

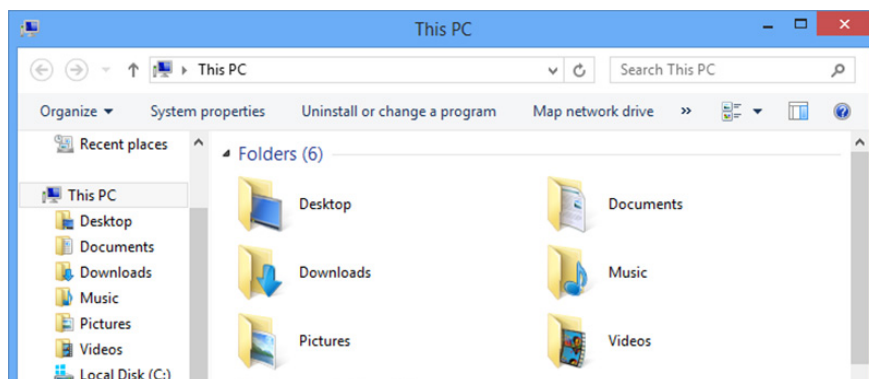
# Instructions to remove Ribbon interface on Windows 8

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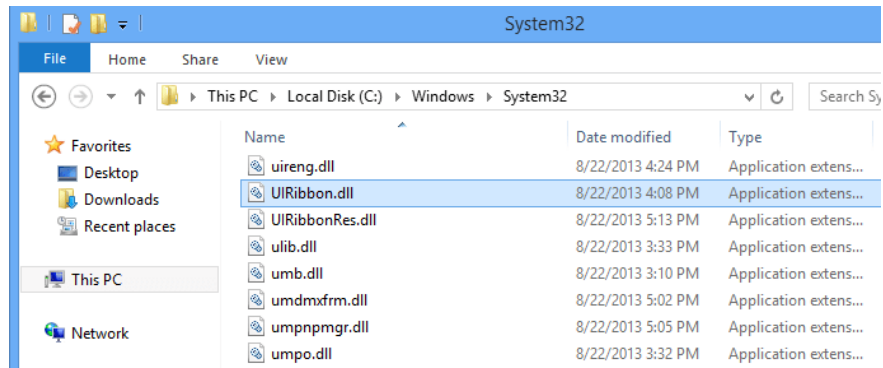
In the following article, Network Administrator will guide you 3 simple ways to remove Ribbon interface on Windows 8.



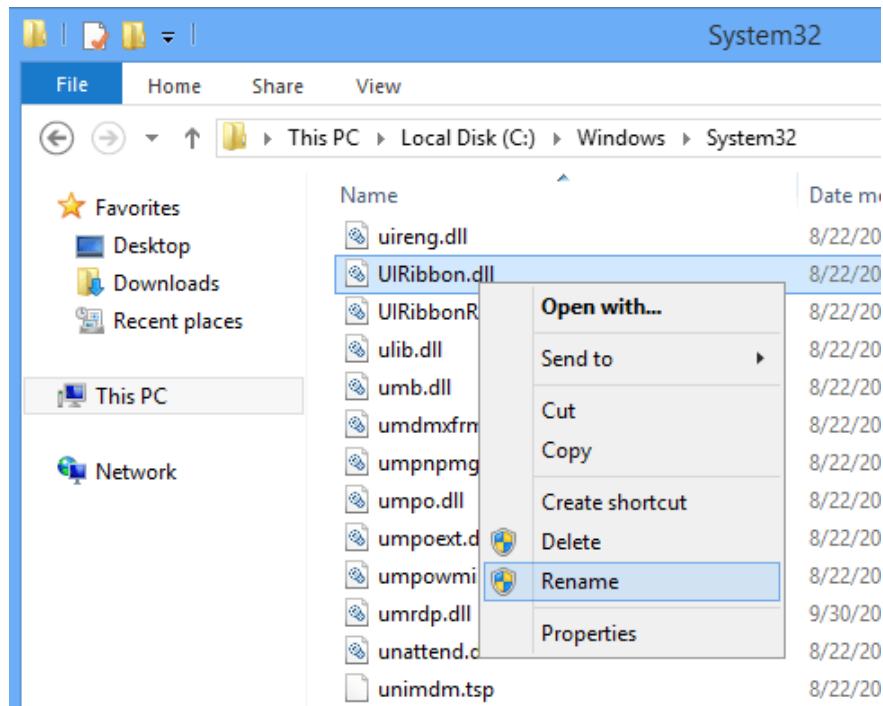
## 1. Rename the file Ribbon DLL

**Note :** Before you rename the Ribbon DLL file, you should back up the file and save it temporarily to avoid an error.

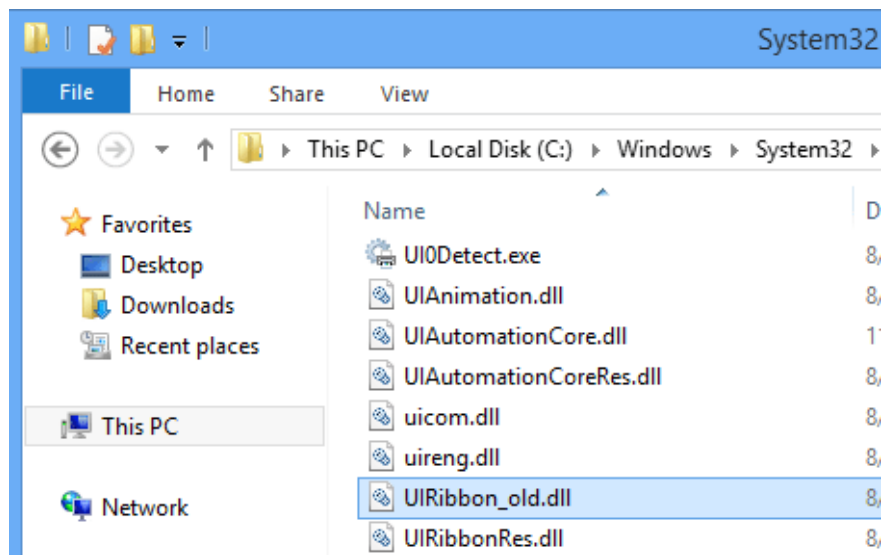
Open File Explorer then navigate to the path **C: WindowsSystem32 "folder"** . Scroll down and find the file named **UIRibbon.dll**.



After selecting the **UIRibbon.dll** file, right-click the file and select **Rename** option to **rename** the file.



You can change the file name to **UIRibbon\_old.dll** as shown below or change it to whatever name you want.

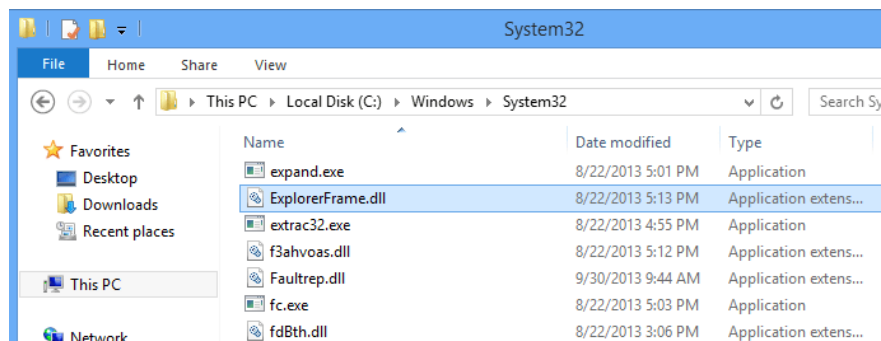


After renaming, restart your system. From now on the Ribbon interface will be changed by the old interface.

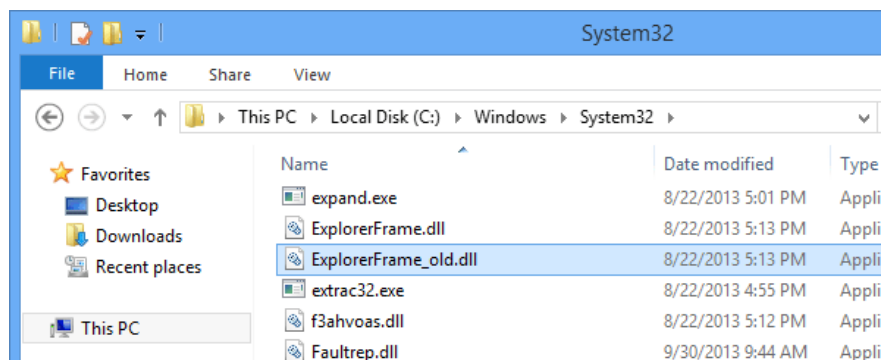
## 2. Edit the Explorer Ribbon DLL file with Resource Hacker

In addition to the above, you can disable the Ribbon interface by editing the **ExplorerFrame.dll** file .

First open File Explorer and navigate to the path: **C: WindowsSystem32 "folder** . Here you drag down to find the file named **ExplorerFrame.dll** .

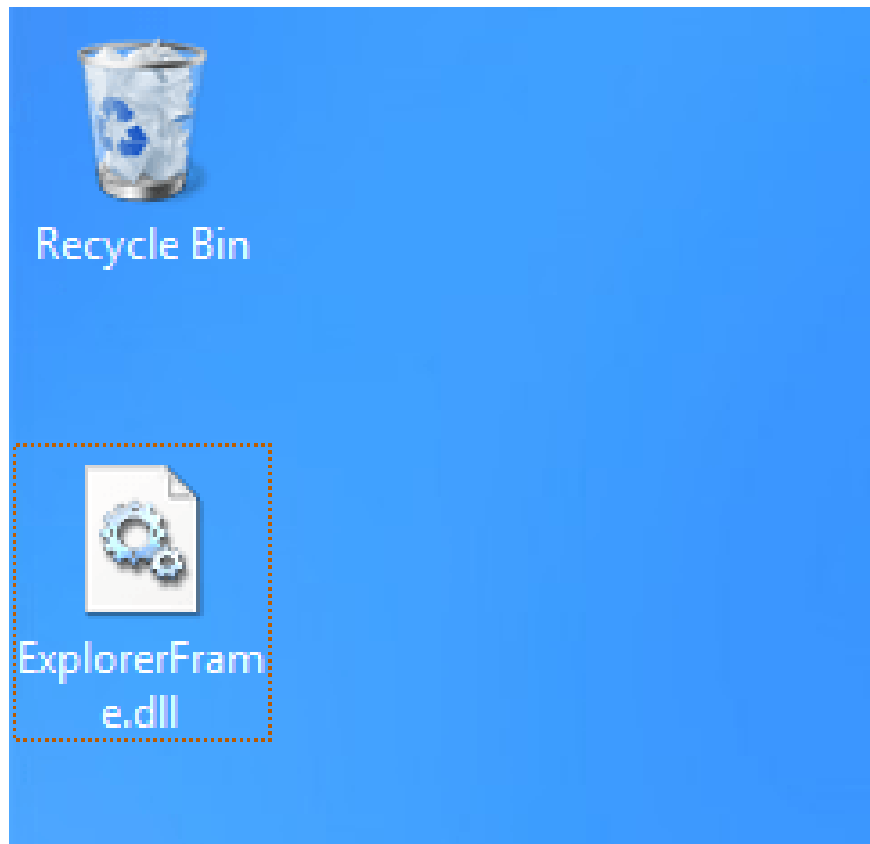


Next, copy and press **Ctrl + V** to paste the shortcut file. By default the copy file will have a different name than the original file (such as **ExplorerFrame-copy.dll** ).

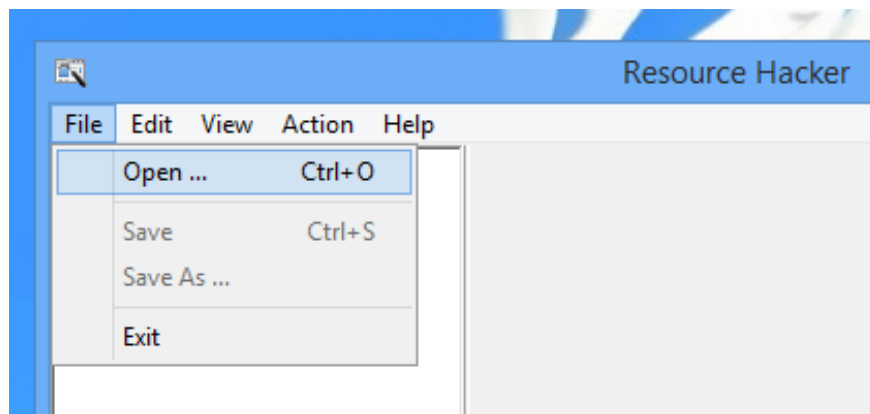


Continue to rename the copy file to whatever name you want.

Paste the copy file on the Desktop screen.



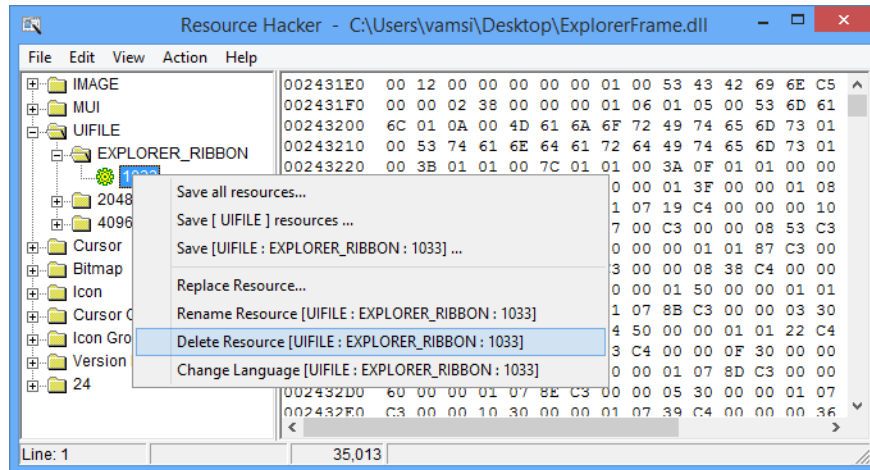
Now download the **Resource Hacker** application to your computer, install and open the application. After the application has opened, select the **Open** option under the File Menu.



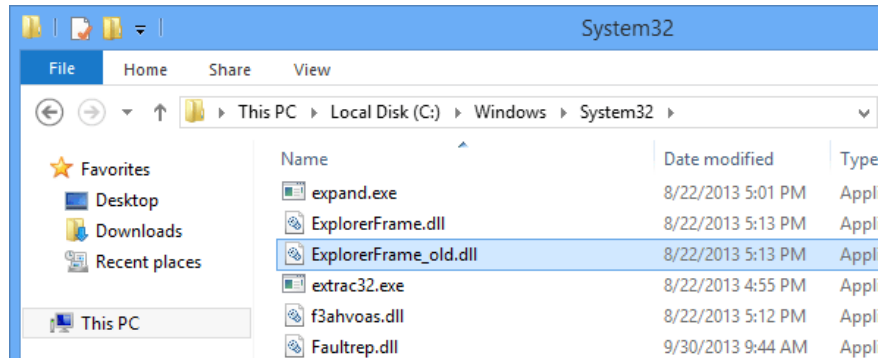
In this window, find the copied file on the Desktop to open it on Resource Hacker.

After the file is opened, navigate to the path: **UIFILE -> EXPLORER\_RIBBON -> 1033** and then right-click **1033** to access the Context Menu.

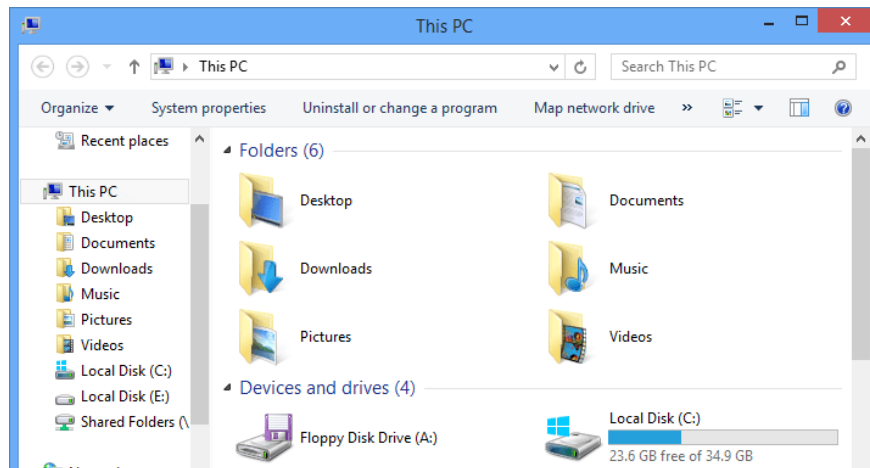
In the option in the right pane, select **Delete Resource** to delete the key.



Copy and paste the edited file directly on System32. If notified if you want to change the old file, select **Replace file** to continue.



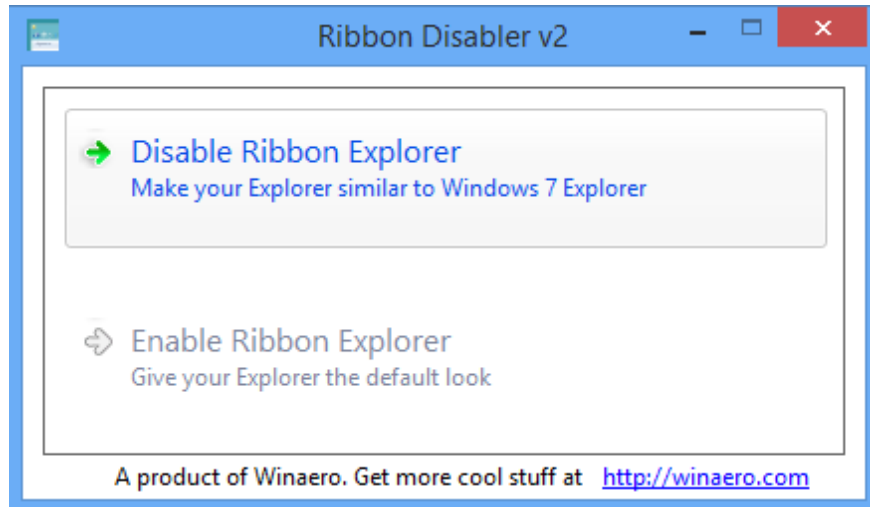
After copying is complete, restart your system. From now on the Ribbon interface will be replaced with the old interface.



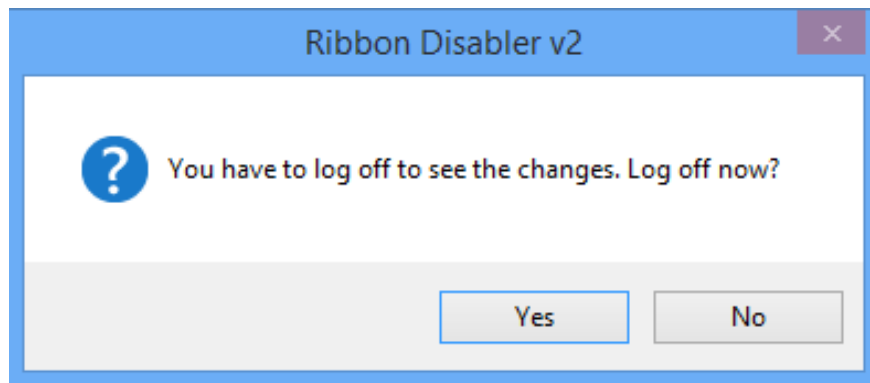
### 3. Ribbon Disabler application

Download the Ribbon Disabler application to your computer, extract and install the Ribbon Disabler file.

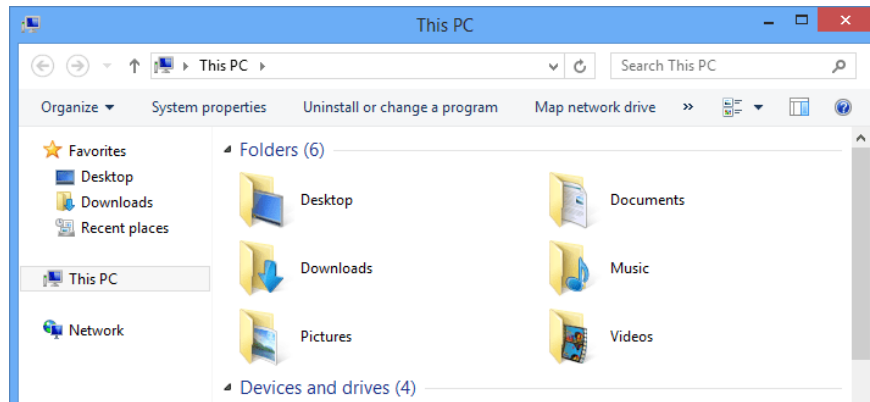
Then select **Disable Explorer Ribbon** .



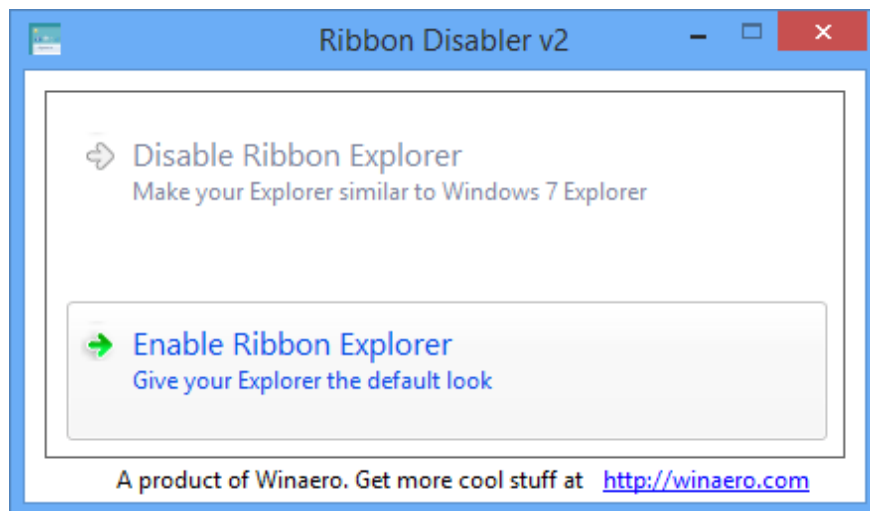
At this time, a popup window will appear with **Log off** notification to change options. You select **Yes** to **Log off**.



After **Log in** , on the screen you will see the Ribbon interface is replaced with the old interface.



If you want to re-enable the Ribbon interface, reinstall the Ribbon Disabler file again and select the option **Enable Ribbo Explorer**.



**You can refer to some of the following articles:**

- 1. 11 tips to help you fix 100% Full Disk error on Windows 8.1**
- 2. Use wireless network in Windows 8**
- 3. 2 steps to open virtual keyboard in Windows XP / 7/8 / 8.1**

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