

Instructions to disable Control Panel on Windows 7

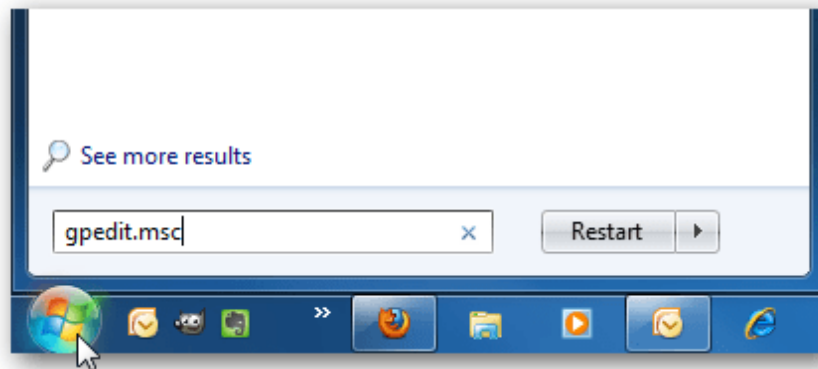
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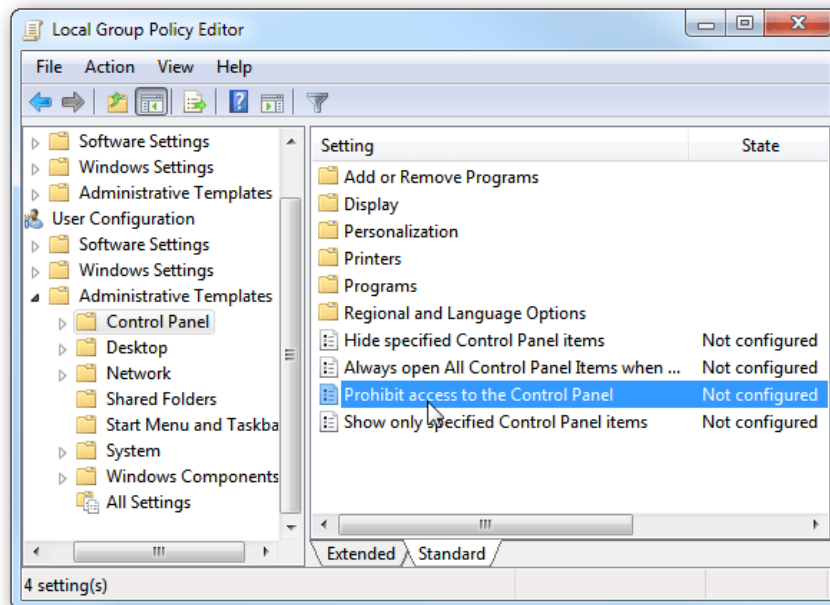
1. Disable Control Panel with Group Policy

To disable Control Panel on Windows 7 using Group Policy, first on the Start Menu, type **gpedit.msc** into the Search box and press Enter.

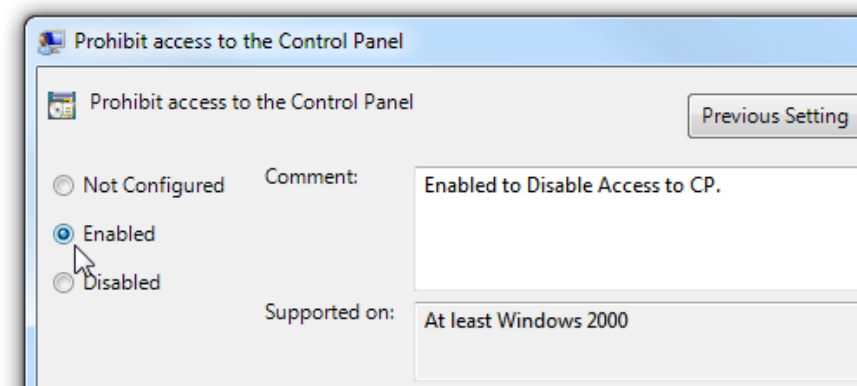


When the Local Group Policy Editor window opens, navigate to the following: **User Configuration Administrative Templates** and then select the **Control Panel** in the left pane.

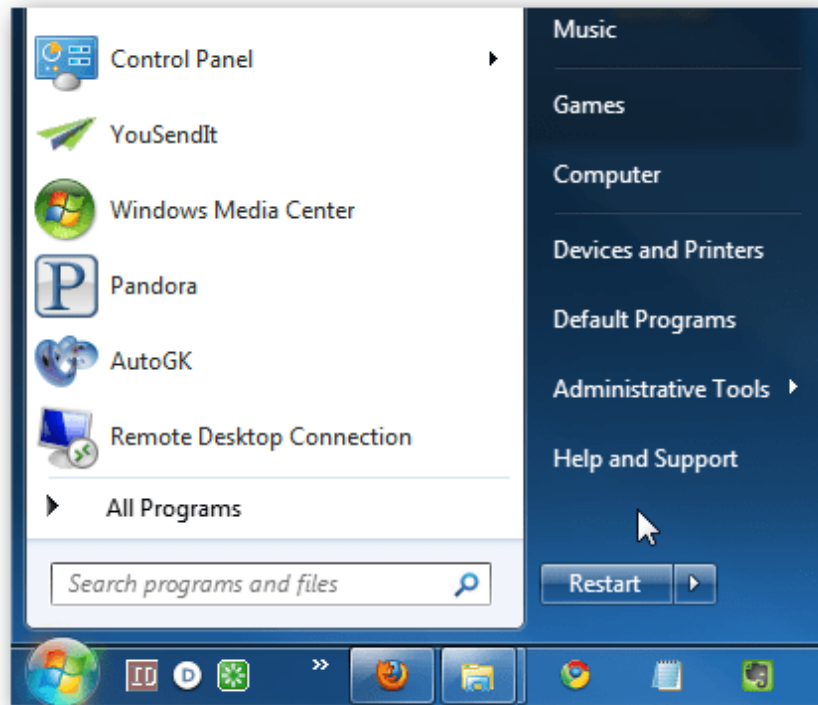
Next in the right pane, double-click the **Prohibit** option to **access the Control Panel**.



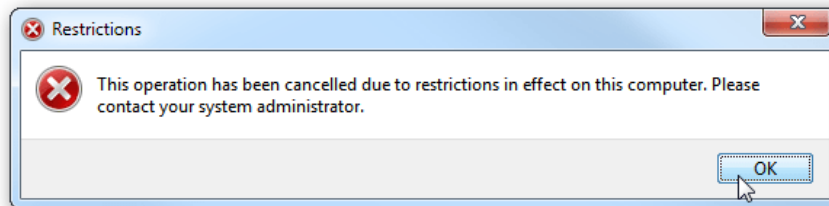
On the next window, select **Enable** , then click **OK** to close the Local Group Policy Editor window.



After Control Panel is disabled, on the Start Menu you will no longer see the Control Panel on the Start Menu.



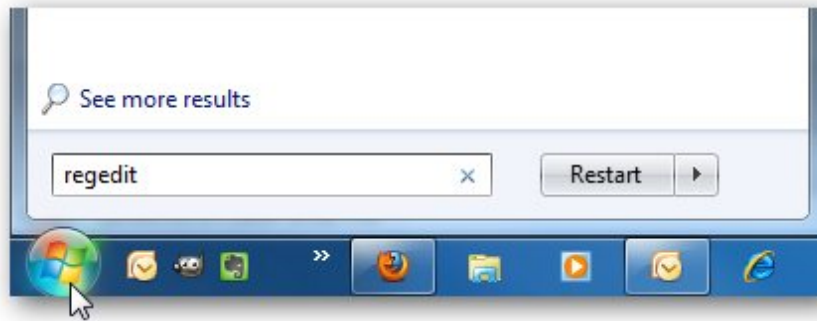
If you find the Control Panel on the Search frame you will get a message like the one below:



2. Disable Control Panel with Registry Tweak

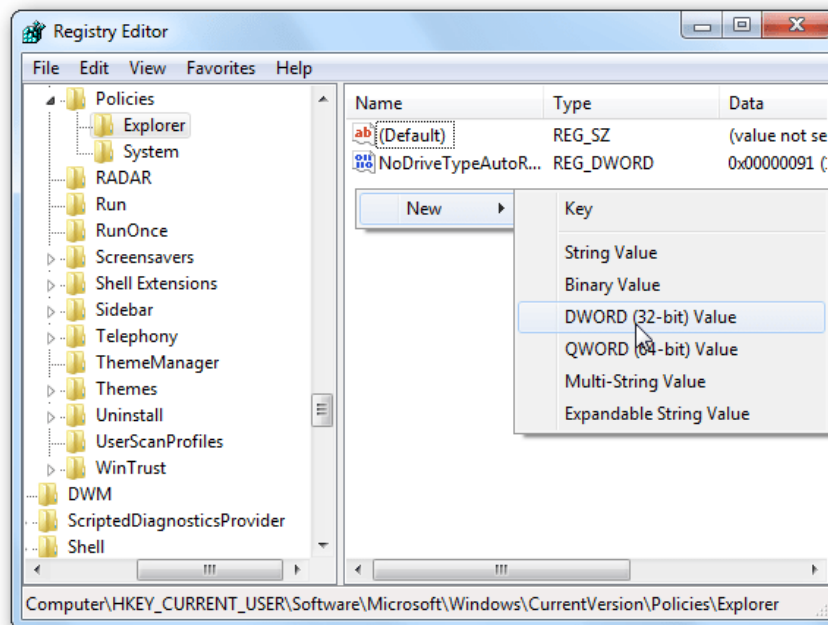
You can disable Control Panel with Registry Tweak. However, this only works on Windows7, Vista and Windows XP versions.

First on the Start Menu, type the keyword **regedit** into the Search box and press Enter.



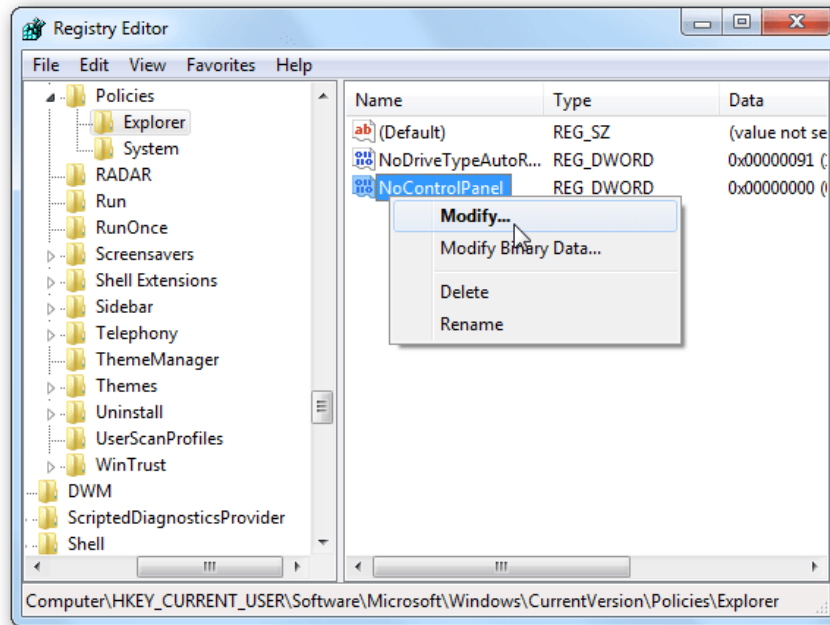
In the Registry Editor window, navigate to **HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer**.

From Explorer, right-click any space in the right pane, select **New > DWORD (32-bit) Value** to create a new key.

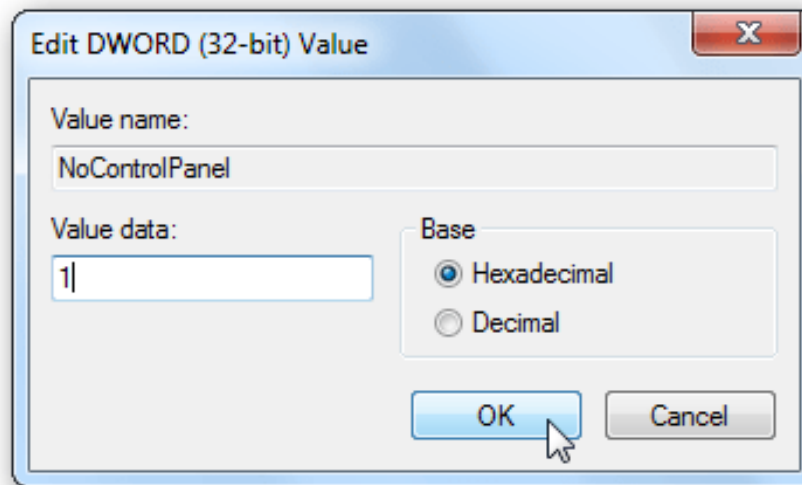


Name this key **NoControlPanel**.

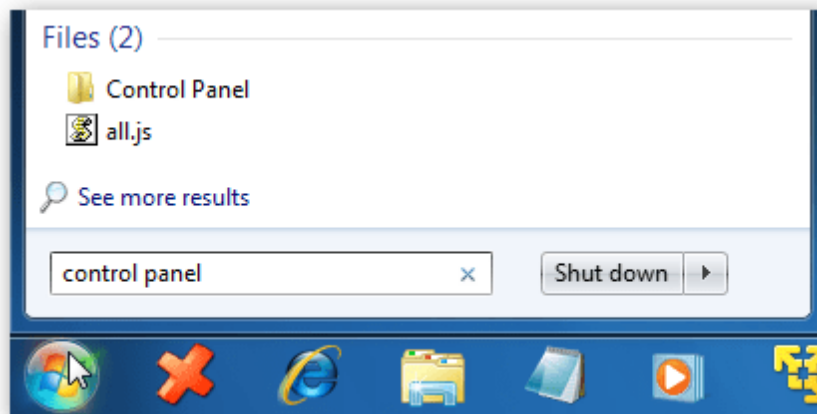
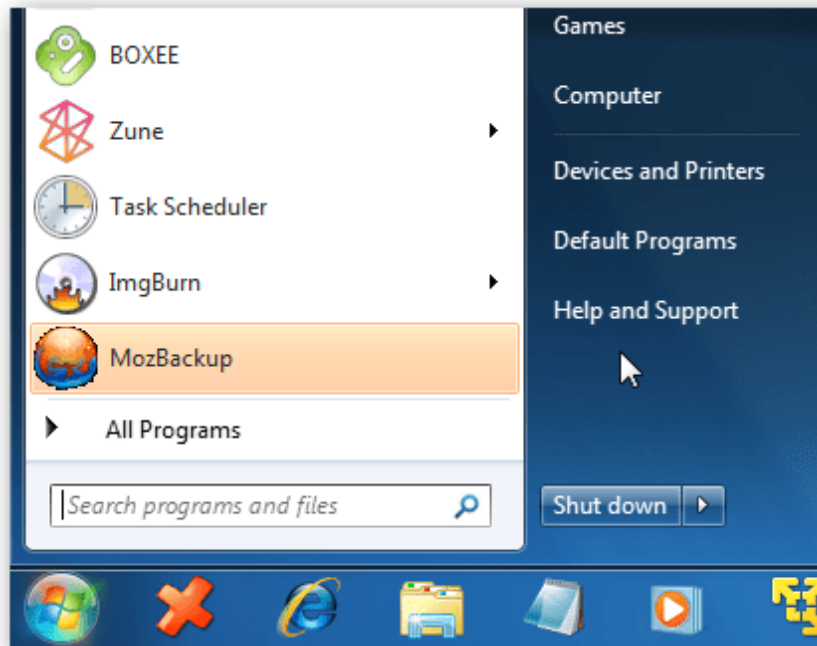
Then right-click this new key and select **Modify** .



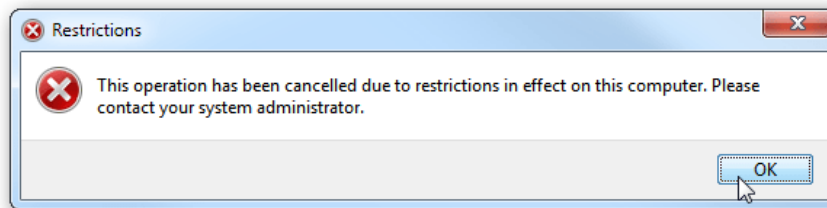
In the **Value data** frame, change the value to **1** and then click **OK**. Close the Registry Editor window then restart your computer to complete the process.



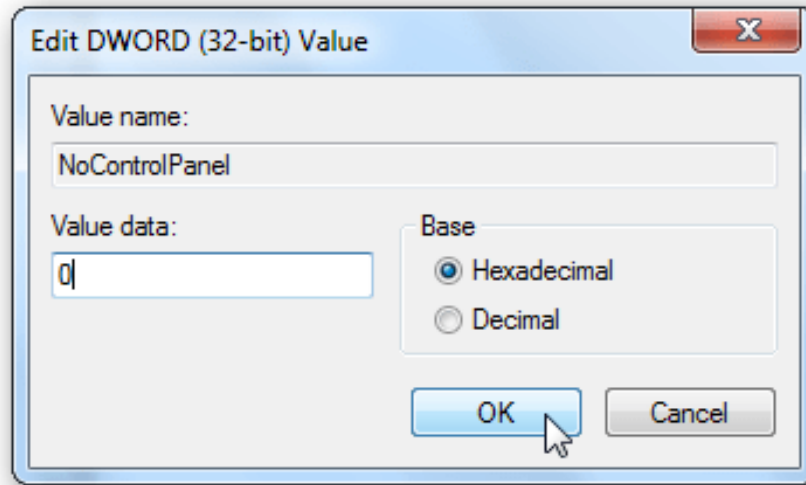
After your computer has finished booting, you will now see the Control Panel no longer appear on the Start Menu.



If you find the Control Panel on the Search frame you will get a message like the one below:



If you want to re-enable Control Panel, go back to the Registry, change the value in NoControlPanel to 0 and then restart your computer.



You can refer to some of the following articles:

- 1. Instructions to divide and merge drives right in Windows 7**
- 2. 4 Ways to Reset Windows to its original state**
- 3. Get all 4GB of RAM on Windows 7 32-bit**

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