How To Disable Write Protection from a USB Key

When enabled, **write protection** is a setting that blocks any sort of modification or deletion of a file on a disc. If you are experiencing an issue when attempting to copy or delete files on a USB flash drive, there is a very simple solution that will allow you to remove this setting, giving you the capability to modify, copy, or delete any files from your USB drive.
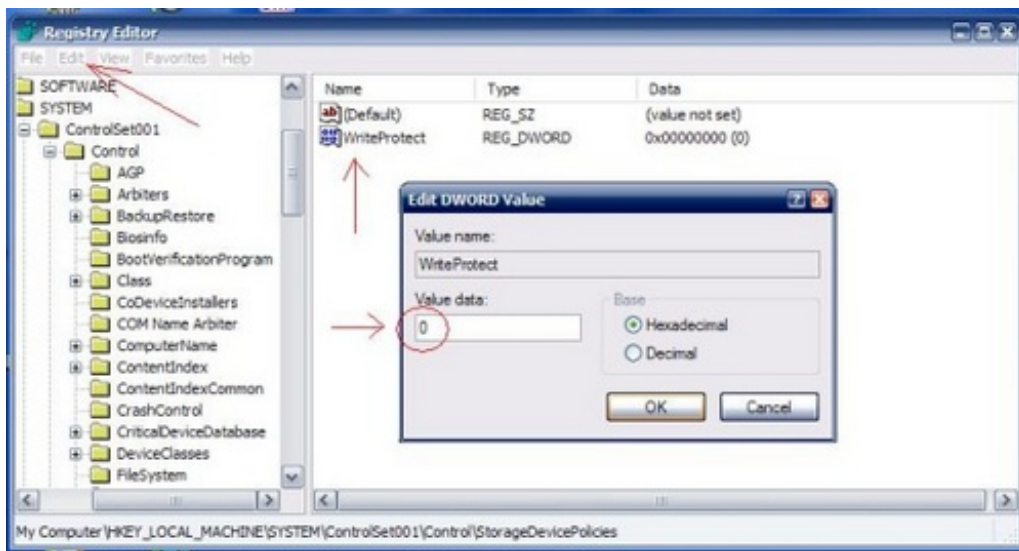
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To remove the write protection, simply open your **Start** menu, and click on **Run**. Type in **regedit** and press **Enter**. This will open the registry editor. The next step is to navigate to the following path:

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HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\StorageDevicePolicies
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Double-click the **WriteProtect** key located in the right side pane and set the value to **0**. Go to the **Data Value** box and press **OK**:

To finish, simply restart your system, and then reconnect your USB pen drive to the computer.