

# What is UAC? How to enable / disable UAC on Windows 10, 8, 7

Find out what UAC is and how to enable and disable User Account Control - UAC on Windows 10-8 - 7. User Account Control or UAC is a part of Windows security system

Every time you download a new application and access it, the **User Account Control (UAC)** window appears not only once, but even many times while manipulating the application. If this makes you uncomfortable, in this article I will guide you to turn off UAC on Windows 10, 8 and 7.

Besides, I will explain **what UAC is** and whether to disable it or not, share many different methods to enable / disable it in your Windows computer.

## I. What is UAC? Should I turn off UAC?

**User Account Control** or **UAC** is part of the Windows security system that prevents an application from making unwanted changes on the PC without your permission. When some software tries to make changes to Windows system and Registry related parts, Windows 10 will display a "UAC confirmation dialog" so that the user will confirm if they really want to make those changes. or not.

UAC therefore provides a special secure environment for your User account, restricting access to generation changes from the application. So the answer to the question of whether to turn off UAC or not is of course **"should not be turned off"** because it is meant to protect you.

However many users are dissatisfied with seeing these UAC prompts and prefer to use Windows 10 with the classic security model, i.e. by creating a limited and admin account like in Windows XP and earlier. If you're one of those users, here's **how to enable and disable UAC** and get rid of its pop-ups in Windows.

## II. How to enable and disable UAC on Windows 10 and 8.1, 8



The operating systems from Windows 8 and above have quite similar design, you can apply the methods in this section to enable / disable UAC on your Windows 8, 8.1, 10 computer.

### Option 1: Turn on and off UAC through Control Panel

To disable UAC using the option in Control Panel, you need to do the following steps:

**Step 1:** Open the search dialog box by pressing the key combination Windows + Q and then type: *UAC*

**Step 2:** Select **Change user control settings** in the search box.

**Step 3:** The **User Account Control Settings** window immediately appears, as in the example below I am setting the alert mode to " **Always notify**" , ie always alert when the application makes system changes.

**Step 4 :** Change this status bar to adjust **UAC** , from always notify (Always notify) -> Never notify (Never notify).

Adjust **UAC** alert levels to suit your needs, and then click **OK** to apply the settings.

### Method 2: Turn UAC on and off with a simple Registry editing method

If you are having problems with the search box on Windows 10, another way to disable **UAC** is to use **Registry Editor**.

**Step 1:** Press the key combination Windows + R and then type: *regedit*

Then click **OK** to open the **Registry Editor**.

**Step 2:** Navigate to the key in the following navigation, you can highlight and **copy** this path and paste it in the address bar of **Registry Editor**.

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Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System
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**Step 3:** Find the **EnableLUA** key and double-click on it.

If you do not see it, you can quickly create the key by: Right-clicking on any empty area and then selecting **New** -> **DWORD (32bit) Value** then named **EnableLUA**.

**Step 4:** At **Edit DWORD (32bit) Value** window , edit the corresponding value as follows in **Value data**:

1. "1": Enable UAC (Enable)
2. "0": Disable UAC (Disable)

Assuming you've entered the picture below Value data = 1, so will trigger **UAC** . Please enter the value corresponding to your desire, then restart your computer to see the effect.

### **Method 3: Use the Winaero Tweaker application to turn on and off UAC**

You can use the tool to turn on and off Winaero Tweaker simply UAC.

**Step 1:** Click on **User Accounts** .

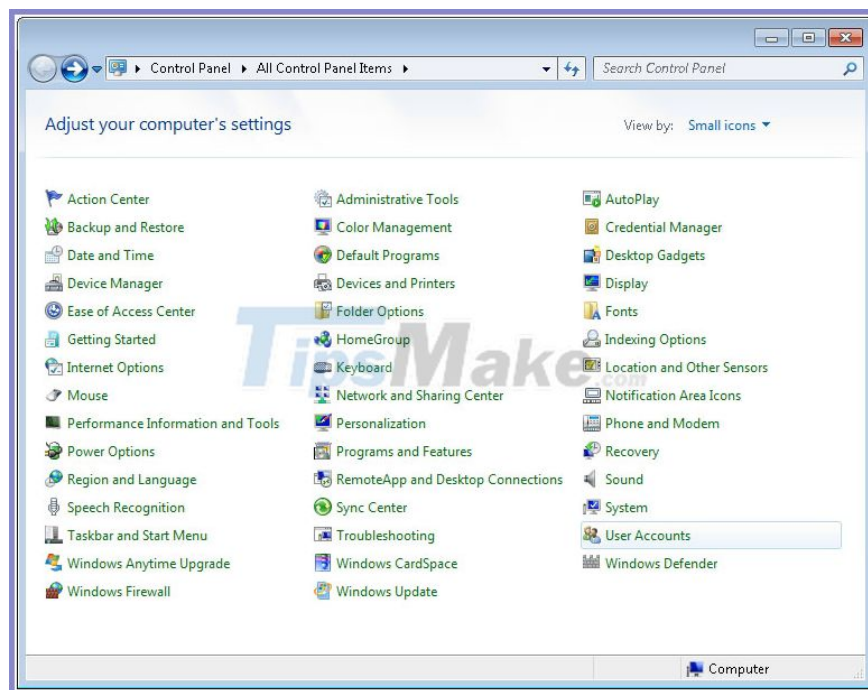
**Step 2:** Select 1 of the two options:

1. Enable UAC: Enable UAC
2. Disable UAC: Disable UAC

After you click one of the two options above, the application will automatically turn on / off UAC immediately, the advantage of this option is to help you avoid having to edit the **Registry**.

Download Winaero Tweaker [here](#)

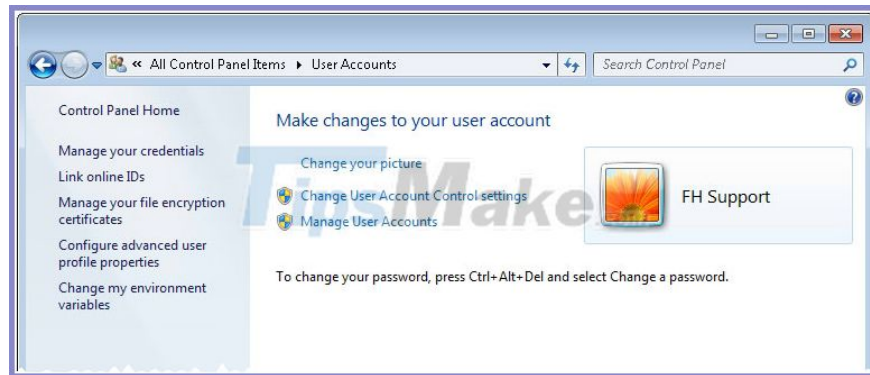
## **III. How to enable and disable UAC on Windows 7**



**Step 1:** Click the **Start Menu** and then select **Control Panel**.

Window in **the Control Panel** , go to the regime of **view by: Small icons** then click **User Accounts**.

**Step 2:** The screen to make changes to your user account appears, click **Change User Account Control settings**.



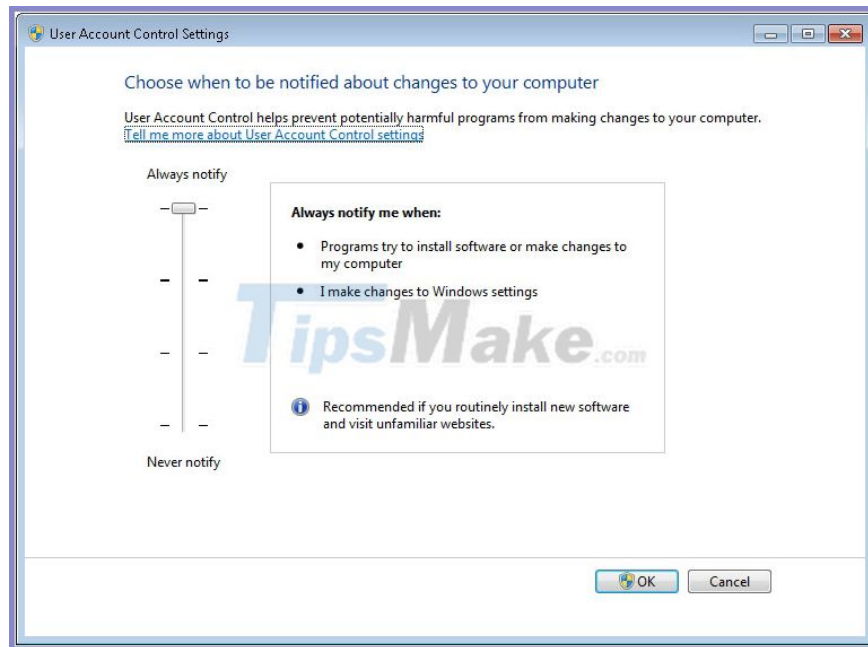
**Step 3 :** Click **Yes**.



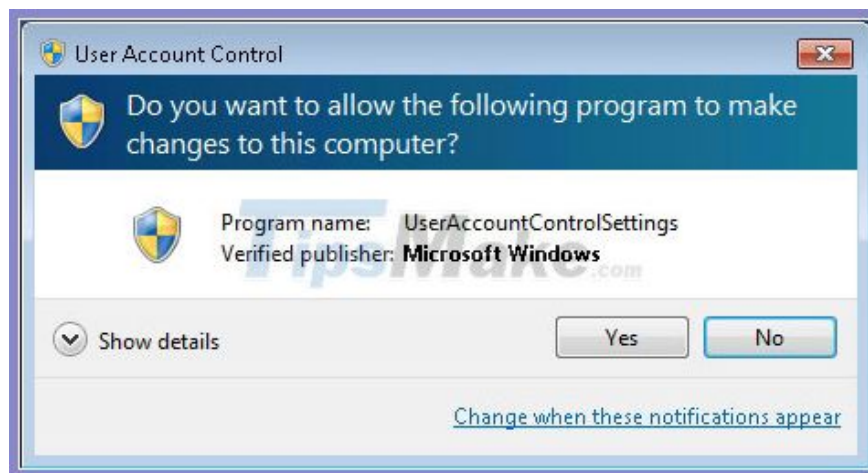
**Step 4:** Change UAC alert level to suit my needs, in the picture below I am leaving the alarm level at the highest level (Always notify).

You can reduce the alert level to the lowest level to disable it permanently (Never notify).

Finally click **OK** to apply settings.



**Step 5:** Click **Yes** when asked to apply the setting.



## IV. summary

Through the article "**What is UAC? ??Instructions on how to turn on and off UAC on Windows 10,8,7**" , you probably already know the use of this feature and how to enable / disable it. Personally, I always turn on UAC but do not set it to too high a warning level, I also advise you to turn it on to ensure the security of the computer.

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