

Turn on / off the computer disconnect feature from the network in Windows 10

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Starting with Windows 10 build 17763.404, Microsoft added a new Group Policy setting called **Enable Windows to soft-disconnect a computer from a network** (*Activate Windows to disconnect a computer from the network*). This determines how Windows will disconnect the computer from the network when it determines that the computer should not be connected to the network anymore.

If this policy setting is enabled (**Enabled** or **Not Configured**) , Windows will disconnect the computer (soft disconnect) from the network when determining that the computer should no longer be connected to the network.

If this policy setting is disabled (**Disable**), Windows will immediately disconnect the computer from the network when it determines that the computer should no longer be connected to the network.

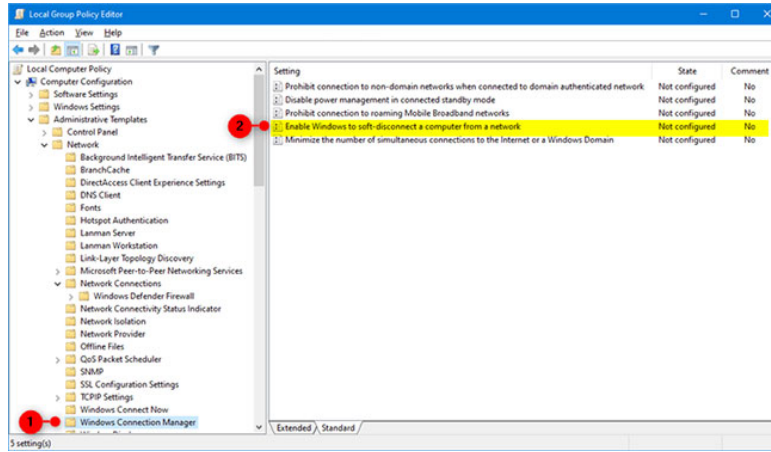
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Turn on or off in Local Group Policy Editor

Local Group Policy Editor is only available in Windows 10 Pro, Enterprise and Education editions. All versions can use option 2 below.

1. Open **Local Group Policy Editor** .
2. Navigate to the key below in the left panel of the Local Group Policy Editor.

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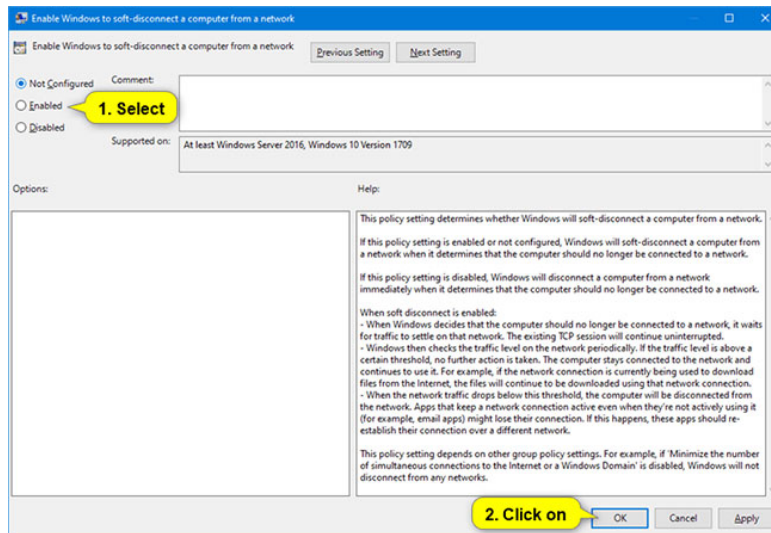
Double click the policy Enable Windows to soft-disconnect a computer from a network to edit

3. In the right panel of **Windows Connection Manager** in **Local Group Policy Editor** , double click the policy **Enable Windows to soft-disconnect a computer from a network** to edit.

4. Follow step 5 (to turn on) or step 6 (to turn off) below for what you want to do.

5. To enable Windows to disconnect the computer from the network, select **Not Configured** or **Enabled** , click **OK** and go to step 7 below. **Not Configured** is the default setting.

6. To disable Windows from disconnecting the computer from the network, select **Disabled** , click **OK** and go to step 7 below.



Select Disabled and click Ok

7. Close **Local Group Policy Editor** .

Turn on or off with the REG file

The downloadable .reg files below will add and modify the DWORD value in the registry keys.

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WcmSvcGroupPolicy

1. Follow step 2 (to turn on), step 3 (to turn off) or step 4 (default) below for what you want to do.
2. To allow Windows to disconnect the computer from the network, download this file and go to step 5 below.
3. To disable the Windows feature to disconnect the computer from the network, download this file and go to step 5 below.
4. By default, do not configure Windows to disconnect the computer from the network, download this file, and go to step 5 below.
5. Save the .reg file to the desktop.
6. Double click on the downloaded .reg file to merge it.
7. When prompted, click **Run> Yes (UAC)> Yes> OK** to approve the merge.
8. You can now delete the downloaded .reg file if you like.

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