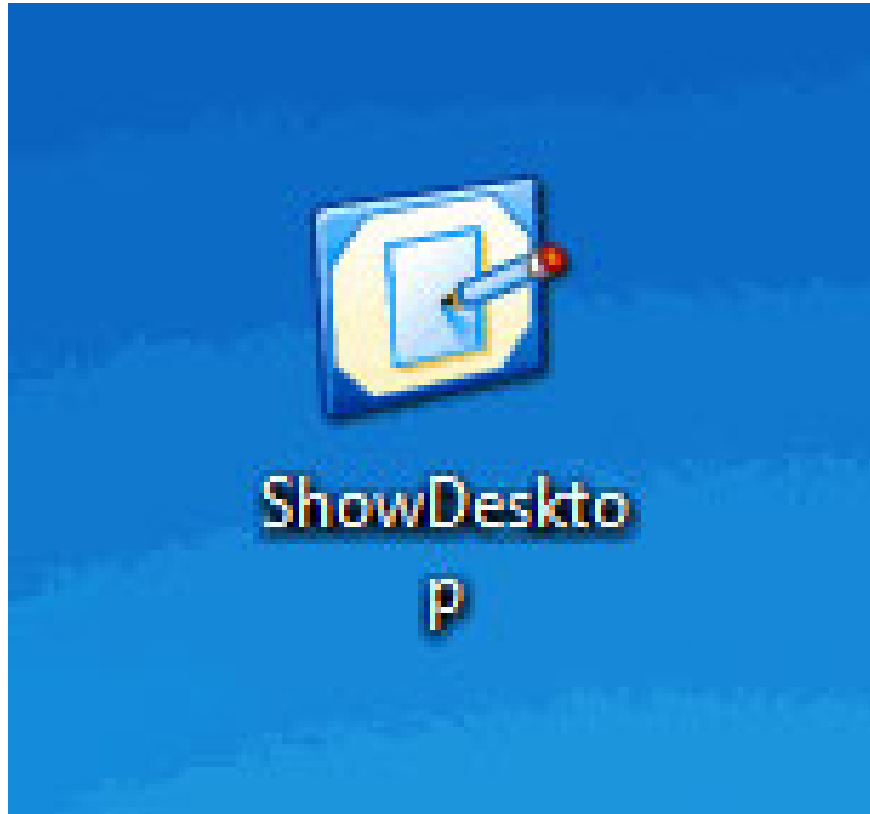


Restore the Show Desktop icon in Windows 7

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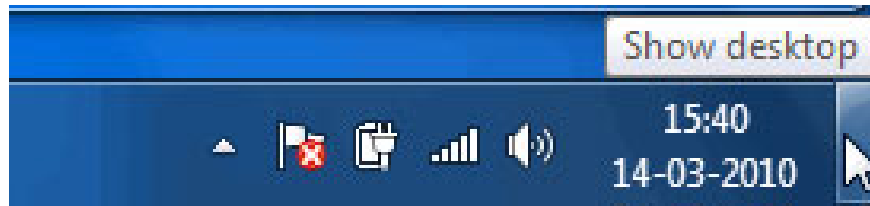
Windows XP has an interesting component, Show Desktop. This component helps users to easily access the desktop while working on some other open windows. Just click this icon, the currently open windows will be closed and the desktop will appear so that users can access the other items on the screen.

However, when switching to Windows 7, Microsoft made a few other changes about how to display the desktop compared to Windows. That's why we want to show you this article.

Changes in Windows 7

Pay attention to the bottom right corner in the taskbar of Windows 7, after the indicator of the date and time, is a small rectangular area, this area has the Show Desktop function but is not instructed unless you put the mouse in it. It also works as the Show Desktop icon in Windows XP. Click on this Show Desktop area, the operating system will minimize the open windows and display the desktop so users can easily access other components. Click it again, you will restore the previously opened windows. The way to change in Windows 7 is absolutely

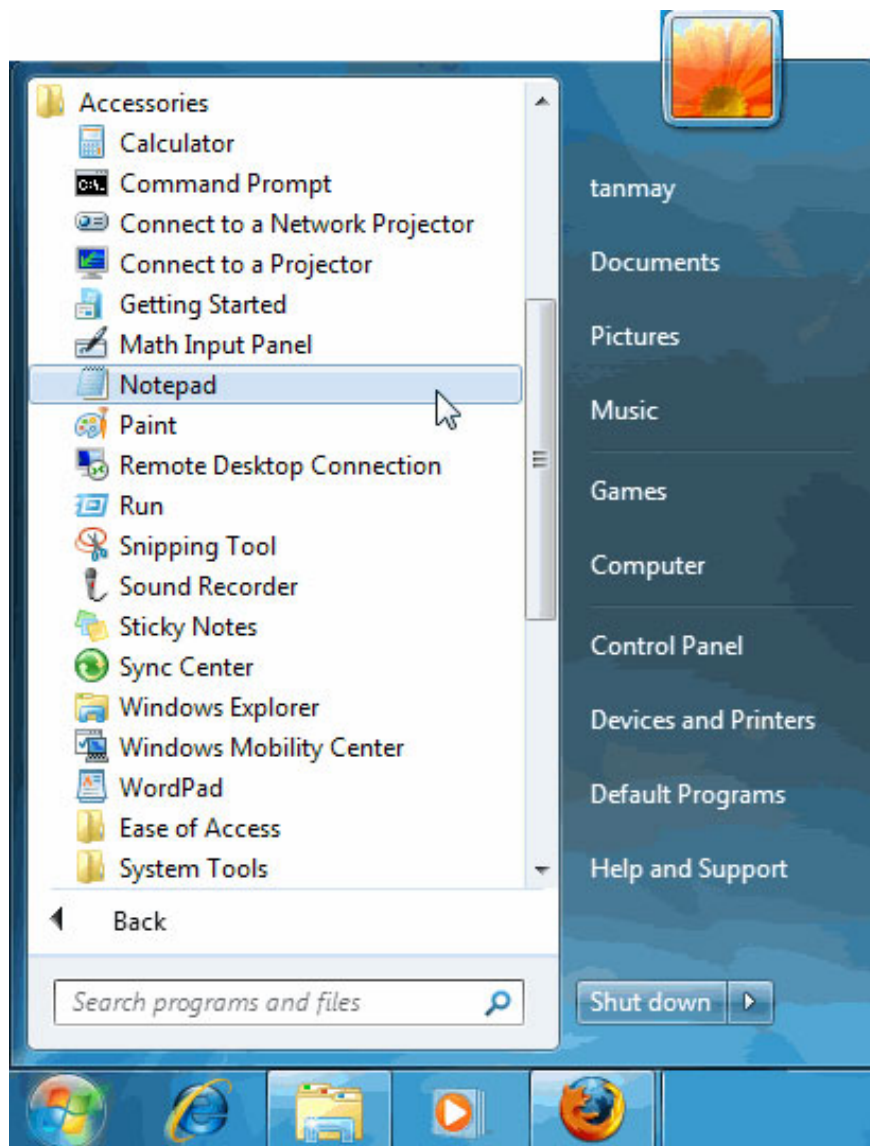
no problem, but the only thing is that it makes it difficult for users to recognize.



If you like to find this icon as easily as it is in Windows XP, create your own icon and use it in Windows 7.

Create a Show Desktop icon in Windows 7

Start by clicking the *Start* menu and going to *All Programs* . Click *Accessories* and then select *Notepad* .



In Notepad file. Copy and paste the code below into this file:

[Shell]

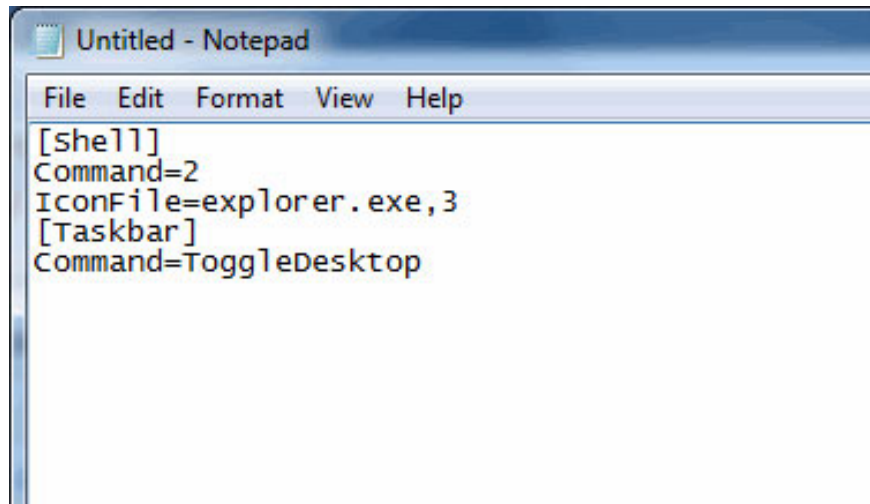
Command = 2

IconFile = explorer.exe, 3

[Taskbar]

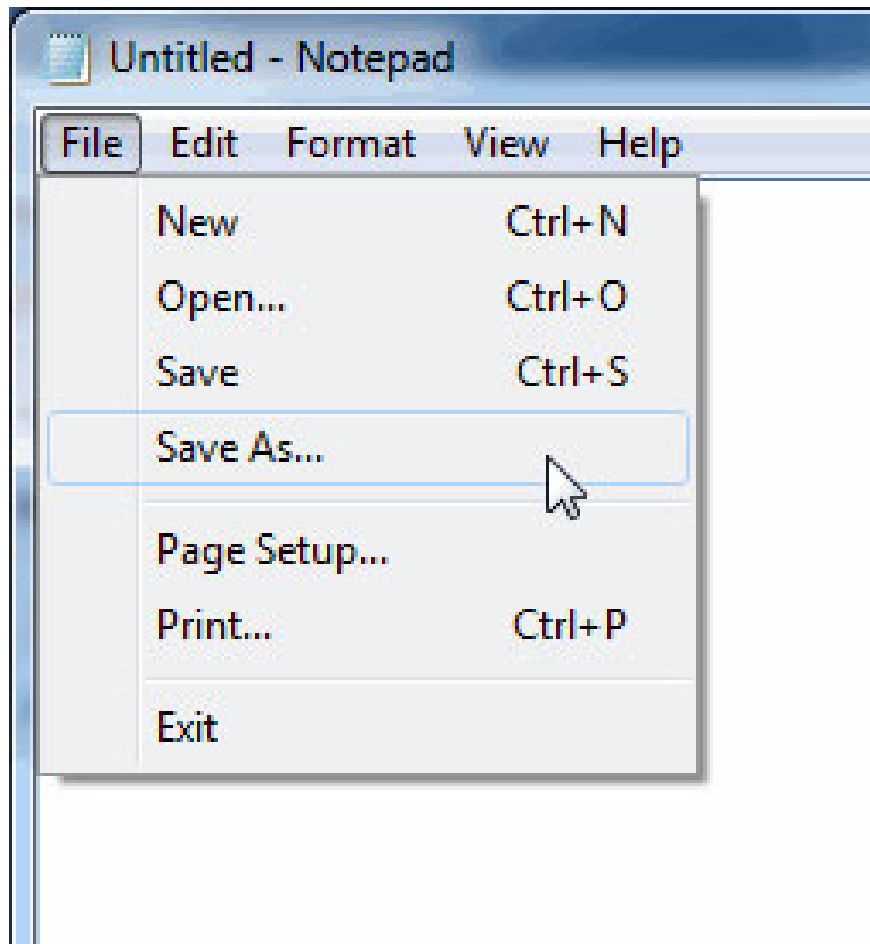
Command = ToggleDesktop

Note: there is no space between the ', ' and the number 3 in the third line in the code above.



```
[Shell]
Command=2
IconFile=explorer.exe,3
[Taskbar]
Command=ToggleDesktop
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Click the ' **File** ' menu in the Notepad window and select ' **Save As . .** '. Save the file as ' **Show Desktop.scf** ' and select the location to save on the desktop.

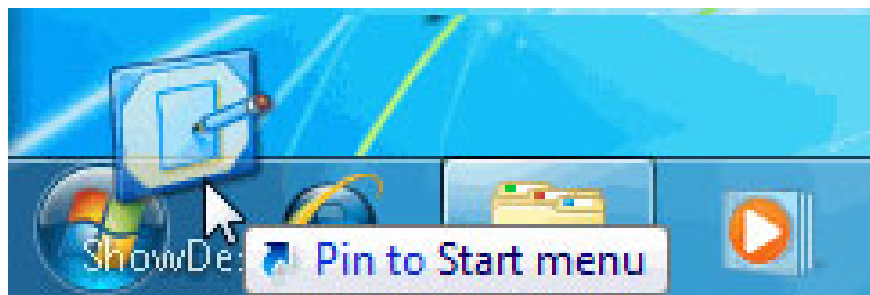


The file called ' **Show Desktop.scf** ' will appear on the desktop. Now file creation in Windows 7 is complete.



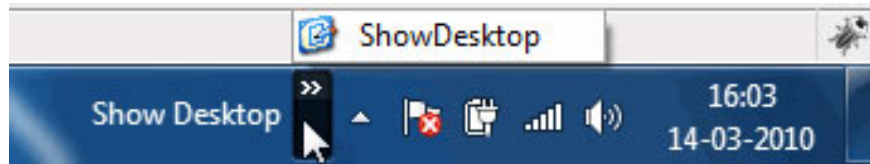
Use the Show Desktop icon

Removing the file you created on the desktop will make it difficult to minimize the windows as it will be behind open windows. To easily access this icon, you can pin it to the **Start** menu or add as a toolbar to the taskbar. To pin the Start menu, simply drag this file to the '**Start**' icon. Windows will automatically pin it to the Start menu.



To add this file as a tool to the system tray.

- Create a folder somewhere in your computer. Name it **Show Desktop** .
- Copy the file you created, '**Show Desktop.scf**' .
- Right-click the taskbar and select *Toolbar > New toolbar* .
- Select the '**Show Desktop.scf**' file on the desktop to add it as a toolbar.



Now you can easily access your desktop while working in an open window by opening the Start menu and selecting **Show Desktop** , or clicking the Show Desktop icon in the toolbar.

Note: The created file must be saved with the '.scf' extension.

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