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# How to Enable or Disable Taskbar Thumbnails Preview in Windows 7

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**Windows 7 Taskbar** is completely different from Windows Vista and XP. Windows 7 taskbar also know as **super bar** has **bigger icons, no more title text of windows, thumbnail preview, jump list, pinning option** etc. Some of these features are fascinating but some do annoys users like Thumbnail Previews which displays small thumbnail preview of opened window.

Since most of the **windows 7 users are not comfortable with taskbar thumbnail previews** feature why not disable taskbar thumbnail preview. Here is small guide on **how to enable and disable taskbar thumbnail preview**.
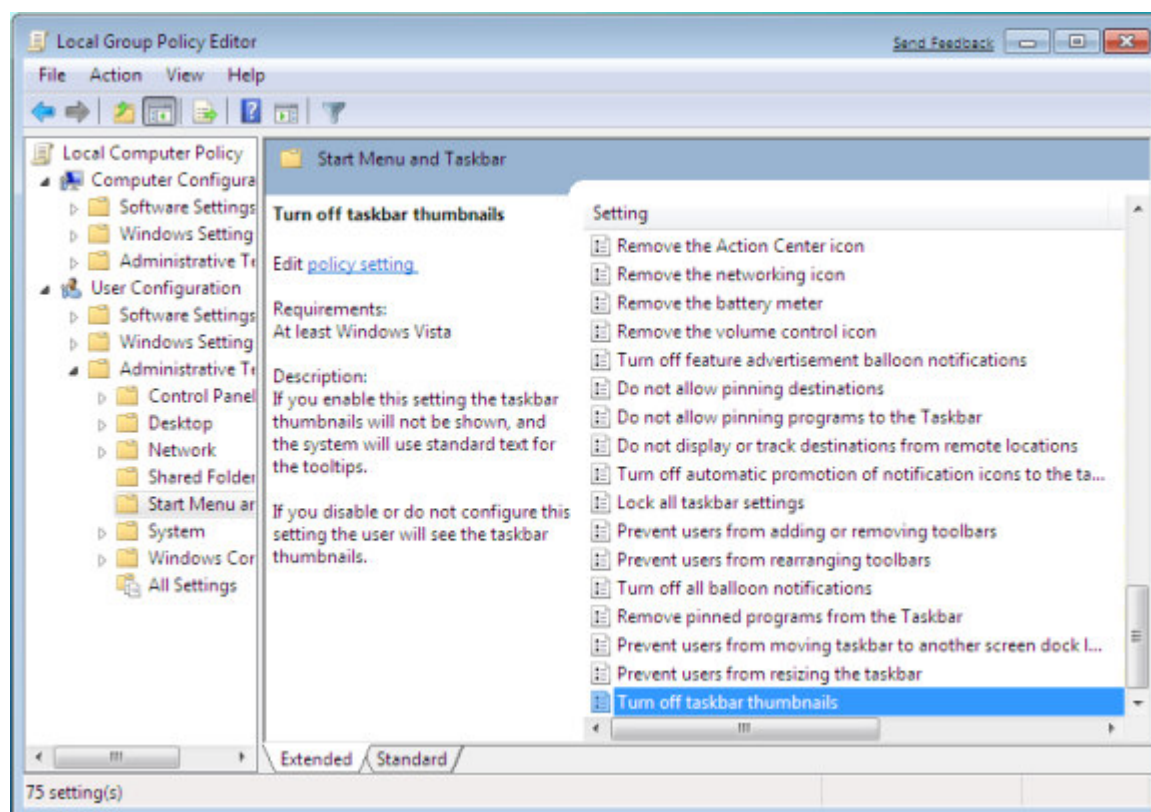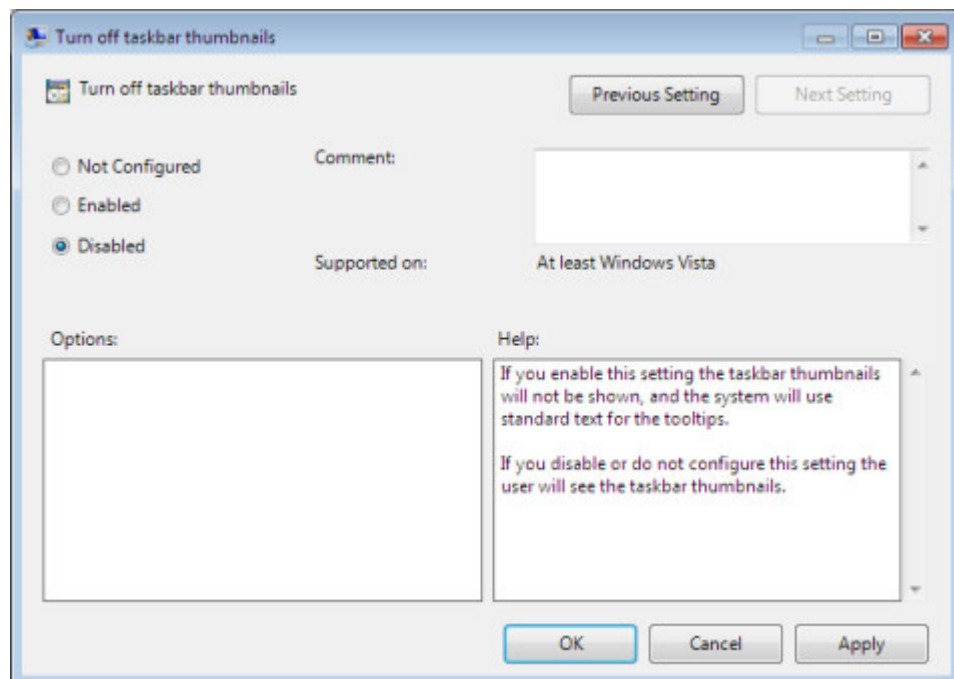


Taskbar Thumbnail Preview

*Taskbar with Thumbnail Preview*

## How to Enable or Disable Taskbar Thumbnail Preview in Windows 7

1. Click on start and type on search bar **gpedit.msc** and press enter

2. Now navigate to **User Configuration**, **Administrative Templates**, and **Start Menu and Taskbar** in left pan of Group Policy Editor



**3.** Locate **"Turn off Taskbar Thumbnails"** in right pan of Group policy editor and double click on it.

**4.** Select Disable click apply and Press ok

**5.** Now check your Taskbar, it shouldn't show Thumbnails Preview .

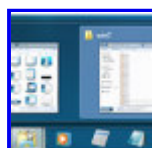Please Note: **Taskbar Thumbnail Preview** only works when you have Enabled Aero in Windwos 7.



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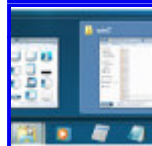
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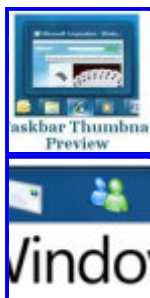Thumbnail Tweaker for Windows 7 to Resize/Speedup Thumbnail Preview

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my start menu is not opening when i press on it????????

Written By fahd
on March 17th, 2009

It seems that this setting isn't working any more in build 7068.

Written By salnet
on March 31st, 2009

Im using 7077, doesnt work for me either :(

Written By Moffasin
on April 18th, 2009

build 7100, doesn't work.

Written By no name
on May 1st, 2009

Yeah doesn't appear to work in build 7100 (RC). The gpedit fix does nothing whether enabled or disabled, and in fact lists the entry as "vista only".

Additionally, was Desktop Preview ever different from Aero Peek? On this build at least, they do completely different things and the only checkbox there pertains to actually "previewing the desktop" – it has nothing to do with the taskbar thumbnails.

I guess it must have been a design choice, given it looks like it was working in earlier builds, a bit annoying on the part of Microsoft to remove the choice for users. Maybe it'll return later.

Written By lylewaggoner
on May 3rd, 2009

doesnt work in built 7100

Written By DeCe
on May 7th, 2009

Build 7100, not working. Unless it requires a reboot or restart of aero..

Written By Mark
on May 11th, 2009

Hmm, doesnt work for me either im using 7057

Written By Simon
on May 14th, 2009

Hi this is not working for build 7127 neither

The only way I found out to disable the taskbar preview in windows 7 is on this web site :
http://www.windows7taskforce.com/view/2096

Enjoy!!

Please visit my website at: http://www.danielforand.com

thanks,

Written By nicolas
on May 30th, 2009

Works perfect in build 7100!

Written By Bart
on July 7th, 2009

thank you!!!!

Written By imgreen
on September 13th, 2009

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