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How to Disable and Turn Off UAC in Windows 7




The user interface of [User Account Control \(UAC\) settings in Windows 7](#) has changed to reflect the move to make UAC less annoying, more user control and more user friendlier approach. In Windows 7, the UAC has a slider bar which allows users to configure and select which level of notification (and hence protection against unauthorized and malicious access) they want. With the fine-tuning of UAC, the wording 'disable' or 'turn off' is no longer available. So how can you disable UAC? Or at least, how can you turn off the notification prompt or pop-up so that they appear less regularly?

In fact, the steps to disable UAC in Windows 7 is similar to steps to [disable UAC in Windows Vista](#), only with slight user interface change, and there is plenty of methods to turn off UAC too.

Method 1: **Disable or Turn Off UAC (User Account Control) in Control Panel**

1. To use Control Panel to disable UAC in Windows 7, there are several methods to access the User Account Control settings page:
 1. Go to Start Menu -> Control Panel -> User Accounts and Family Safety -> User Account.
 2. Go to Start Menu -> Control Panel -> System and Security -> Action Center.
 3. Click or right click on Flag icon in notification area (system tray), and then Open Action Center.
 4. Type "MsConfig" in Start Search to start System Configuration, then go to Tools tab, select Change UAC Settings, then click on Launch button.
2. Click on User Account Control settings link.

Make changes to your user account

- Create a password for your account
- Change your picture
-  Change your account name
-  Change your account type
-  Manage another account
- Change User Account Control settings



- Slide the slider bar to the lowest value (towards Never Notify), with description showing Never notify me.

Choose when to be notified about changes to your computer

User Account Control helps prevent potentially harmful programs from making changes to your computer.

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Always notify



Never notify

Never notify me when:

- Programs try to install software or make changes to my computer
- I make changes to Windows settings



Not recommended but can be selected if you use programs that are not certified for Windows 7 because they do not support User Account Control

- Click OK to make the change effective.
- Restart the computer to turn off User Access Control.

Method 2: Disable UAC with Registry Editor (RegEdit)

- Run Registry Editor (RegEdit).
- Navigate to the following registry key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System

- Locate the following REG_DWORD value:

EnableLUA

- Set the value of EnableLUA to 0.
- Optional step to suppress UAC consent prompt dialog, locate the following REG_DWORD value:

ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin

- Set the value of ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin to 0 (optional).
- Exit from Registry Editor and restart the computer to turn off UAC.

Method 3: Turn Off UAC Using Group Policy

For Windows 7 Ultimate, Business or Enterprise edition which has Local Group Policy, or computer joined to domain and has Active Directory-based GPO, the group policy can be used to disable UAC for local computer or many computer across large networks at once.

1. Enter GPEdit.msc in Start Search to run Local Group Policy editor. (Or gpmmc.msc to run Group Policy Management Console for AD-based domain GPO editor).
2. Navigate to the following tree branch:

Computer Configuration -> Windows Settings -> Security Settings -> Local Policies -> Security Options

In GPMC, browse to the required GPO which is linked to the domain or OU where the policy wants to apply.

3. Locate the following policy in the right pane:

User Account Control: Behavior of the elevation prompt for administrators in Admin Approval Mode

Set its value to Elevate without prompt.

4. Locate the following policy in the right pane:

User Account Control: Detect application installations and prompt for elevation

Set its value to Disabled.

5. Locate the following policy in the right pane:

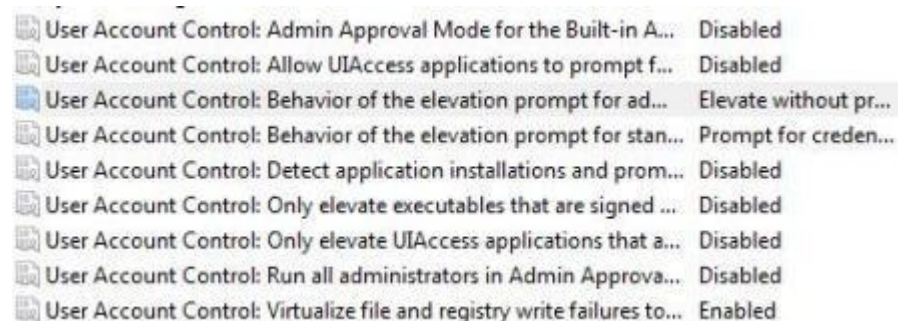
User Account Control: Run all administrators in Admin Approval Mode

Set its value to Disabled.

6. Locate the following policy in the right pane:

User Account Control: Only elevate UIAccess applications that are installed in secure locations

Set its value to Disabled.



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Restart the computer when done.

Method 4: Using Command Prompt to Disable User Account Control

The command line option can also be used in batch script command file, i.e. .bat and .cmd files, providing greater convenient to advanced technical user. In actual, the commands,, which are also used to [disable or enable UAC in Vista](#), are just doing the same thing as directly

modifying the registry.

1. Open an elevated command prompt as administrator.
2. To disable the UAC, run the following commands:

```
%windir%\System32\cmd.exe /k %windir%\System32\reg.exe ADD  
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies  
\System /v EnableLUA /t REG_DWORD /d 0 /f
```

and optionally, the following command to suppress all elevation consent request and notification:

```
%windir%\System32\cmd.exe /k %windir%\System32\reg.exe ADD  
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies  
\System /v ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin /t REG_DWORD /d 0 /f
```

Tip: To re-enable UAC, the command is:

```
%windir%\System32\cmd.exe /k %windir%\System32\reg.exe ADD  
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies  
\System /v EnableLUA /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
```

and to turn on prompt for consent UI:

```
%windir%\System32\cmd.exe /k %windir%\System32\reg.exe ADD  
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies  
\System /v ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin /t REG_DWORD /d 2 /f
```

Disable UAC may cause gadget not working in Windows 7. User who facing the issue can use another workaround to [suppress User Account Control](#).

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