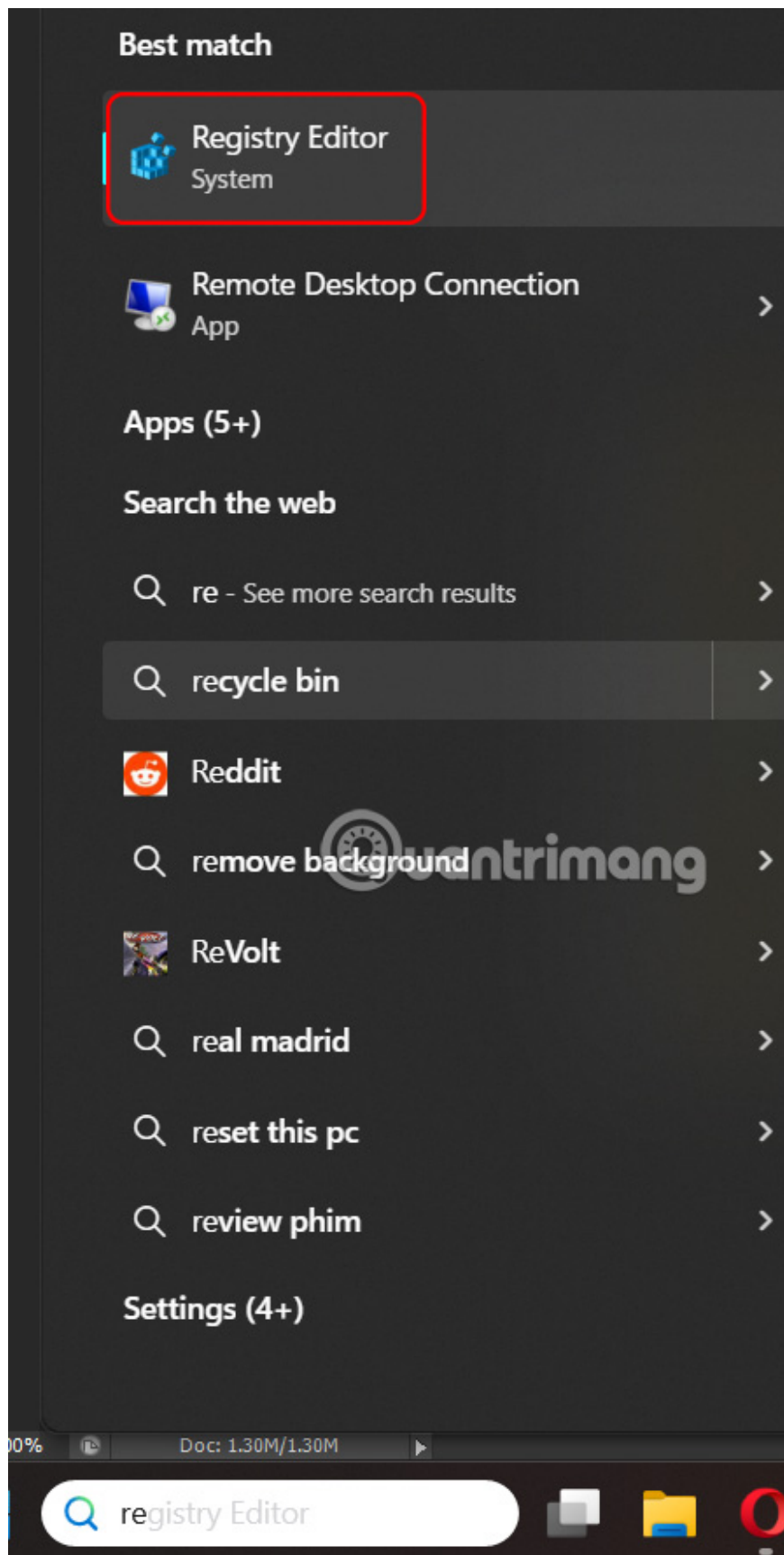
Finally, **click Enabled** to enable automatic driver installation blocking on Windows.



How to block automatic driver installation via Windows Registry

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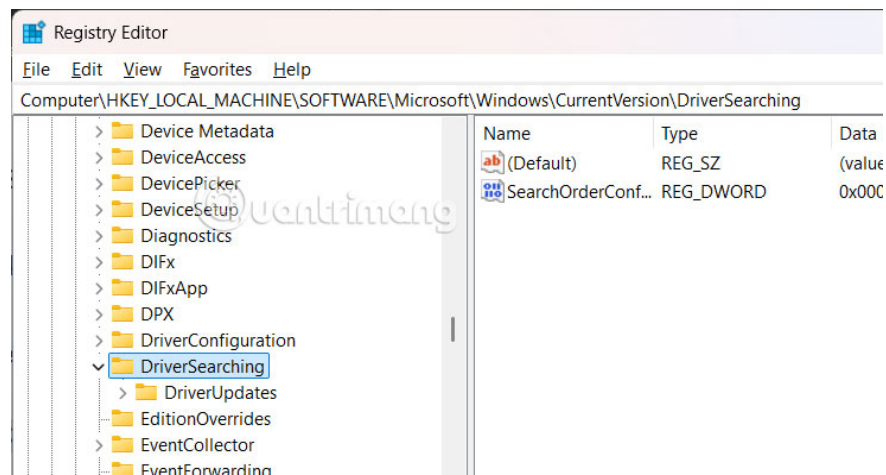
Type **regedit** in the search bar , then click **Registry Editor** to access.



Step 2:

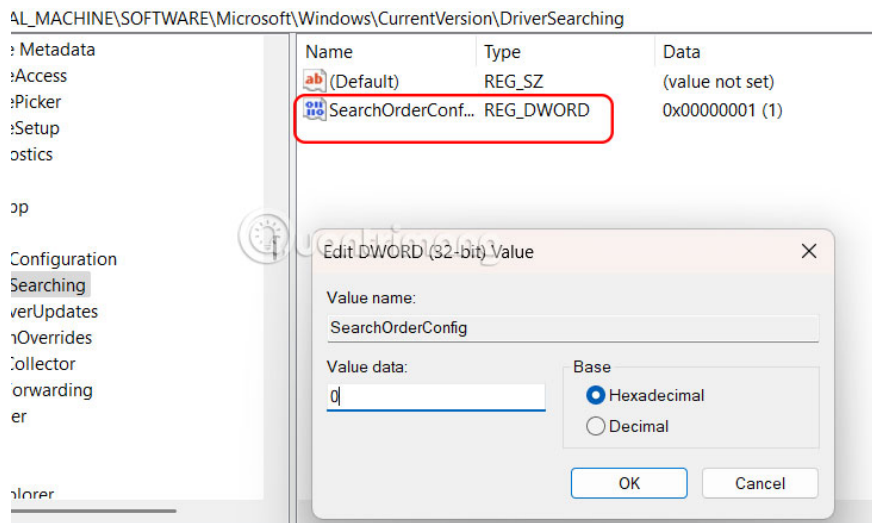
Then you access the link below.

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\DriverSearching



Step 3:

Look to the side and **double click on the SearchOrderConfig value and change it from 1 to 0**.



Restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

Once you complete the steps, setting SearchOrderConfig to 0 will block the update driver every time Windows 11 checks for new updates.

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