

<http://www.mdgx.com/vir.htm>
and *beware* of false positives (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/fp.php>
<http://www.mdgx.com/FALSP0SI.TXT>
* Target Operating System(s)/software/hardware REQUIRED for installing upgrades/patches/fixes/drivers!
* Installing Windows OS components/upgrades/patches/fixes/drivers/tools may require you to be logged on with Administrative/Power User/Sysadmin privileges.
* Windows Vista/newer users: right-click each file and select "Run as Administrator" (temporary fix) or disable User Account Control (UAC) (permanent fix) in:
- Windows 10/2016/2019/11/2022:
<http://www.tenforums.com/tutorials/3577-user-account-control-uac-change-settings-windows-10-a.html>
- Windows 8/2012/8.1/2012 R2:
<http://www.eightforums.com/tutorials/5509-user-account-control-uac-change-settings-windows-8-a.html>
- Windows 7/2008 R2:
<http://www.petri.com/disable-uac-in-windows-7/>
- Windows Vista/2008:
http://www.petri.com/disable_uac_in_windows_vista/
User Account Control (UAC) tweaking tools [free(ware)]:
- UAC Pass:
<http://sites.google.com/site/freeavvarea/uac-pass/uac-pass/>
- TweakUAC:
<http://www.winability.com/tweak-uac/>
- Disable UAC:
http://www.majorgeeks.com/files/details/disable_uac.html
FYI:
MDGx Tweaked + Customized File Manager (FM) installer FMNT32.EXE (free):
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#FMNT>
also installs "Disable User Account Control (UAC)" + "Enable User Account Control (UAC)" items to Desktop right-click shell context menu.
* NEWest at the top -> OLDest at the bottom.
* Items labeled as "discontinued!": obsolete, unmaintained +/- abandoned.
* Most all software featured here is free(ware):
- Freeware:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freeware>
- Free:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_software
- Open Source:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open-source_software
* I do not recommend any crippled/demo/limited/shareware/trialware/retail software, except the few essentials on my *MUST HAVE* list:
<http://www.mdgx.com/toy.htm>
and only if I could not find any free(ware) alternative.
* Most unofficial Windows OSes (Hot)Fixes, Packs + Updates created using official Microsoft IEAK {INF [<http://www.mdgx.com/add.htm#INF>] + SED [http://www.mdgx.com/INF_web/cdfinfo.htm]} installer toolkit (free):
<http://www.mdgx.com/add.htm#IEA>
* Check back often for NEW tools + UPDATES.
* FYI:
Certain MDGx.com [<http://www.mdgx.com/>] ancient/old(er), deprecated/discontinued/obsolete/unneeded, deleted/moved/renamed web pages, documents, files, directories/folders are most likely to have been archived/saved for posterity by these entities, and may still be available for free (gratis):
- Internet Archive (WayBack Machine) [2003 - 2023]:
http://web.archive.org/web/*/http://www.mdgx.com/
- archive.today (Webpage Capture) [2014 - 2022]:
<http://archive.is/http://www.mdgx.com/>
* MDGx.com archived/saved directories/folders + all their files:
- /files/ -> from 2021:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20210506185314/http://www.mdgx.com/files/>
- /spx/ -> from 2019:
<http://web.archive.org/web/20210506152359/http://www.mdgx.com/spx/list.php>
- /sbdrrv/ -> from 2021:
<http://www.mdgx.com/sbdrrv/>
* Please let me know if you discover any broken links:
<http://www.mdgx.com/form.htm>
* Thank you for your time and patience. ;-/

* Enjoy. ;-)

Please send me feedback online:
<http://www.mdgx.com/form.htm>
Thanks. ;-/

Must have + useful Windows NTx Software Programs [99.99% free(ware)] from TOOLS.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/tools.php>
<http://www.mdgx.com/TOOLS.TXT>
Must have + useful Software Programs [99.99% free(ware)] from SOFTWARE.TXT (included):
- MDGx Windows NTx Extras:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm>
- MDGx 1000+ Windows NTx Power Toys + Tweaking Tools:
<http://www.mdgx.com/toy.htm>
- MDGx Windows NTx Web Browsers + Internet Power Toys:
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm>

WINDOWS8.TXT Contents: [New @tweaks added at the TOP]

Whazz App?
Windows Updates (WU) Catalog, Listings + Guides
Tweaks, Hacks + Fixes... UNconventional, UNdocumented, UNCensored ;-/

BACKUP/EXPORT + RESTORE/IMPORT REGISTRY/REGISTRY KEY(S) -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php#:~:text=BACKUP%2FEXPORT%20%2B%20RESTORE%2FIMPORT%20REGISTRY%2FREGISTRY%20KEY%28S%29%20%21>
Tweaks, Hacks + Fixes... UNconventional, UNdocumented, UNCensored ;-/ -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Tweak Windows 10/11 Services -> WIN10.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/10.php>
Tweak Windows 7/7 SP1 Services -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Logon + Password Tweaks -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Turn OFF/ON Link Layer Topology Discovery (LLTD) + Quality of Service (QoS) -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Turn OFF/Remove Windows 10 Adware, Spyware, Security Flaws + Repair/Restore Privacy -> WIN10.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/10.php>
Turn OFF/Remove Windows 7/8/8.1 Adware, Spyware, Security Flaws + Repair/Restore Privacy -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Internet + Web Browsers Tweaks, Fixes + Tools -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php#:~:text=Internet%20%2B%20Web%20Browsers%20Tweaks%2C%20Fixes%20%2B%20Tools%20%5BChromium%2FChrome%2C%20Firefox>
Digital + Internet/Online Privacy, Safety + Security -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php#:~:text=Digital%20%2B%20Internet%2FOnline%20Privacy%2C%20Safety%20%2B%20Security%20%3D%20Your%20Top%20Priority>
Chromium/Chrome/X-Chromium/Thorium/Brave/Vivaldi/Supermium Automated Clean-Up -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>

Everything About The Infamous (Not So) Trusted Installer -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Free(ware) Start Menu Shell Replacements -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Control Panel (CP) + Omnipotent/Master/Mega/'god mode' (OMg) Control Panel -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Windows (Defender) Firewall (WF) Tweaks + Tools -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Public Root DNS Servers -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php#:~:text=Public%20Root%20DNS%20Servers%20%5B%2A%5D>
Turn OFF/ON User Account Control (UAC) -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Turn OFF Action/Security Center + Notifications/Messages -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Turn OFF/ON Windows Services -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Free(ware) Burn/Copy/Write/Install CDs/DVDs/BDs/USB Tools -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Desktop Background/Wallpaper Tweaks + Free(ware) Tools -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Turn OFF NVidia Telemetry -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Free(ware) 7/8/8.1/10/11 Aero Tools + Tweaks -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
XP -> 7/8/8.1 Easy Transfer Files + Settings -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Windows Side-by-Side (WinSxS) Folder -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Save Files List -> Text -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Maximize Your Internet/Network Traffic Speed = MTU -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Tweak, Customize + Repair Tools on the Internet [free(ware)] -> WIN10.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/10.php>
Windows 7/8/8.1/10/11 Wikipedia Resources + Free eBooks -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
Free(ware), Open Source + Portable Software + Games @ MDGx.com -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
exFAT -> SECRETS.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/secrets.htm#XFAT>

See also matching/related Windows NTx tweaks in WIN10.TXT, WINDOWS7.TXT, DESKTOP.TXT, MYTIPS95.TXT, REGISTRY.TXT, TIPS2000.TXT, TIPS95.TXT, TIPSXP.TXT (all included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/newtip.htm>

Whazz App?

FYI:

All topics in this chapter apply to +/- are valid (more or less) for all builds/editions/releases/updates/versions of

Windows 8, 8.1, 10, 2016, 2019, 11, 2022, and most likely newer, soon to be released, upcoming ones.

* Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (MS Store) apps [many are free(ware)],
<http://whatis.techtarget.com/definition/Metro-apps/>
also
<http://apps.microsoft.com/>
<http://apps.microsoft.com/store/>
which redirect to
<http://apps.microsoft.com/store/apps/>
a.k.a. WinRT (Windows RunTime) apps
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Runtime
a.k.a. UWP (Universal Windows Platform) apps
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Windows_Platform_apps
<http://learn.microsoft.com/windows/uwp/>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Windows_Platform
designed/programmed for Windows 8/8.1/2012/10/2016/2019/11/2022/newer
Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (Store) (most of whom are
restricted to Microsoft proprietary/heavily modified web browser style window
environment/interface) GUI (Graphical User
Interface) do NOT run on and/or are NOT compatible with earlier/older editions
of Windows NT4/2000/XP/2003/Vista/2008/7
classic/default Windows Desktop (standalone, independent, full screen)
environment/interface.
True/genuine/classic Windows Desktop applications/programs/software executables
(.exe)
<http://www.yourdictionary.com/windows-application>
designed/programmed for Windows 9x/NTx Windows Desktop (standalone, independent,
full screen) environment/interface do NOT
run on and/or are NOT compatible with Windows
8/8.1/2012/10/2016/2019/11/2022/newer Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (Store)
(restricted to Microsoft proprietary/heavily modified web browser style window)
environment/interface, unless they have been
specifically designed/programmed to be compatible with both
environments/interfaces.
<http://www.samlogic.net/articles/windows-8-desktop-app-vs-store-app.htm>
For example, what do you think Windows Vista/newer Control Panel (CP) interface
is based on? ;-/

[http://screenshots.modemhelp.net/screenshots/Windows_Vista/Control_Panel/
Home_View/Index.jpg](http://screenshots.modemhelp.net/screenshots/Windows_Vista/Control_Panel/Home_View/Index.jpg)
[http://149584678.v2.pressablecdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Control-
2BPanel.png](http://149584678.v2.pressablecdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Control-2BPanel.png)

Many Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (Store) apps are not truly 100% or full(y)
fledged Windows software programs, but mere
embedded/sandboxed
applets/links/icons/interfaces/launchers/services/shortcuts/wrappers [similar to
many Android
(Google)/iOS (Apple) cellular/mobile/portable apps, designed to run on small
handheld/palmtop/pocket/portable
devices/terminals, all of whom are built with slower, weaker computing power,
performace and speed compared to modern
desktop/gaming/enterprise/enthusiast/professional personal computers
(PCs)/workstations/servers: cellular/mobile
phones, handhelds, tablets, palmtops, phablets,
laptops/netbooks/notebooks/portables] designed to connect/link
to/run/customize/confine/embed/limit/restrict/strip-down/remove/add features to
actual Windows applications/programs and/or
to scripts/web pages [HTML, MHTML, DHTML, HTA, HTC, MSC, MSH, VBS, Command/DOS,
PowerShell, JavaScript, .NET Framework,
Java, etc], and must run in Microsoft's proprietary/heavily modified web browser
style window, which is a
confined/embedded/(partially) isolated/limited/restricted (sandboxed), stripped-
down windowed or full screen mode,
<http://www.howtogeek.com/325127/what-is-application-frame-host-and-why-is-it->

running-on-my-pc/

within Microsoft's proprietary/heavily modified web browser style window or full screen mode (similar to pressing F11) ->

"KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS" -> TIPS95.TXT (included):

<http://www.mdgx.com/last3.htm#KEYSHORT>

NOTES:

- Windows 8/8.1/2012: Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (Store) apps use obsolete/out-of-date Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE)

[discontinued!] proprietary/heavily modified environment/interface + API (Application Programming Interface).

- Windows 10/2016/2019/11/2022/newer: newer Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (Store) apps use Edge (based on Google Chromium:

all Edge versions 79 and newer) proprietary/heavily modified environment/interface + API (Application Programming

Interface), designed on purpose for advertisement/marketing/monetization/profit//promotion/sales/surveillance/spying/tracking

purposes without any concern/respect/regard for customers/users' personal privacy, safety or security, unless

imposed/mandated/required by specific laws, norms, regulations and/or rules, and only if/how/where/when applicable and/or enforceable.

- Note for .NET developers/programmers: -> Windows 8/8.1, Metro + WinRT:

<http://www.jsware.net/jsware/vbcode.php5>

All Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (Store) apps require Microsoft .NET Framework Redistributables (NFR), and some require

additional/extra/supplemental .NET/Core/Desktop add-ons/components/extras:

<http://www.mdgx.com/add.htm#NFR>

which is the Microsoft counterpart (and direct competition) to Oracle (originally owned & operated by Sun Microsystems) Java

API (Application Programming Interface) + programming language.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_\(programming_language\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Java_(programming_language))

UPDATE:

Obsolete Windows 10 Edge (all Edge versions up to 78) proprietary/heavily modified closed source [discontinued!] core, web

browser + APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) are being phased out and replaced with free, open source Chromium

(Canary) code (all Edge versions 79 and newer) created by Google Chromium developers

<http://www.chromium.org/Home/>

and further modified, crippled, limited, locked, restricted extensively by Edge web browser [current!] developers to support

Windows 10/11 Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (Store) apps, aimed to lock legitimate/paying customers/owners/users out of

certain built-in original Chromium/Chrome web browser features/functions/options/settings, and

confine/cripple/force/limit/lock/redirect/replace/restrict Windows users towards Microsoft

anti-competitive/centered/exclusive/proprietary/restricted/specific (even without offering any other alternatives/choices in

certain cases) and/or pay-for/membership-only/subscription-only bundled/exclusive

apps/features/functions/memberships/programs/services/subscriptions:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft_Edge

Older Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (Store) apps still use obsolete Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) environment/interface +

APIs (Application Programming Interface), but those are being or have been already phased

out/uninstalled/locked/disabled/discontinued/unsupported.

Chromium/Chrome web browser extensions (free, open source)

<http://chromewebstore.google.com/category/extensions>

may or may not [?] work or be compatible with Chromium based Edge web browser,

depending on modified code
limitations/lock-outs/restrictions/removals [?] made by Microsoft.

BEWARE:

Edge web browsers collect, spy, surveil, track + send logged on/signed in members/subscribers/users' unique SID (Security Identifier) + web browser history [URLs (Uniform Resource Locator) = IPs, web addresses]

biometrics/data/fingerprint/information/stats,
confidential/identifiable/personal/private/privileged preferences, user choices/options/settings, to Microsoft + Microsoft 3rd party/affiliated/associated/leased/(sub)contracted/partner/subsidiary cloud/network/internet/remote domains/servers/sites behind-your-back/disguised/forced/without your approval/authorization/consent/knowledge/permission:

<http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9374407/>

<http://winbuzzer.com/2019/07/23/users-raise-privacy-concerns-as-edge-browser-caught-sending-full-urls-and-sid-to-microsoft-cxcwbn/>

http://www.scss.tcd.ie/Doug.Leith/pubs/browser_privacy.pdf

<http://www.slashgear.com/7-reasons-to-stop-using-microsoft-edge-03701116/>

<http://www.whatismyip.com/best-browser-for-privacy/>

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/a-professor-says-edge-is-the-worst-for-privacy-microsoft-isnt-happy/>

<http://www.laptopmag.com/news/edge-fails-browser-security-rankings-but-microsoft-isnt-buying-it/>

SOLUTIONS:

There are several methods available to uninstall, remove, disable +/- replace Edge in Windows 10/11 (some may apply to Windows 8/8.1) -> see "On The Edge of A Hostile Takeover = Uninstall + Replace Edge While You Still Can" chapter in

WIN10.TXT (included):

<http://www.mdgx.com/10.php>

<http://www.mdgx.com/WIN10.TXT>

Uninstall, remove, disable +/- replace Edge web browser from Windows 10/11:

<http://mspoweruser.com/how-to-uninstall-microsoft-edge-in-windows-10/>

<http://blog.pcrisk.com/windows/12542/>

<http://www.intowindows.com/how-to-uninstall-remove-edge-browser-from-windows-10/>

<http://www.winaero.com/blog/how-to-uninstall-and-remove-edge-browser-in-windows-10/>

<http://superuser.com/questions/949814/>

<http://betanews.com/2020/07/07/uninstall-microsoft-edge/>

<http://thinkmobiles.com/blog/how-to-uninstall-microsoft-edge/>

TOOLS:

Choices... choices... free(ware) tools to block/disable/replace/uninstall Edge:

- Edge Blocker (EdgeBlock.exe 32-bit + EdgeBlock_x64.exe 64-bit) for Windows 10/11:

<http://www.sordum.org/9312/>

File:

<http://www.sordum.org/files/download/edge-blocker/EdgeBlock.zip>

- MSEdgeRedirect for Windows 8.1/10/11 intercepts, redirects + switches all Desktop, Metro, Start, Store, Tiles apps, feeds/RSS, gadgets, maps, news, search, widgets, weather, etc, file extensions (.dhtml, .htm, .html, .php, .xhtml, .xml, etc), internet/URI schemes/protocols (ftp:, http:, https:, magnet:, mailto:, news:, etc) + URL/URI

addresses/items/links/schemes/shortcuts (.url, .website, etc) forced (built/hardwired/preset into the operating system) by

Microsoft to open in Edge + forces them to open instead in user's choice custom selected default web browser (if any other than Edge) + to use any user's choice custom selected default search engine other than bing, works from anywhere in the world (including outside Europe/EU/UE):

<http://github.com/rcmaehl/MSEdgeRedirect/>
Download:
<http://github.com/rcmaehl/MSEdgeRedirect/releases/latest/>
More info:
<http://www.ghacks.net/2023/11/18/you-can-remove-edge-and-bing-search-on-windows-11-even-if-you-dont-live-in-europe/>
MDGx "100+ WWW (World Wide Web) Search Engines" [most have enhanced privacy, safety + security]:
<http://www.mdgx.com/links.htm#WSE>
List of URI Schemes:
<http://www.w3.org/wiki/UriSchemes>
- EdgeDeflector for Windows 10/11 intercepts + redirects HTTP(S), Maps, News, Feeds/RSS, Widgets, Weather, etc file extensions (.dhtml, .htm, .html, .php, .xhtml, .xml, etc), internet schemes/protocols (ftp:, http:, https:, magnet:, mailto:, news:, etc) + URL/URI addresses/items/links/schemes/shortcuts (.url, .website, etc) forced (built/hardwired/preset into the operating system) by Microsoft to open in Edge to open instead in user's choice custom selected default web browser (if any other than Edge):
<http://github.com/da2x/EdgeDeflector/>
Download:
<http://github.com/da2x/EdgeDeflector/releases/latest/>
EdgeDeflector Purpose:
<http://www.ctrl.blog/entry/edgedeflector-default-browser.html>
BEWARE:
Newer Windows 10 builds/editions/releases/versions blocked EdgeDeflector + similar Edge browser competitors:
<http://www.ctrl.blog/entry/microsoft-edge-protocol-competition.html>
FIX:
Restore EdgeDeflector + similar Edge browser competitors functionality -> UNinstall Windows Update KB5007262:
Start button/icon/logo/menu/orb -> Windows Settings [gear icon] -> Update & Security -> Windows Update -> View update history -> Uninstall updates -> highlight/select update KB5007262 -> right-click -> Uninstall -> reboot/restart if needed/prompted.
- Edge Chromium Blocker Toolkit:
<http://www.windowscentral.com/how-prevent-microsoft-edge-chromium-installing-automatically-windows-10/>
File:
http://web.archive.org/web/20210812025623if_/http://msedgeblockertoolkit.blob.core.windows.net/blockertoolkit/MicrosoftEdgeChromiumBlockerToolkit.exe
- Enable/Unlock Chromium Edge disabled/locked features + options using Policy Plus for Windows 7/newer (free, open source):
<http://github.com/Fleex255/PolicyPlus/releases/latest/>
<http://www.itechtics.com/best-group-policy-editor-gpedit-msc-alternative-for-windows/>
http://www.majorgeeks.com/files/details/policy_plus.html
- Uninstall + remove Edge web browser from Windows 10/11 using DOS (CMD) console commands + "Uninstall Edge.cmd" batch file script:
<http://www.winaero.com/how-to-uninstall-and-remove-edge-browser-in-windows-10/>
Download "Uninstall Edge.cmd" [ZIP file]:
<http://www.winaero.com/download.php?view.1835>
Disable Edge Updates in the registry:
http://admx.help/?Category=EdgeChromium&Policy=Microsoft.Policies.Update::Pol_DefaultUpdatePolicy
Recommended independent/3rd party free, open source, safe, secure, uncrippled, unlocked, unrestricted, modern web browsers (examples):
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#NET>
MDGx "Free(ware) Windows 9x/NTx Web Browsers" chapter -> "Chromium + Chrome web

browsers [free(ware)]" section ->
"Chromium + Chrome" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#CHR>
RECOMMENDED:
- Chromium Precompiled EXEutable [Installer EXE + Portable Archives ZIP/7z] 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows XP/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64):
<http://chromium.woolyss.com/>
Degoogled/Ungoogled/stripped of Google ad(ware)/spyware/surveillance/tracking code Chromium builds [clearly labeled]:
<http://github.com/ungoogled-software/ungoogled-chromium/blob/master/README.md>
<http://ungoogled-software.github.io/ungoogled-chromium-wiki/faq>
Ungoogled Chromium precompiled binaries 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) [75-125 MB, Installer ONLY EXE + Portable ZIP, NEWest at the top]:
<http://ungoogled-software.github.io/ungoogled-chromium-binaries/>
Ungoogled Chromium 64-bit for Windows 7/newer 64-bit (x64):
<http://ungoogled-software.github.io/ungoogled-chromium-binaries/releases/windows/64bit/>
Ungoogled Chromium 32-bit for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86):
<http://ungoogled-software.github.io/ungoogled-chromium-binaries/releases/windows/32bit/>
- Brave 32-bit + 64-bit web browser for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) based on Chromium code [fork] with improved privacy, safety + security and optimized speed:
<http://brave.com/>
Brave Repository:
<http://github.com/brave/brave-browser/>
Download [ZIP = full, Portable]:
<http://github.com/brave/brave-browser/releases/latest/>
- Vivaldi 32-bit + 64-bit web browser for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) based on Chromium code [fork] with enhanced privacy, safety + security:
<http://vivaldi.com/>
Download [EXE = Installer ONLY]:
<http://vivaldi.com/download/>
Vivaldi Portable -> run Installer EXE -> Install standalone:
<http://help.vivaldi.com/desktop/install-update/standalone-version-of-vivaldi/>
- Thorium 32-bit + 64-bit web browsers for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) based on Chromium code [fork] hardware 3D, rendering + video playback optimized:
<http://thorium.rocks/>
Download [ZIP = full, Portable]:
Thorium AVX2 64-bit for Windows 10/newer 64-bit (x64):
<http://github.com/Alex313031/Thorium-Win/releases/latest/>
Thorium AVX 64-bit for Windows 10/newer 64-bit (x64):
<http://github.com/Alex313031/Thorium-Win/releases/latest/>
Thorium SS3 64-bit for Windows 10/newer 64-bit (x64):
<http://github.com/Alex313031/Thorium-SSE3/releases/latest/>
Thorium SSE2 (Win32) 32-bit edition for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + Thorium SSE3, SSE4, AVX + AVX2 64-bit editions for Windows 7/newer 64-bit (x64):
<http://github.com/Alex313031/thorium-win7/releases/latest/>
Thorium Requirements:
- Multicore CPU: minimum Intel Core 2nd gen or AMD FX with built-in SSE4 (Streaming SIMD Extensions 4),
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SSE4>
AVX (Advanced Vector EXTensions)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Vector_Extensions
+ AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Encryption_Standard
enhancements/multimedia extensions/instructions.
- Graphics video controller with 3D rendering + OpenGL capabilities.
Required Windows 7 64-bit (x64) Updates for Thorium 64-bit web browser enhanced

hardware + software compatibility/support:

<http://thorium.rocks/win7>

- Windows 7 SP1/2008 R2 64-bit (x64) Servicing Stack Update 2019 KB4490628:

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/4490628/>

Download:

<http://catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=4490628+x64>

- Windows 7 SP1/2008 R2 64-bit (x64) SHA-2 Code Signing Support Update 2019 KB4474419:

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/4474419/>

Download:

<http://catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=4474419+x64>

- Supermium 32-bit + 64-bit web browsers for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) based on Chromium code [fork]

optimized for speed + performance:

<http://www.win32subsystem.live/supermium.html>

Download [EXE = full, Installer +/- ZIP = full, Portable]:

<http://github.com/win32ss/supermium/releases/latest/>

- X-Chromium (X-Launcher) Portable launcher:

<http://www.winpenpack.com/en/download.php?view.1082>

Download [EXE = Installer, full]:

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/winpenpack/files/X-Chromium/releases/>

Either install Chromium precompiled stable releases 32-bit or 64-bit:

<http://chromium.woolyss.com/>

or extract all files from portable archive [zip or 7z] + copy to the destination of your choice Chromium portable stable

releases 32-bit or 64-bit to match the Windows NTx [7/newer] operating system(s) [OS(es)]

build/edition/release/update/version + bit strength [32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64)] you are using.

All Chromium + Chrome alternatives/derivatives/forks/variants users must have these 3 environment variables:

GOOGLE_API_KEY=NO

GOOGLE_DEFAULT_CLIENT_ID=NO

GOOGLE_DEFAULT_CLIENT_SECRET=NO

Right-click CMD shortcut/CMD.EXE -> Run as Administrator -> run these commands -

> press Enter after each line:

SETX.EXE GOOGLE_API_KEY "NO" /M

SETX.EXE GOOGLE_DEFAULT_CLIENT_ID "NO" /M

SETX.EXE GOOGLE_DEFAULT_CLIENT_SECRET "NO" /M

Google API Keys:

<http://chromium.woolyss.com/#google-api-keys>

<http://www.chromium.org/developers/how-tos/api-keys/>

MDGx "@ Chromium/Chrome/Brave/X-Chromium/Thorium/Vivaldi/Supermium Privacy, Safety + Security Settings, Extensions, Guides + Solutions:" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT (included):

<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#PRV>

MDGx collection of essential + useful Chromium/Chrome extensions + tweaks -> "CHROMIUM" section in TOOLS.TXT (included):

<http://www.mdgx.com/tools.php#:~:text=CHROMIUM%20%5B%2A%5D>

<http://www.mdgx.com/TOOLS.TXT>

* Coulda... Shoulda... Woulda...

Operating system (OS) core/system features, functionality, operations, processes +/- programs/tools/games/etc

abandoned/banned/cancelled/changed/deprecated/discontinued/limited//obsolete/reduced/removed/restricted by Microsoft

in/from/out of Windows 8/8.1, and how to adapt/fix/port/repair/restore/upgrade, use better/similar, and/or work around/bring

back/restore (some of) them:

- MS Docs: Features and functionality removed in Windows client:

<http://learn.microsoft.com/windows/whats-new/removed-features/>

- MS Docs: Deprecated features for Windows client:

<http://learn.microsoft.com/windows/whats-new/deprecated-features/>

- Wikipedia: List of features removed/missing in Windows 8/8.1:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_features_removed_in_Windows_8
- MSFN: Features and options removed/missing in Windows 8:
<http://www.msfm.org/board/index.php?showtopic=156585>
- How-To Geek: 8 Features Microsoft Removed in Windows 8.1:
<http://www.howtogeek.com/167610/8-features-microsoft-removed-in-windows-8.1/>
- ZDNet: 5 core criticisms of Windows 8:
<http://www.zdnet.com/article/five-core-criticisms-of-windows-8/>
- Wikipedia: Criticism of Windows:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Criticism_of_Microsoft_Windows
- MDGx Free(ware) "Win10/11 Block Tools (10_BLOCK)" -> 10_BLOCK.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#10BLK>
http://www.mdgx.com/10BLK/10_BLOCK.php
http://www.mdgx.com/10BLK/10_BLOCK.TXT
- MDGx Free(ware) "List of Useful Windows NTx Tools" [apps/programs, games, screen savers, tools/utilities] -> TOOLS.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/tools.php>
<http://www.mdgx.com/TOOLS.TXT>
- MDGx Free(ware) "1000+ Windows 9x/NTx Power Toys + Tweaking Tools" -> SOFTWARE.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/toy.htm>
- MDGx "Free(ware) Windows NTx Extras" -> SOFTWARE.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm>

Windows Updates (WU) Catalog, Listings + Guides

* NOTE:

Microsoft Updates/Upgrades/Service Packs (SPs)/(Hot)Fixes/Patches/Drivers/etc listed here are for United States (US) English [en-US] language Windows NTx Operating Systems (OSes) 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) builds/editions/releases/versions. Microsoft Windows Updates (WU) are available for all supported languages. <http://learn.microsoft.com/windows/win32/intl/national-language-support/> Microsoft Updates Catalog lists Windows Updates (WU) in all supported languages: <http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=Windows%20%20Update> More info: <http://www.science.co.il/language/Locale-codes.php> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internationalization_and_localization

* Must uninstall/remove Windows 8/8.1 Updates/Upgrades/(Hot)Fixes/Patches/etc which expose/render vulnerable your computer(s)/device(s) to:

- auditing,
- data/info/stats collection/logging,
- (diagnostic) tracking,
- fingerprinting,
- (geo)location detection/tracking,
- (geo)marketing,
- intrusion/invasion of privacy,
- "customer experience",
- personalized/targeted ad(vertisement)s/adware,
- promo(tion)s,
- spoofing,
- spying/spyware,
- surveillance,
- telemetry snooping ("phone home"),
- tracking,
- unwanted "offers",

- behind-your-back/disguised/forced/without your approval/authorization/consent/knowledge/permission upgrade to Windows 10 (GWX), among others:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#10BLK>
<http://github.com/nalal/Windows-Telemetry-Remover/>
<http://gist.github.com/xvitaly/eafa75ed2cb79b3bd4e9/>
<http://www.addictivetips.com/windows-tips/a-complete-list-of-all-updates-you-should-uninstall-to-block-windows-10/>

* Windows 8 + 8.1 Updates (WU) Catalog, Listings + Guides:

- Microsoft Windows 8.1 Essential Updates + Fixes:
<http://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/all/how-to-install-windows-81-update-manually-or-using/6015919b-9360-46b4-b33b-34ab61e927e6/>

- Microsoft Windows 8.1 Updates Catalog:
<http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=%22Windows%208.1%22>

- Microsoft Windows 8 Updates Catalog:
<http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=%22Windows%208%22>

- Microsoft Windows 2012 Server Updates Catalog:
<http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=%22Windows%20Server%202012%22>

Download desired/needed Update(s)/Fix(es)/Patch(es) to your local disk/media/storage device -> right-click each .CAB/.EXE/.MSI/.MSP/.MSU file -> Run as Administrator -> follow on screen instructions -> restart/reboot (if prompted).

- ERPMan's Windows 8.x System Updates:

<http://erpman1.tripod.com/win8xupd.html>

- ERPMan's Windows 8.x X64 & Server 2012 R0/R2 X64 System Updates:

<http://erpman1.tripod.com/w8x64upd.html>

- THFS: List of Windows 8 + 8.1 Updates/(Hot)Fixes/Patches:

http://thehotfixshare.net/board/?/search/&q=%22Windows%208%22&type=downloads_file

- EightForums: Windows 8/8.1 News:

<http://www.eightforums.com/forums/news/>

- Microsoft Security Advisories + Bulletins:

<http://learn.microsoft.com/security-updates/>

- Every Last Thing About Windows Update (WU) for Windows 7/8/8.1/10/11:

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/how-to-find-out-every-last-thing-about-windows-update/>

- Install Manually Offline CAB (.cab), EXE (.exe) + MSU (.msu) Updates:

<http://woshub.com/manually-install-cab-msu-updates-windows/>

- Prevent Specific Windows 8/8.1 Update/Driver from Installing:

<http://superuser.com/questions/665158/>

* Windows 7/8/8.1/10 32-bit + 64-bit Updates disable Intel Broadwell + Haswell CPUs Meltdown/Spectre Variants "Branch target injection vulnerability" errors/reboots after Intel CPU firmware update(s):

- MSKB KB4090007 Fix 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows 10/2016 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64):

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/4090007/>

Microsoft Catalog Files for KB4090007 Update:

<http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=KB4090007>

- MSKB KB4078130 Fix 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows 7/2008 R2/8/20012/8.1/2012 R2/10/2016 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64):

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/4078130/>

Microsoft Catalog File for KB4078130 Update:

<http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=KB4078130>

File:

http://download.windowsupdate.com/c/msdownload/update/software/crup/2018/01/kb4078130_b86f0bf2dc0866a0e117ed2d4a5302fab0493a7b.exe

Intel CPUs Updates:

<http://newsroom.intel.com/news/intel-security-issue-update-addressing-reboot-issues/>

Intel CPUs Info [PDF]:

<http://newsroom.intel.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2018/04/microcode-update->

guidance.pdf

InSpectre for Windows 10/11 detects operating system (OS) ability to prevent Meltdown + Spectre vulnerability attacks against Intel Broadwell + Haswell CPUs + necessity of installing respective update(s):

<http://www.grc.com/inspectre.htm>

File:

<http://www.grc.com/files/InSpectre.exe>

* Microsoft Windows 8.1 Cumulative Update (CU) S14 [KB2919355]:

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/2919355/>

<http://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/install-the-windows-8-1-update-kb-2919355-b189a9bd-0b33-f4a4-2092-4a5be0ebcb61>

CU S14 Known Issues:

<http://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2014/04/heres-how-windows-8-1-update-tries-to-give-you-the-right-ui-on-any-device/>

CU S14 Download:

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=42327>

Catalog KB2919355:

<http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=kb2919355>

- CU S14 64-bit for Windows 8.1 64-bit (x64):

http://download.windowsupdate.com/d/msdownload/update/software/crup/2014/02/windows8.1-kb2919355-x64_e6f4da4d33564419065a7370865faacf9b40ff72.msu

<http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/p/?linkid=397994>

- CU S14 32-bit for Windows 8.1 32-bit (x86):

http://download.windowsupdate.com/c/msdownload/update/software/crup/2014/02/windows8.1-kb2919355-x86_de9df31e42fe034c9a763328326e5852c2b4963d.msu

<http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/p/?linkid=397993>

* Microsoft November 2014 Update Rollup (UR2014) [KB3000850] for Windows 8.1/2012 R2 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64):

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/3000850/>

- UR2014 64-bit for Windows 8.1 64-bit (x64):

<http://www.microsoft.com/download/details.aspx?id=44977>

UR2014 64-bit Files:

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/9/1/7/91772932-6DA4-48FD-9B1F-DA2C7EAE35B/Windows8.1-KB3003057-x64.msu>

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/9/1/7/91772932-6DA4-48FD-9B1F-DA2C7EAE35B/Windows8.1-KB3000850-x64.msu>

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/9/1/7/91772932-6DA4-48FD-9B1F-DA2C7EAE35B/Windows8.1-KB3014442-x64.msu>

- UR2014 32-bit for Windows 8.1 32-bit (x86):

<http://www.microsoft.com/download/details.aspx?id=44985>

UR2014 32-bit Files:

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/5/1/A51119A7-729B-4800-844C-189E2BDCFF85/Windows8.1-KB3000850-x86.msu>

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/5/1/A51119A7-729B-4800-844C-189E2BDCFF85/Windows8.1-KB3003057-x86.msu>

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/5/1/A51119A7-729B-4800-844C-189E2BDCFF85/Windows8.1-KB3014442-x86.msu>

* Microsoft Windows 8.1 Cumulative Security Update (CSU) [KB4534251] 32-bit + 64-bit for Internet Explorer 11.0 (IE11)

32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64):

<http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=KB4534251%208.1>

<http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=KB4534251>

* Windows 7 SP1/8/8.1 Universal C Runtime Update:

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/2999226/>

- Windows 8.1 64-bit:

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/9/6/F/96FD0525-3DDF-423D-8845-5F92F4A6883E/Windows8.1-KB2999226-x64.msu>

- Windows 8.1 32-bit:

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/E/4/6/E4694323-8290-4A08-82DB->

81F2EB9452C2/Windows8.1-KB2999226-x86.msu
- Windows 7 SP1 64-bit:
<http://download.microsoft.com/download/1/1/5/11565A9A-EA09-4F0A-A57E-520D5D138140/Windows6.1-KB2999226-x64.msu>
- Windows 7 SP1 32-bit:
<http://download.microsoft.com/download/4/F/E/4FE73868-5EDD-4B47-8B33-CE1BB7B2B16A/Windows6.1-KB2999226-x86.msu>

* Windows 10 Universal C RunTime (UCRT) 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows Vista/2008/7 SP1/8/8.1/2012 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64):
<http://support.microsoft.com/help/3118401/>
UCRT All in One [ZIP]:
<http://download.microsoft.com/download/3/1/1/311C06C1-F162-405C-B538-D9DC3A4007D1/WindowsUCRT.zip>
UCRT Separate Files [MSU Installer]:
<http://www.catalog.update.microsoft.com/Search.aspx?q=3118401>

* Windows 8.1/newer Windows Update (WU) logs generated by Event Tracing for Windows (ETW):
<http://learn.microsoft.com/windows/deployment/update/windows-update-logs/>
Convert Event Tracing for Windows (ETW) diagnostics file(s) [.etl] into readable plain text/ASCII file [.log]:
right-click PowerShell shortcut or C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\PowerShell.exe [default location in Windows 10/11] -> Run as Administrator -> run this command -> press Enter:
Get-WindowsUpdateLog
WU .etl files are generated in the %WinDir%\logs\WindowsUpdate directory/folder [%WinDir% = usually C:\WINDOWS].
Converted .log file will be created in the %WinDir% directory/folder by overriding any existing one:
%WinDir%\WindowsUpdate.log
View WindowsUpdate.log by using Notepad/similar/better free(ware) plain text/ASCII editor/viewer
<http://www.mdgx.com/toy.htm#TXT>

* simplewall 32-bit + 64-bit GUI interface + DOS console command line tool for Windows 8.1/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64)
configures Windows Filtering Platform (WFP) to allow/block incoming + outgoing traffic, creates, edits, enables/disables + (un)installs firewall rules + blocks Microsoft dangerous/deceptive/insecure/invasive/intrusive/subversive/unsafe IPs based on blocklists [spying (spyware, surveillance, telemetry, tracking), Windows Update (WU) + applications (apps + services)], highly customizable:
<http://www.henrypp.org/product/simplewall/>
<http://github.com/henrypp/simplewall/>
Download [Portable ZIP]:
<http://github.com/henrypp/simplewall/releases/latest/>
simplewall Portable:
Place portable.dat in the program's main directory/folder and use Notepad/similar plain text editor
<http://www.mdgx.com/toy.htm#TXT>
to create (if absent) simplewall.ini in the program's [simplewall.exe] main directory/folder.

* MDGx Windows 8/8.1 Components, Add-ons, Extras, (Hot)Fixes, Patches, Upgrades, Updates (all included):
- MDGx "Java Runtime Environment (JRE)" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT:
<http://www.mdgx.com/add.htm#JAVA>
- MDGx ".NET Framework Redistributable (NFR)" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT:
<http://www.mdgx.com/add.htm#NFR>
- MDGx "Visual Studio (VS) + Visual C++ (VC)" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT:
<http://www.mdgx.com/add.htm#VS6>
- MDGx "Windows Update Client (WUC) + Windows Update Agent (WUA)" topic in

SOFTWARE.TXT:

<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#WUC>
- MDGx "Application Compatibility Toolkit (ACT)" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#ACT>
- MDGx "Group Policy (GP)" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#GPO>
- MDGx "File Manager (FM)" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#FMNT>
- MDGx "Access Control Lists (ACL) + Ownership Tools" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#ACL>
- MDGx "NTFS Alternate Data Streams (ADS)" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#ADS>
- MDGx "Free(ware) Windows NTx Extras" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#2KXP>

Tweaks, Hacks + Fixes... UNconventional, UNdocumented, UNCensored ;-/

* Useful, little known, hidden, undocumented, unknown registry + system hacks + tweaks to fix, improve + customize
Windows 8/8.1 + Windows Server 2012/2012 R2:
http://www.majorgeeks.com/files/details/majorgeeks_registry_tweaks.html
<http://github.com/MajorGeek/MajorGeeks-Windows-Tweaks/>
http://www.majorgeeks.com/mg/sortdate/majorgeeks_registry_batch_file_tweaks.html
<http://www.eightforums.com/tutorials/8486-default-file-associations-restore-windows-8-a.html>
<http://www.eightforums.com/threads/default-programs-associate-a-file-type-or-protocol-in-windows-8.9163/>
<http://www.eightforums.com/tutorials/29573-color-background-accent-force-windows-8-1-a.html>
<http://www.eightforums.com/tutorials/29777-background-show-image-solid-color-windows-8-8-1-a.html>
<http://www.eightforums.com/tutorials/15554-sign-screen-change-background-color-windows-8-a.html>
<http://www.eightforums.com/tutorials/7647-lock-screen-background-image-enable-disable-changing-windows-8-a.html>
<http://www.ccm.net/faq/34257-windows-8-1-how-disable-the-app-switcher>
<http://www.windows-security.org/f03c3d800052359a097dde31d490d97b/turn-off-app-notifications-on-the-lock-screen/>
<http://www.pccolor-fix.com/methods-repair-explorer-exe-server-execution-failed-windows-7-8-10/>
<http://www.intowindows.com/category/windows-8/>
<http://www.intowindows.com/finally-a-way-to-change-windows-8-boot-screen/>
<http://www.windowscentral.com/heres-how-stop-free-windows-10-upgrade-your-computer/>
<http://www.catonmat.net/clear-privacy-ie-firefox-opera-chrome-safari/>
<http://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/b8/2012/03/21/scaling-to-different-screens/>
<http://www.itprotoday.com/windows-8/blue-automatic-desktop-display-scaling/>
<http://www.tweakhound.com/tweaking-windows-8-1/>
<http://www.tweakhound.com/tweaking-windows-8/>
<http://www.tweaks.com/windows-8/>
<http://woshub.com/windows-8/>
<http://www.askvg.com/category/windows-8/>
<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/8-super-windows-8-1-tweaks-for-power-users/>
<http://www.winaero.com/blog/category/windows-8-1/>
<http://www.winaero.com/blog/category/windows-8/>
<http://www.eightforums.com/>
<http://www.pcworld.com/article/2013667/8-worst-windows-8-irritations-and-how-to-fix-them.html>
<http://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/fix-common-problems-windows-8/>

<http://www.dummies.com/computers/operating-systems/windows-8/10-tips-for-working-with-windows-8-1/>
<http://www.itpro.co.uk/desktop-software/22313/windows-81-problems-how-to-fix-them/>
<http://www.techradar.com/news/software/operating-systems/15-windows-8-1-annoyances-fixed-1207111/>
MDGx "Comprehensive Windows Registry Guide" chapter in REGISTRY.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/reg.htm>
MDGx "200+ Ways To Hack Your Windows 9x/NTx Registry" chapter in REGISTRY.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/reg.htm#RHC>
MDGx "Windows 10/11 Tweaks, Fixes, Guides, Downloads + Links" chapter in WIN10.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/10.php>
<http://www.mdgx.com/WIN10.TXT>
MDGx "Windows 7/7 SP1 Tweaks, Fixes, Guides, Downloads + Links" chapter in WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
<http://www.mdgx.com/WINDOWS7.TXT>
NOTE:
Some of these hacks + tweaks apply also to Windows 7, 10, 11.

* Windows 7/newer tweaking tools [free(ware)]:
<http://www.winaero.com/>
<http://www.wintools.info/>
<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/category/downloads/>
<http://www.nirsoft.net/utills/>
<http://www.sordum.org/>
<http://www.itsamples.com/software.html>
http://www.mitec.cz/Data/XML/data_downloads.xml
<http://learn.microsoft.com/sysinternals/>
<http://www.majorgeeks.com/>
http://www.majorgeeks.com/mg/sortname/windows_7_8.html
<http://www.intowindows.com/15-free-windows-8-1-customization-tweaking-tools/>
<http://www.nextofwindows.com/a-list-of-windows-8-tweaking-tools/>
<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/list-freeware-releases-from-the-windows-club/>
<http://www.softpedia.com/hubs/Tweak-Windows-8/>
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm>
<http://www.mdgx.com/toy.htm>
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm>
<http://www.mdgx.com/fw.htm>
<http://www.mdgx.com/tools.php>

* Install Windows 8.1/10 with Local Account (Bypass Microsoft Account Sign In):
<http://www.mydigitallife.net/install-windows-10-windows-8-1-local-account-bypass-microsoft-account-sign/>

* Fix MSI Install Error 0x80070643: Failed to install MSI package:
<http://www.google.com/search?q=Error+0x80070643%3A+Failed+to+install+MSI+package>
<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/41720158/>
<http://www.windows101tricks.com/fix-error-0x80070643-failed-to-install-msi-package/>

* Fix MSI Install Error 2203 [%WinDir%\Installer + %TEMP% directories/folders]:
<http://www.howtogeek.com/22095/fix-for-error-2203.-an-internal-error-occurred-during-office-2010-setup/>
<http://www.sevenforums.com/software/63211-how-i-solved-error-2203-a.html>
http://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/windows_7-windows_programs/how-to-fix-internal-error-2203/9fed443b-aadd-4f92-a642-74162ee2c0fd/
<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/21846381/>
<http://www.tomshardware.com/forum/26176-63-error-2203>
<http://helpx.adobe.com/creative-suite/kb/error-2203-install-creative-suite.html>
<http://support.esri.com/technical-article/0000005908>
<http://web.archive.org/web/20150316194218/http://support.microsoft.com/en-us/>

kb/2000547/

Where usually:

%WinDir% = C:\WINDOWS directory/folder.

%TEMP% = %UserProfile%\AppData\Local\Temp directory/folder (for current user) or C:\WINDOWS\TEMP directory/folder (for all users).

* FIX: Get back/restore Windows Help Viewer (WinHlp32), Windows Help (HLP) + Compiled HTML Help (CHM) functionality in Windows 8/8.1 -> see MDGx "Restore/Update HTML Help (.CHM) + Windows Help (.HLP) Guides, Fixes + Tools" section in SOFTWARE.TXT (included):

<http://www.mdgx.com/add.htm#HHU>

BUG:

In Windows Vista/newer you canNOT use Windows Help files (*.CNT, *.HLP) because Microsoft removed Windows Help 32-bit

(WinHlp32.exe) from these OSes. :- (

FIX:

Microsoft Windows Help 32-bit (WinHlp32.exe) for Windows 8/8.1 32-bit + 64-bit (English, right-click to save!):

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/917607/>

- WinHlp32.exe for Windows 8.1 64-bit (x64) [920 KB]:

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/C/9/AC90B7C6-2787-4D97-8A54-B9A1F8C69F81/Windows8.1-KB917607-x64.msu>

- WinHlp32.exe for Windows 8.1 32-bit (x86) [725 KB]:

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/A/C/9/AC90B7C6-2787-4D97-8A54-B9A1F8C69F81/Windows8.1-KB917607-x86.msu>

- WinHlp32.exe for Windows 8 64-bit (x64) [898 KB]:

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/2/0/0/200C7BAF-48D7-4C0A-9C12-088CBA3DB13B/Windows8-RT-KB917607-x64.msu>

- WinHlp32.exe for Windows 8 32-bit (x86) [716 KB]:

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/2/0/0/200C7BAF-48D7-4C0A-9C12-088CBA3DB13B/Windows8-RT-KB917607-x86.msu>

Registry fixes necessary to enable WinHlp32.exe macros, Intranet access + CHM (Compiled HTML Help) XML, XSL, CSS, JPG + PNG

functionality:

<http://www.vistax64.com/tutorials/87497-help-support-vista.html>

TIP:

Use Notepad/similar/better free(ware) plain text/ASCII editor/viewer

<http://www.mdgx.com/toy.htm#TXT>

to create a plain text Registry file containing the lines between Cut & Paste delimiters below -> save it as plain

text/ASCII file (Encode: -> ANSI) with the REG extension (.reg) -> right-click

it -> Run as Administrator -> answer Yes/OK

to all prompts to register/merge/import its information into your registry.

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REGEDIT4

; WinHelp32 Macro FIX for Windows Vista/2008/7/8/8.1 32-bit (x86):

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\WinHelp]

"AllowProgrammaticMacros"=dword:1

"AllowIntranetAccess"=dword:1

; WinHelp32 Macro FIX for Windows Vista/2008/7/8/8.1 64-bit (x64):

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\WinHelp]

"AllowProgrammaticMacros"=dword:1

"AllowIntranetAccess"=dword:1

; HTML Help (CHM) FIX: XML, XSL, CSS, JPG + PNG for Windows Vista/2008/7/8/8.1:

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.xml]

@="xmlfile"

"Content Type"="text/xml"

"PerceivedType"="text"

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.xml\PersistentHandler]

@="{7E9D8D44-6926-426F-AA2B-217A819A5CCE}"

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.xsl]

@="xslfile"

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"Content Type"="text/xml"
"PerceivedType"="text"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.xsl\PersistentHandler]
@="{7E9D8D44-6926-426F-AA2B-217A819A5CCE}"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.css]
@="CSSfile"
"Content Type"="text/css"
"PerceivedType"="text"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.css\PersistentHandler]
@="{eec97550-47a9-11cf-b952-00aa0051fe20}"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.png]
@="pngfile"
"PerceivedType"="image"
"Content Type"="image/png"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.png\PersistentHandler]
@="{098f2470-bae0-11cd-b579-08002b30bfef}"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.jpg]
@="jpegfile"
"Content Type"="image/jpeg"
"PerceivedType"="image"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.jpg\OpenWithProgids]
"jpegfile"=""
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Classes\.jpg\PersistentHandler]
@="{098f2470-bae0-11cd-b579-08002b30bfef}"
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Microsoft FixIt! WinHlp32.exe tools (English, right-click to save!):

- Enable macros FixIt! after installing WinHlp32.exe [964 KB]:

http://web.archive.org/web/20160314054228if_/http://download.microsoft.com/download/7/9/5/7955FD19-CE75-477A-A2BE-3B3E8BD20A04/MicrosoftFixit50105.msi

- Unblock .HLP FixIt! after installing WinHlp32.exe [964 KB]:

http://web.archive.org/web/20170610234444if_/http://download.microsoft.com/download/6/9/F/69FB8CEB-90AA-49EC-ADA5-09EF2A1ACB12/MicrosoftFixit50237.msi

- Windows Update (WU) Error 80070422 .HLP FixIt! after installing WinHlp32.exe [1 MB]:

http://web.archive.org/web/20170503080905if_/http://download.microsoft.com/download/3/5/0/35062C9F-980C-455D-9652-82A4B30888D2/MicrosoftFixit50776.msi

* Turn ON Fast Startup (FastBoot) in Windows 8/8.1/10/11:

<http://www.tenforums.com/tutorials/4189-turn-off-fast-startup-windows-10-a.html>

<http://www.tenforums.com/tutorials/2859-enable-disable-hibernate-windows-10-a.html>

<http://www.troubleshooters.com/fast-startup-option-missing-or-disabled-in-windows-8/>

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/920730/>

Required by FastBoot:

Enable Hibernation + and set HIBERFIL.SYS [located in C:\ root] file size to minimum allowed [40%] using compression from a

DOS console (command prompt) -> right-click CMD shortcut/CMD.EXE -> Run as Administrator -> run these commands -> press

Enter after each line:

```
POWERCFG.EXE -H ON
```

```
POWERCFG.EXE -H -SIZE 40
```

Powercfg Reference:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Powercfg>

POWERCFG.EXE command line options:

<http://learn.microsoft.com/windows-hardware/design/device-experiences/powercfg-command-line-options/>

<http://www.ss64.com/nt/powercfg.html>

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REGEDIT4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Power]
"HibernateEnabledDefault"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\Power]
"HibernateEnabledDefault"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet002\Control\Power]
"HibernateEnabledDefault"=dword:1
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Enable Hibernation from a DOS console (command prompt) -> right-click CMD shortcut/CMD.EXE -> Run as Administrator -> run these commands -> press Enter after each line:
REG.EXE ADD "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Power" /v
HibernateEnabledDefault /t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
REG.EXE ADD "HKLM\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\Power" /v HibernateEnabledDefault
/t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f
REG.EXE ADD "HKLM\SYSTEM\ControlSet002\Control\Power" /v HibernateEnabledDefault
/t REG_DWORD /d 1 /f

* Turn OFF pop-up apps, newly installed, help sticker, sender + Desktop/tile/toaster messages, news feeds, push notifications + updates in Windows 8/newer:
<http://www.eightforums.com/threads/quiet-hours-set-to-stop-app-notifications-in-windows-8-1.28530/>
<http://www.superuser.com/questions/491354/>
<http://social.technet.microsoft.com/forums/windows/3c7de9fd-f44d-4707-a85b-8b19a8b14c41/>
<http://www.tenforums.com/tutorials/4111-turn-off-notifications-apps-senders-windows-10-a.html>
<http://www.maketecheasier.com/disable-new-app-installed-notification-windows/>
<http://www.windowsinstructed.com/how-to-turn-off-notifications-in-windows-8-and-windows-10/>
<http://www.top-password.com/blog/how-to-disable-help-sticker-notifications-in-windows-8-1/>

* Google Chrome for Windows 8/8.1:
<http://www.google.com/homepage/windows8/>
<http://www.google.com/homepage/windows8/win8p1.html>
Internet Explorer 11.0.11 (IE11) [discontinued!] for Windows 8.1 [last version available]:
<http://www.techspot.com/downloads/5195-microsoft-internet-explorer.html>
RECOMMENDED:

Replace Edge + IE with recommended independent/3rd party free, open source, better, safe, secure, uncrippled, unlocked, unrestricted, modern web browsers (examples):
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#NET>
MDGx "Free(ware) Windows 9x/NTx Web Browsers" chapter -> "Chromium + Chrome web browsers [free(ware)]" section -> "Chromium + Chrome" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#CHR>
Make Chromium/Chrome or alternative/derivative/fork/variant your default web browser in Windows 8/8.1:
<http://www.solveyourtech.com/set-google-chrome-as-the-default-browser-in-windows-8/>
Make Firefox or alternative/derivative/fork/variant your default web browser in Windows 8/8.1:
<http://support.mozilla.org/kb/setting-firefox-default-browser-does-not-work/>

* MDGx "Group Policy Editor (GPE) fixes + tools (free)" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT

<http://www.winaero.com/get-a-classic-taskbar-in-windows-8-and-windows-7-that-works-like-xp/>

7+ Taskbar Tweaker (7TT) Advanced Settings:

<http://tweaker.ramensoftware.com/images/7-taskbar-tweaker.png>

7+ Taskbar Tweaker (7TT) Repository:

<http://github.com/m417z/7-Taskbar-Tweaker/>

7+ Taskbar Tweaker (7TT) Windhawk tweak mods for Windows 11 Taskbar:

<http://ramensoftware.com/windhawk-mods-for-the-windows-11-taskbar/>

BUG:

7+ Taskbar Tweaker (7TT) does NOT (yet) support NEWer Windows 11 Taskbar:

<http://ramensoftware.com/7-taskbar-tweaker-and-a-first-look-at-windows-11/>

FIX:

Restore classic Taskbar tray in Windows 11:

<http://ramensoftware.com/7-taskbar-tweaker-on-windows-11-with-windows-10s-taskbar/>

<http://www.winaero.com/winaero-tweaker-1-20-1-get-back-windows-10-start-menu-and-taskbar-in-windows-11/>

1. Install Winaero Tweaker:

<http://www.winaero.com/winaero-tweaker/>

2. Open/run/start Winaero Tweaker.

3. Go to: Windows 11 -> Classic Start Menu and Taskbar -> check "Enable Classic Taskbar and Start menu" box -> click

"Sign out now" button.

4. Log on/sign in back into Windows 11 under same user name.

5. Open/run/start 7+ Taskbar Tweaker (7TT) -> customize/tweak settings according to your needs/preferences -> done.

BONUS:

Windhawk customizes/tweaks Windows 10/11 app(lication)s/programs with mods:

<http://windhawk.net/>

Windhawk Repository:

<http://github.com/ramensoftware/windhawk/>

Windhawk Mods:

<http://windhawk.net/mods/>

Windhawk Mods Repository:

<http://github.com/ramensoftware/windhawk-mods/>

Windhawk Wiki Documentation:

<http://github.com/ramensoftware/windhawk/wiki/>

* WUFUC for Windows 7/8/8.1 disables hardware detection, bypasses Windows Update (WU) "Unsupported Hardware" errors + allows

installing fixes/patches/updates:

<http://web.archive.org/web/20211107030255/https://github.com/zeffy/wufuc/>

File:

http://dl.thorium.rocks/files/win7/wufuc_v1.0.1.201-a52637d4.zip

* Tweak Windows 8/8.1 settings using Winaero Tweaker (formerly ModernUI Tuner):

<http://www.ghacks.net/2014/08/30/tweak-windows-8-specific-settings-with-modernui-tuner/>

Change Switcher (top left corner) hover timeout delay:

<http://www.winaero.com/blog/how-to-change-the-switcher-top-left-corner-hover-timeout-delay-in-windows-8-1-update-1/>

Winaero Tweaker 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows 7/8/8.1/10/11 [select Portable at install time!]:

<http://www.winaero.com/winaero-tweaker/>

Download:

<http://www.winaero.com/download-winaero-tweaker/>

Winaero Tweaker Features:

<http://www.winaero.com/the-list-of-winaero-tweaker-features/>

Examples: customizes manufacturer/OEM/vendor info, removes icon overlay using transparent icon.

* UxStyle for Windows 7/8/8.1/10 Preview:

<http://www.uxstyle.com/>

<http://github.com/riverar/uxstyle/>

UxStyle for Windows 8/8.1:
http://www.uxstyle.com/builds/UxStyle_sep23_x86_x64_possibly_bugged.zip
UxStyle for Windows 7/7 SP1:
http://www.uxstyle.com/builds/UxStyle_Core_jul13_bits.zip
Aero Theme for Windows 8/8.1:
<http://simplexdesignsart.deviantart.com/art/Windows-Aero-536877982/>
<http://web.archive.org/web/20130402051457/http://xxinightxx.deviantart.com/art/Windows-7-Vs-REV-D-350491112/>
File:
<http://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=0B883uGpMNY72Sjk3dy1MTzBGVEE>
http://web.archive.org/web/20130402051457/http://www.deviantart.com/download/350491112/windows_7_vs_rev_d_by_xxinightxx-d5so8o8.zip
Windows 8/8.1 Themes:
<http://www.winaero.com/category/windows-8-themes/>

* UltraUXThemePatcher 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows XP/Vista/7/8/8.1/10/11 patches UX (User eXperience) Theme system files [uxtheme.dll, uxinit.dll, themeui.dll] to allow use of 3rd party/custom themes:
http://mhoefs.eu/software_uxtheme.php
UltraUXThemePatcher Guide:
<http://setupgamer.info/how-to-install-custom-windows-10-themes-and-visual-styles-with-ultrauxthemepatcher/>
UltraUXThemePatcher Tutorial:
<http://www.tenforums.com/customization/76077-ultrauxthemepatcher-recover-black-grey-screen-windows-8-10-a.html>
Windows 7/newer Themes:
<http://www.majorgeeks.com/files/categories/themes.html>
Windows 11 Themes:
<http://www.deviantart.com/tag/windows11themes/>
Windows 10 Themes:
<http://www.deviantart.com/tag/windows10themes/>
<http://www.deviantart.com/sagorpirbd/art/Aero-7-Themes-for-Win10-Final-523979941/>
<http://www.deviantart.com/niivu/art/Sweetness-for-Windows-10-826122176/>
Windows 8/8.1 Themes:
<http://www.deviantart.com/tag/windows8themes/>
Windows 7 Themes:
<http://www.deviantart.com/tag/windows7themes/>
View + Remove All built-in Windows 10 Themes:
http://www.majorgeeks.com/content/page/how_to_view_and_remove_all_windows_10_themes.html

* SecureUXTheme for Windows 8.1/10 patches UX (User eXperience) Theme system files [uxtheme.dll, uxinit.dll, themeui.dll] to allow use of 3rd party/custom themes:
<http://github.com/namazso/SecureUXTheme/>
Download:
<http://github.com/namazso/SecureUXTheme/releases/latest/>
SecureUXTheme Install Guide:
<http://github.com/namazso/SecureUXTheme/wiki/Help:-Step-by-step-installing-SecureUXTheme-and-a-custom-theme/>
Windows 7/newer Themes:
<http://www.majorgeeks.com/files/categories/themes.html>
Windows 11 Themes:
<http://www.deviantart.com/tag/windows11themes/>
Windows 10 Themes:
<http://www.deviantart.com/tag/windows10themes/>
<http://www.deviantart.com/sagorpirbd/art/Aero-7-Themes-for-Win10-Final-523979941/>
<http://www.deviantart.com/niivu/art/Sweetness-for-Windows-10-826122176/>
Windows 8/8.1 Themes:
<http://www.deviantart.com/tag/windows8themes/>
View + Remove All built-in Windows 10 Themes:
<http://www.majorgeeks.com/content/page/>

how_to_view_and_remove_all_windows_10_themes.html

* GDIPP (Graphics Device Interface ++)
32-bit + 64-bit [unmaintained!] for Windows Vista/newer improves anti-aliasing/rasterizing/smoothing rendering + clarity/readability of all Windows desktop/display/monitor/screen/system fonts:

<http://code.google.com/archive/p/gdipp/>

<http://github.com/CoolOppo/GDIPP/>

- GDIPP 32-bit for Windows Vista/newer 32-bit (x86) [MSI Installer]:

http://storage.googleapis.com/google-code-archive-downloads/v2/code.google.com/gdipp/gdipp_x86_0.9.1.msi

- GDIPP 64-bit for Windows Vista/newer 64-bit (x64) [MSI Installer]:

http://storage.googleapis.com/google-code-archive-downloads/v2/code.google.com/gdipp/gdipp_x64_0.9.1.msi

GDIPP Guide:

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/make-windows-fonts-look-like-mac-fonts/>

* Ultimate Windows Tweaker (UWT) for Windows 8/8.1:

<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/ultimate-windows-tweaker-3-windows-8/>

File:

<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/downloads/UWT3.zip>

Ultimate Windows Tweaker (UWT) Guide:

<http://www.techspot.com/downloads/6167-ultimate-windows-tweaker.html>

* FixWin for Windows 8/8.1 fixes, repairs + eliminates common problems, issues + annoyances:

<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/fixwin-windows-8/>

File:

<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/downloads/fixwin2.zip>

FixWin 8/8.1 List of Fixes:

<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/list-fixes-offered-fixwin-v-2/>

FixWin 8/8.1 PDF Document [ZIPped]:

<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/downloads/fx2doc.zip>

* 8Smoker Pro:

<http://www.xp-smoker.com/8smokerpro.html>

File:

http://www.afterdawn.com/software/general/download_splash.cfm/8smoker_pro

* 8oot Logo Changer (BLC) for Windows 8/8.1:

<http://www.intowindows.com/windows-8-1-boot-screen-logo-changer/>

Download:

<http://www.softpedia.com/get/System/OS-Enhancements/8oot-Logo-Changer.shtml>

Guide:

<http://www.intowindows.com/changing-windows-8-1-boot-logo-using-8oot-logo-changer-tool/>

BUG:

If your PC boots in OLder Legacy mode the boot logo is properly replaced.

If your PC boots in NEWer UEFI mode the boot logo from Boot(time) Graphics Resource Table (BGRT) canNOT be replaced:

<http://www.msfm.org/board/index.php?showtopic=158372>

* Windows 8/8.1 Start Screen Customizer:

<http://apps.codigobit.info/2012/11/windows-8-start-screen-customizer.html>

Download:

<http://www.softpedia.com/get/Tweak/System-Tweak/Windows-8-ModernUI-Start-Screen-Changer.shtml>

Guide:

<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/windows-8-start-screen-customizer-freeware-customize-start-screen/>

Similar tools:

<http://www.intowindows.com/six-tools-to-customize-windows-8-start-screen/>

* Fix Bluetooth in Windows 8.1 -> Device Manager -> Bluetooth USB Module -> Properties -> Allow device to be discovered by Windows:

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/4052282/>

http://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/windows8_1-hardware/bluetooth-headset-pairing-windows-81/1b33409d-9d16-40e7-b0a9-472ce9581062/

* Fix CanNOT Install Microsoft .NET Framework (NFR) 3.5 in Windows 8/newer:

<http://www.askvg.com/fix-cant-install-microsoft-net-framework-3-5-in-windows-8-and-later/>

Microsoft .NET Framework Redistributable (NFR):

<http://www.mdgx.com/add.htm#NFR>

* WinAero ColorSync for Windows 8/8.1:

<http://www.winaero.com/winaero-colorsync/>

File:

<http://www.winaero.com/download.php?view.67>

* Transform Windows 8.1 UI -> Windows 7 UI:

<http://www.lee-soft.com/vistart/>

<http://xxinightxxcreative.weebly.com/free-windows-aero.html>

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/make-windows-8-8-1-look-like-windows-7-xp/>

<http://www.intowindows.com/minitool-partition-wizard-free-9/>

<http://www.tipsandtricksforum.com/>

* Customize Aero Glass, Themes, Styles, UI + Start button/icon/logo/orb in Windows 8/8.1:

<http://www.askvg.com/hidden-secret-trick-to-enable-activate-aero-glass-in-windows-8-aero-lite-theme/>

<http://www.askvg.com/yet-another-easy-way-to-get-full-transparency-in-windows-8/>

<http://www.askvg.com/finally-a-way-to-enable-transparency-in-windows-8-without-any-bug-or-glitch/>

<http://www.howtogeek.com/128630/how-to-enable-aero-glass-style-transparency-in-windows-8/>

<http://www.deviantart.com/morelikethis/356566998>

<http://www.winaero.com/category/windows-8-themes/>

UxStyle [UXTHEME.DLL fix] for Windows 8/8.1:

<http://www.uxstyle.com/>

File:

http://www.uxstyle.com/builds/UxStyle_sep23_x86_x64_possibly_bugged.zip

DLLs to bypass UXTheme signature verification 32-bit + 64-bit:

<http://www.glass8.eu/files/UXThemeSignatureBypass.7z>

Aero Glass 8/8.1 [donation required to remove desktop watermark!]:

<http://www.glass8.eu/>

Guide:

<http://www.glass8.eu/guide/>

Custom Themes Guide:

<http://www.glass8.eu/guide/#themes>

Download:

<http://www.glass8.eu/download/>

Old New Explorer:

<http://www.msfn.org/board/index.php?showtopic=170375>

File:

<http://www.tihiy.net/files/OldNewExplorer.rar>

Aero Glass Theme for Windows 8/8.1:

<http://simplexdesignsart.deviantart.com/art/Windows-Aero-478224917>

File:

<http://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=0B883uGPmNY72Sjk3dy1MTzBGVEE>

<http://orig04.deviantart.net/d0d7/f/2015/152/a/3/>

[windows_aero_by_simplexdesignsart-d7wq0ph.zip](http://www.glass8.eu/files/UXThemeSignatureBypass.7z)

Aero_Theme_8.zip required install guide:

1. If your OS is not patched you MUST make it so:

http://uxstyle.com/builds/UxStyle_sep23_x86_x64_possibly_bugged.zip

If the theme does not apply properly, you may need to restart Unsigned Theme

services in Task Manager -> Services tab.

Or Run as Administrator the BATch included in \Required directory/folder.

Copy the theme files to:

C:\Windows\Resources\Themes

2. Aero Glass must be installed to have rounded window borders and to remove fill color behind caption text:

<http://www.glass8.eu/>

Configure Aero Glass GUI:

<http://www.glass8.eu/files/AeroGlassGUI.7z>

There is a Registry file in the

\Required

folder that MUST be merged [(double)-click on the REG file -> click Yes/OK]] to get Windows 7 Glass values.

This tile PNG reverts back to Windows 8 RTM Glow style:

http://www.glass8.eu/themes/win8rtm_glow.png

Aero Custom Theme tile PNG:

<http://www.glass8.eu/themes/theme1.png>

Aero Theme for Windows 8/8.1:

<http://simplexdesignsart.deviantart.com/art/Windows-Aero-536877982/>

<http://web.archive.org/web/20130402051457/http://xxinightxx.deviantart.com/art/Windows-7-Vs-REV-D-350491112/>

File:

<http://drive.google.com/uc?export=download&id=0B883uGPmNY72Sjk3dy1MTzBGVEE>

http://web.archive.org/web/20130402051457/http://www.deviantart.com/download/350491112/windows_7_vs_rev_d_by_xxinightxx-d5so8o8.zip

Windows 8/8.1 Themes:

<http://www.winaero.com/category/windows-8-themes/>

3. In order to make Explorer look the same as in the preview you need to install OldNewExplorer [does NOT work without it!]:

<http://www.msfm.org/board/index.php?showtopic=170375>

MUST select ONLY these options BEFORE you click Install:

- Use command bar instead of Ribbon;
- Show details pane on the bottom;
- Enable glass on navigation bar.

4. To customize Start Menu/Ribbon +/- Start button/icon/logo/orb you need to install Open-Shell [Classic Shell fork] (free, open source):

<http://askleo.com/open-shell-regain-your-start-menu-in-windows-and-much-more/>
Download:

<http://github.com/Open-Shell/Open-Shell-Menu/releases/>

Custom Start button/icon/logo/orb Tutorial:

<http://coddec.github.io/Classic-Shell/www.classicshell.net/tutorials/buttontutorial.html>

450+ Start Buttons/Orbs:

<http://www.deviantart.com/w1ck3dmatt/art/Mega-Orb-Pack-150-start-orbs-259940654/>

Even more Start Buttons/Orbs:

<http://www.door2windows.com/customization/start-buttons/>

5. Restart/reboot Windows for all changes to take effect.

* Create Bootable Windows 8.1 Setup DVDs/USBs:

<http://www.microsoft.com/download/windows-usb-dvd-download-tool/>

<http://wudt.codeplex.com/>

<http://download-codeplex.sec.s-msft.com/Download/Release?>

ProjectName=wudt&DownloadId=96313&FileTime=129048694816630000&Build=21031

<http://support.microsoft.com/help/15088/>

<http://www.techfleece.com/2015/07/08/how-to-create-a-bootable-windows-usb-drive-using-rufus/>

http://www.majorgeeks.com/mg/sortname/usb_tools.html

Media Creation Control (MCC):

<http://web.esd.microsoft.com/W9TPE/0ABA00DD20413FB6425A0D45222C562B/E/mediacreationtool.exe>

* Windows 7 Games for Windows 8/8.1/10/11:

<http://www.winaero.com/blog/get-windows-7-games-for-windows-10/>

Download:

http://www.majorgeeks.com/files/details/windows_7_games_for_windows_10.html

File:

<http://www.winaero.com/download.php?view.1836>

* Turn OFF Start Screen + App/Tiles/Toaster/Lock Screen Notifications + Tweak Boot Screen Colors + Logo:

<http://admx.help/HKLM/SOFTWARE/Policies/Microsoft/Windows/DWM/>

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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\DWM]

"DisableAccentGradient"=dword:0

"DisallowAnimations"=dword:1

"DisallowFlip3d"=dword:0

"DisallowColorizationColorChanges"=dword:0

"DisallowComposition"=dword:0

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\DWM]

"DisableAccentGradient"=dword:0

"DisallowAnimations"=dword:1

"DisallowFlip3d"=dword:0

"DisallowColorizationColorChanges"=dword:0

"DisallowComposition"=dword:0

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer]

"RPEntered"=dword:0

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]

"DontUsePowerShellOnWinX"=dword:1

"ShowInfoTip"=dword:1

"FolderContentsInfoTip"=dword:1

"StartButtonBalloonTip"=dword:1

"EnableBalloonTips"=dword:1

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\StartPage]

"OpenAtLogon"=dword:0

"MonitorOverride"=dword:1

"MakeAllAppsDefault"=dword:0

"GlobalSearchInApps"=dword:0

"DesktopFirst"=dword:0

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\QuietHours]

"QuietHours"=dword:0

"AllowCalls"=dword:0

"EntryTime"=-

"ExitTime"=-

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer]

"RPEntered"=dword:0

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]

"DontUsePowerShellOnWinX"=dword:1

"ShowInfoTip"=dword:1

"FolderContentsInfoTip"=dword:1

"StartButtonBalloonTip"=dword:1

"EnableBalloonTips"=dword:1

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\StartPage]

"OpenAtLogon"=dword:0

"MonitorOverride"=dword:1

"MakeAllAppsDefault"=dword:0

"GlobalSearchInApps"=dword:0

"DesktopFirst"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\QuietHours]
"QuietHours"=dword:0
"AllowCalls"=dword:0
"EntryTime"=-
"ExitTime"=-
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer]
"DisableNotificationCenter"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer]
"DisableNotificationCenter"=dword:1
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer]
"DisableNotificationCenter"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Explorer]
"DisableNotificationCenter"=dword:1
"HideSCAHealth"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Explorer]
"DisableNotificationCenter"=dword:1
"HideSCAHealth"=dword:1
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Explorer]
"DisableNotificationCenter"=dword:1
"HideSCAHealth"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]
"HideSCAHealth"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]
"HideSCAHealth"=dword:1
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]
"HideSCAHealth"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Personalization]
"ForceStartBackground"=dword:14
"PersonalColors_Accent"=dword:14
"PersonalColors_Background"=dword:14
"NoChangingLockScreen"=dword:1
"NoLockScreen"=dword:1
"NoChangingStartMenuBackground"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Skydrive]
"DisableFileSync"=dword:1
"DisableFileSyncNGSC"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Personalization]
"ForceStartBackground"=dword:14
"PersonalColors_Accent"=dword:14
"PersonalColors_Background"=dword:14
"NoChangingLockScreen"=dword:1
"NoLockScreen"=dword:1
"NoChangingStartMenuBackground"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Accent]
"AccentColor"=dword:10
"AccentId"=dword:10
"AccentId_v8.00"=dword:10
"ColorSet_Version3"=dword:10
"DefaultStartColor"=dword:10
"MotionAccentId_v1.00"=dword:10
"SortOption_V1.02"=dword:10
"StartColor"=dword:10
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Accent]
"AccentColor"=dword:10
"AccentId"=dword:10
"AccentId_v8.00"=dword:10
"ColorSet_Version3"=dword:10
"DefaultStartColor"=dword:10
"MotionAccentId_v1.00"=dword:10
"SortOption_V1.02"=dword:10
"StartColor"=dword:10

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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\PushNotifications]
"ToastEnabled"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\PushNotifications]
"ToastEnabled"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows]
"NoNewAppAlert"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows]
"NoNewAppAlert"=dword:1
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* Turn OFF/disable Apps/Tiles, Charms Bar, Corners/Edges, Modern UI (User Interface), Metro UI (User Interface), Start Menu/Screen, Switcher:

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http://admx.help/HKCU/Software/Policies/Microsoft/Windows/EdgeUI/
http://www.winaero.com/blog/how-to-disable-charms-bar-completely-in-windows-8-1/
http://www.winaero.com/blog/how-to-disable-metro-edge-swipes-and-touch-charm-gestures-for-trackpads-touchpads-in-windows-8-1-and-windows-8/
http://www.tenforums.com/tutorials/48507-edge-swipe-screen-enable-disable-windows-10-a.html
http://www.winaero.com/blog/how-to-disable-touchscreen-edge-swipes-in-windows-10/
Skip Metro Suite for Windows 8/8.1:
http://www.winaero.com/skip-metro-suite/
File:
http://www.winaero.com/download.php?view.33
Guide:
http://www.winaero.com/how-to-disable-charms-bar-completely-in-windows-8-1/
Winaero Charms Bar Killer for Windows 8/8.1:
http://www.winaero.com/winaero-charms-bar-killer/
File:
http://www.winaero.com/download.php?view.72
Guide:
http://www.winaero.com/how-to-disable-metro-edge-swipes-and-touch-charm-gestures-for-trackpads-touchpads-in-windows-8-1-and-windows-8/
Metro Killer 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows 8/8.1 disables Metro User Interface, Start Menu/Screen + Charms Bar:
http://www.tordex.com/metrokiller.html
http://www.intowindows.com/how-to-disable-windows-8-1-metro-start-screen/
File:
http://www.tordex.com/download/MetroKiller.exe
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```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\EdgeUI]
"AllowEdgeSwipe"=dword:0
"DisableCharms"=dword:1
"DisableHelpSticker"=dword:1
"DisableMFUTracking"=dword:1
"DisableRecentApps"=dword:1
"TurnOffBackstack"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\EdgeUI]
"AllowEdgeSwipe"=dword:0
"DisableCharms"=dword:1
"DisableHelpSticker"=dword:1
"DisableMFUTracking"=dword:1
"DisableRecentApps"=dword:1
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"TurnOffBackstack"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\ImmersiveShell\
EdgeUI]
"DisableCharmsHint"=dword:1
"DisableTLcorner"=dword:1
"DisableRTcorner"=dword:1
"DisableTRcorner"=dword:1
"DisableLTcorner"=dword:1
"MouseMonitorEscapeSpeed"=dword:1
"DisabledEdges"=dword:0000000f
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Synaptics\SynTPEnh\ZoneConfig\TouchPadPS2_3\Right
Edge Pull]
"LoYRel"="99999"
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\ImmersiveShell\
EdgeUI]
"DisableCharmsHint"=dword:1
"DisableTLcorner"=dword:1
"DisableRTcorner"=dword:1
"DisableTRcorner"=dword:1
"DisableLTcorner"=dword:1
"MouseMonitorEscapeSpeed"=dword:1
"DisabledEdges"=dword:0000000f
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Synaptics\SynTPEnh\ZoneConfig\TouchPadPS2_3\Right
Edge Pull]
"LoYRel"="99999"
;
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* Turn OFF App/Tiles/Toaster/Lock Screen Notifications:

<http://admx.help/HKCU/SOFTWARE/Policies/Microsoft/Windows/CurrentVersion/PushNotifications/>

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REGEDIT4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
PushNotifications]
"NoTileApplicationNotification"=dword:1
"NoToastApplicationNotification"=dword:1
"DisallowNotificationMirroring"=dword:1
"NoCloudApplicationNotification"=dword:1
"NoToastApplicationNotificationOnLockScreen"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
PushNotifications]
"NoTileApplicationNotification"=dword:1
"NoToastApplicationNotification"=dword:1
"DisallowNotificationMirroring"=dword:1
"NoCloudApplicationNotification"=dword:1
"NoToastApplicationNotificationOnLockScreen"=dword:1
;
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* Turn OFF Always-On/Always-Connected (AOAC) + Lock Screen Notifications:

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```
REGEDIT4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\System]
"DisableAOACProcessing"=dword:1
"DisableLockScreenAppNotifications"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\System]
"DisableAOACProcessing"=dword:1
"DisableLockScreenAppNotifications"=dword:1
;
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```

* Turn OFF behind-your-back/forced/hidden/unwanted/without your approval/consent/knowledge/permission GWX (Get Windows 10!)
app(lication)/program:

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REGEDIT4
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\GWX]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\ms-gwx]
[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Classes\GWX]
[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Classes\ms-gwx]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\Setup\GWX]
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
ApplicationAssociationToasts]
"GWX_ms-gwx"=-
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
ApplicationAssociationToasts]
"GWX_ms-gwx"=-
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Image File
Execution Options\GWX.EXE]
"Debugger"="SYSTRAY.EXE"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Gwx]
"DisableGwx"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Gwx]
"DisableGwx"=dword:1
;
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MDGx "Win10/11 Block Tools (10_BLOCK)" in 10_BLOCK.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#10BLK>
MDGx 10_BLOCK ReadMe:
http://www.mdgx.com/10BLK/10_BLOCK.php

* Replace annoying, crippled, limited Windows 8/8.1/10/11 Task Manager [%WinDir%\SYSTEM32\TaskMgr.exe] with Classic Task

Manager (TM) Windows 7 style:

Classic Task Manager (TM) (TaskMgr.exe) Windows 7 style 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows 8/8.1/10/11:

<http://www.winaero.com/how-to-restore-the-good-old-task-manager-in-windows-8/>
Classic TM for Windows 8/8.1:

http://win7games.com/download/tm_cfg_win8_win10.zip

Install Classic Task Manager (TM.EXE + its files) into a new directory/folder called C:\TASKMAN7 (example).

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REGEDIT4

; Optional: "Debugger" registry value linked to %WinDir%\SYSTEM32\TaskMgr.exe disables Microsoft built-in TaskMgr.exe and replaces it with Classic Task Manager executable (see above); open this registry file in Notepad -> remove semicolons [;] from the front of next 2 lines -> save file

; with original extension [.reg] -> re-run this registry file:

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Image File Execution Options\taskmgr.exe]

"Debugger"="C:\\TASKMAN7\\TM.EXE"

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\Directory\Background\shell\clstaskman]

@="Classic Task Manager"

"SuppressionPolicy"=dword:0

"Icon"="C:\\TASKMAN7\\TM.EXE,0"

"NoWorkingDirectory"=""

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\Directory\Background\shell\clstaskman\command]

@="C:\\TASKMAN7\\TM.EXE"

"IsolatedCommand"=-

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\DesktopBackground\shell\clstaskman]

@="Classic Task Manager"

"SuppressionPolicy"=dword:0

"Icon"="C:\\TASKMAN7\\TM.EXE,0"

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\DesktopBackground\shell\clstaskman\command]

@="C:\\TASKMAN7\\TM.EXE"

"IsolatedCommand"=-

;

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7. From now on right-click on an empty Desktop spot -> click Classic Task Manager.

8. Optional: have Windows load TM.EXE automatically every time it starts (example using same directory/folder above):

- Under the (local) system/machine wide/all users Run registry key (HKLM):

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REGEDIT4

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run]

"TM8"="C:\\TASKMAN7\\TM.EXE"

;

-----End cut & paste here-----

- OR under the current (logged on) user Run registry key (HKCU):

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REGEDIT4

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run]

"TM8"="C:\\TASKMAN7\\TM.EXE"

;

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* Turn OFF all Microsoft Feeds/RSS + notifications/Sync/updates

apps/features/functions running in the background

behind-your-back/disguised/forced/harmful/hidden/intrusive/invasive/subversive/unwanted/without your

approval/consent/knowledge/permission, unauthorized, and installed

automatically/unattended by the Windows OS

[%WinDir%\SYSTEM32\msfeed*.dll, %WinDir%\SYSTEM32\msfeed*.exe], MS Office, MS

Outlook software in Windows 8/newer:

<http://admx.help/HKCU/Software/Policies/Microsoft/Internet%20Explorer/Feeds/>

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REGEDIT4

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Feeds]
"AllowBasicAuthInClear"=dword:0
"BackgroundSyncStatus"=dword:0
"DisableAddRemove"=dword:0
"DisableEnclosureDownload"=dword:0
"DisableFeedPane"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Feeds]
"SyncTask"=-
"SyncStatus"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Feeds]
"TurnOffOPV"=dword:1
"AutoMarkAsReadOPV"=dword:0
"TurnOnClipButton"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Office\12.0\Outlook\Options\RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Office\14.0\Outlook\Options\RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Office\15.0\Outlook\Options\RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Office\16.0\Outlook\Options\RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Feeds]
"AllowBasicAuthInClear"=dword:0
"BackgroundSyncStatus"=dword:0
"DisableAddRemove"=dword:0
"DisableEnclosureDownload"=dword:0
"DisableFeedPane"=dword:1
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Feeds]
"AllowBasicAuthInClear"=dword:0
"BackgroundSyncStatus"=dword:0
"DisableAddRemove"=dword:0
"DisableEnclosureDownload"=dword:0
"DisableFeedPane"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Feeds]
"SyncTask"=-
"SyncStatus"=dword:0
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Feeds]
"SyncTask"=-
"SyncStatus"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Feeds]
"TurnOffOPV"=dword:1
"AutoMarkAsReadOPV"=dword:0
"TurnOnClipButton"=dword:0
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Feeds]
"TurnOffOPV"=dword:1
"AutoMarkAsReadOPV"=dword:0
"TurnOnClipButton"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\12.0\Outlook\Options\RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\14.0\Outlook\Options\RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\15.0\Outlook\Options\RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\16.0\Outlook\Options\RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
```

```
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\12.0\Outlook\Options\
RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\14.0\Outlook\Options\
RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\15.0\Outlook\Options\
RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\16.0\Outlook\Options\
RSS]
"SyncToSysCFL"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Biometrics]
"Enabled"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Biometrics]
"Enabled"=dword:0
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Biometrics]
"Enabled"=dword:0
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* Turn OFF/remove File Launch Block List(s) + Association Toast(s):

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[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\AppModel\
FileLaunchElevationBlockList]
[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\AppModel\
FileLaunchElevationBlockList]
[-HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\AppModel\
FileLaunchElevationBlockList]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
ApplicationAssociationToasts]
[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
ApplicationAssociationToasts]
[-HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
ApplicationAssociationToasts]
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```

* Turn OFF Telemetry, Data collect/log, "customer experience", unwanted

"offers", Wi-Fi Sense, AutoUpdate, Defender, Office,

Diagnostics log/report, reinstall/uninstall undesired/spyware Windows Updates (WU):

<http://www.ghacks.net/2017/02/11/blocking-telemetry-in-windows-7-and-8-1/>

<http://www.winaero.com/blog/disable-defender-windows-10-fall-creators-update/>

<http://www.helpdeskgeek.com/windows-10/how-to-disable-windows-10-telemetry/>

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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main]
"DoNotTrack"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main]
"DoNotTrack"=dword:1
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main]
"DoNotTrack"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\WMI\AutoLogger]
"AutoLogger-Diagtrack-Listener"=-
"SQLLogger"=-
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{088e3905-0323-4b02-9826-5d99428e115f}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{1CF1260C-4DD0-4ebb-811F-33C572699FDE}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{24ad3ad4-a569-4530-98e1-ab02f9417aa8}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{374DE290-123F-4565-9164-39C4925E467B}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{3ADD1653-EB32-4cb0-BBD7-DFA0ABB5ACCA}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{3dfdf296-dbec-4fb4-81d1-6a3438bcf4de}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{A0953C92-50DC-43bf-BE83-3742FED03C9C}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{A8CDFF1C-4878-43be-B5FD-F8091C1C60D0}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{B4BFCC3A-DB2C-424C-B029-7FE99A87C641}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{d3162b92-9365-467a-956b-92703aca08af}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\
MyComputer\NameSpace\{f86fa3ab-70d2-4fc7-9c99-fcbf05467f3a}]
; OneDrive Sync Host service:
; http://www.tenforums.com/general-support/68584-someone-explain-what-these-
services.html#post857367
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\OneSyncSvc]
"Start"=dword:4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\OneSyncSvc_Session1]
"Start"=dword:4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\
DataCollection]
"Allow Telemetry"=dword:0
"AllowTelemetry"=dword:0
"DisableDeviceDelete"=-
"MaxTelemetryAllowed"=-
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\DataCollection]
"Allow Telemetry"=dword:0
"AllowTelemetry"=dword:0
"DisableDeviceDelete"=-
"MaxTelemetryAllowed"=-
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\MRT]
"DontOfferThroughWUAI"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\SQLMClient\Windows]
"CEIPEnable"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\AppCompat]
"AITEnable"=dword:0
"DisableUAR"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\WcmSvc\WifiNetworkManager]
"WifiSenseCredShared"=dword:0
"WifiSenseOpen"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows Defender\SpyNet]
"SpyNetReporting"=dword:0
"SubmitSamplesConsent"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\15.0\OSM]
"EnableLogging"=dword:0
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"EnableFileObfuscation"=dword:1
"EnableUpload"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Office\16.0\OSM]
"EnableLogging"=dword:0
"EnableFileObfuscation"=dword:1
"EnableUpload"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\ScriptedDiagnosticsProvider\Policy]
"EnableQueryRemoteServer"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\ScriptedDiagnosticsProvider\Policy]
"EnableQueryRemoteServer"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]
"LaunchTo"=dword:1
"HideFileExt"=dword:0
"Hidden"=dword:1
"ShowSuperHidden"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced]
"LaunchTo"=dword:1
"HideFileExt"=dword:0
"Hidden"=dword:1
"ShowSuperHidden"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\DriverSearching]
"DontSearchWindowsUpdate"=dword:1
"SearchOrderConfig"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\DriverSearching]
"DontSearchWindowsUpdate"=dword:1
"SearchOrderConfig"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Device Metadata]
"PreventDeviceMetadataFromNetwork"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Device Metadata]
"PreventDeviceMetadataFromNetwork"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Geolocation]
"BlockAllWebsites"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Geolocation]
"BlockAllWebsites"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\StartupNotify]
"EnableStartupAppNotification"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\StartupNotify]
"EnableStartupAppNotification"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Download]
"CheckExeSignatures"="no"
"RunInvalidSignatures"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Download]
"CheckExeSignatures"="no"
"RunInvalidSignatures"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Security]
"DisableSecuritySettingsCheck"=dword:1
"DisableFixSecuritySettings"=dword:1
"DisableSecuritySettings"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Security]
"DisableSecuritySettingsCheck"=dword:1
"DisableFixSecuritySettings"=dword:1
"DisableSecuritySettings"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Security]
"DisableSecuritySettingsCheck"=dword:1
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"DisableSecuritySettings"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Security]
"DisableSecuritySettingsCheck"=dword:1
"DisableFixSecuritySettings"=dword:1
"DisableSecuritySettings"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender]
"DisableAntiSpyware"=dword:1

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Real-Time Protection]
"DisableBehaviorMonitoring"=dword:1
"DisableOnAccessProtection"=dword:1
"DisableScanOnRealtimeEnable"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender Security Center\Systray]
"HideSystray"=dword:1
;
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* Turn ON always display full details in Explorer/Desktop/Start Menu Copy/Move/Delete dialog boxes in Windows 8/8.1/10/11:
<http://www.winaero.com/blog/windows-8-1-always-show-more-details-in-copy-dialog-of-file-explorer/>

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```
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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\OperationStatusManager]
"EnthusiastMode"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\OperationStatusManager]
"EnthusiastMode"=dword:1
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\OperationStatusManager]
"EnthusiastMode"=dword:1
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* Turn OFF crippled right-click context menus 15 files limit (example: increase to 999999) in Windows 8/8.1:
<http://support.microsoft.com/help/2022295/>

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```
REGEDIT4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer]
"MultipleInvokePromptMinimum"=dword:000f423f
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer]
"MultipleInvokePromptMinimum"=dword:000f423f
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer]
"MultipleInvokePromptMinimum"=dword:000f423f
;
```

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* Turn OFF Windows Updates (WU) + related Registry settings in Windows 7/8/8.1:
<http://support.microsoft.com/help/328010/>
<http://github.com/vFense/vFenseAgent-win/wiki/Registry-keys-for-configuring-Automatic-Updates-&-WSUS>
<http://www.smallvoid.com/article/winnt-automatic-updates-config.html>

Windows Updates (WU) logs in Windows 8/8.1/10/11:

<http://learn.microsoft.com/windows/deployment/update/windows-update-logs/>
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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate]

"DisableWindowsUpdateAccess"=dword:1

"ElevateNonAdmins"=dword:1

"DisableOSUpgrade"=dword:1

"WUSever"="0.0.0.0"

"WUStatusSever"="0.0.0.0"

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\WindowsUpdate\AU]

"AutoInstallMinorUpdates"=dword:0

"NoAutoUpdate"=dword:1

"NoAutoRebootWithLoggedOnUsers"=dword:1

"NoAUAsDefaultShutdownOption"=dword:1

"RebootRelaunchTimeout"=dword:3

"RebootRelaunchTimeoutEnabled"=dword:1

"UseWUSever"=dword:1

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\WindowsUpdate]

"DisableWindowsUpdateAccess"=dword:1

"ElevateNonAdmins"=dword:1

"DisableOSUpgrade"=dword:1

"WUSever"="0.0.0.0"

"WUStatusSever"="0.0.0.0"

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\WindowsUpdate\AU]

"AutoInstallMinorUpdates"=dword:0

"NoAutoUpdate"=dword:1

"NoAutoRebootWithLoggedOnUsers"=dword:1

"NoAUAsDefaultShutdownOption"=dword:1

"RebootRelaunchTimeout"=dword:3

"RebootRelaunchTimeoutEnabled"=dword:1

"UseWUSever"=dword:1

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\WindowsUpdate\AutoUpdate]

"NextSqMReportTime"="0"

"NextFeaturedUpdatesNotificationTime"="0"

"EnableFeaturedSoftware"=dword:0

"FeaturedUpdatesNotificationSeqNum"=dword:0

"FeaturedUpdatesNotificationSeqNumGenTime"="0"

"SetupWizardLaunchTime"="0"

"ForcedReboot"=dword:0

"AUOptions"=dword:1

"ConfigVer"=dword:1

"BalloonTime"="0"

"ScheduledInstallDay"=dword:0

"ScheduledInstallTime"=dword:0

"IncludeRecommendedUpdates"=dword:0

"NextDetectionTime"="0"

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]

"NoWindowsUpdate"=dword:1

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]

"NoWindowsUpdate"=dword:1

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\WindowsUpdate\OSUpgrade]

```
"AllowOSUpgrade"=dword:0
"ReservationsAllowed"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\WindowsUpdate\
OSUpgrade\State]
"OSUpgradeState"=dword:1
"OSUpgradeStateTimeStamp"="2015-05-05 05:05:05"
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main]
"EnableAutoUpgrade"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main]
"EnableAutoUpgrade"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Media Player]
"DisableAutoUpdate"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Infodelivery\
Restrictions]
"NoUpdateCheck"=dword:1
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```

* Turn OFF Windows Anytime Upgrade (WAU):

<http://admx.help/?>

Category=Windows_7_2008R2&Policy=Microsoft.Policies.Explorer.WAU::Disabled

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windows_Anytime_Upgrade

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```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer\
WAU]
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```
"Disabled"=dword:1
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```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer\
WAU]
```

```
"Disabled"=dword:1
```

```
[HKEY_USERS\DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\
Explorer\WAU]
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"Disabled"=dword:1
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;
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* Turn OFF OneDrive/SkyDrive/Live, Sync service [OneSyncSvc] + correspondent directories/folders:

<http://www.howtogeek.com/167058/how-to-disable-skydrive-integration-in-windows-8.1/>

<http://superuser.com/questions/694571/>

<http://www.tenforums.com/tutorials/4818-add-remove-onedrive-navigation-pane-windows-10-a-8.html>

<http://www.howtogeek.com/225973/how-to-disable-onedrive-and-remove-it-from-file-explorer-on-windows-10/>

<http://www.techjourney.net/disable-or-uninstall-onedrive-completely-in-windows-10/>

<http://www.pureinfotech.com/disable-onedrive-windows-10/>

<http://www.minitool.com/backup-tips/how-to-disable-onedrive.html>

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; OneDrive Sync Host service:

; <http://www.tenforums.com/general-support/68584-someone-explain-what-these-services.html#post857367>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\OneSyncSvc]

"Start"=dword:4

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\OneSyncSvc_Session1]

"Start"=dword:4

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\OneDrive]

"DisableFileSync"=dword:1

"DisableFileSyncNGSC"=dword:1

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\Skydrive]

"DisableFileSync"=dword:1

"DisableFileSyncNGSC"=dword:1

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{018D5C66-4533-4307-9B53-224DE2ED1FE6}]

"System.IsPinnedToNameSpaceTree"=dword:0

; WOW6432Node registry subkey exists only in Windows NTx 64-bit (x64):

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Wow6432Node\CLSID\{018D5C66-4533-4307-9B53-224DE2ED1FE6}]

"System.IsPinnedToNameSpaceTree"=dword:0

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Classes\CLSID\{018D5C66-4533-4307-9B53-224DE2ED1FE6}]

"System.IsPinnedToNameSpaceTree"=dword:0

[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Classes\CLSID\{018D5C66-4533-4307-9B53-224DE2ED1FE6}]

"System.IsPinnedToNameSpaceTree"=dword:0

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\OneDrive]

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SkyDrive]

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{A81329B7-5AAB-46cb-A70D-2CDBE5FF5B55}]

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\OSSyncStatusProviders\{A81329B7-5AAB-46cb-A70D-2CDBE5FF5B55}]

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[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\OSSyncStatusProviders\{A81329B7-5AAB-46cb-A70D-2CDBE5FF5B55}]

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Desktop\NameSpace\{8E74D236-7F35-4720-B138-1FED0B85EA75}]

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\HideDesktopIcons\NewStartPanel]

"{8E74D236-7F35-4720-B138-1FED0B85EA75}"=dword:1

[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\HideDesktopIcons\NewStartPanel]

"{8E74D236-7F35-4720-B138-1FED0B85EA75}"=dword:1

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\HideDesktopIcons\NewStartPanel]

"{8E74D236-7F35-4720-B138-1FED0B85EA75}"=dword:1

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{8E74D236-7F35-4720-B138-1FED0B85EA75}]

[-HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\CLSID\{8E74D236-7F35-4720-B138-1FED0B85EA75}]

[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\CLSID\{8E74D236-7F35-4720-B138-1FED0B85EA75}]

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{24D89E24-2F19-4534-9DDE-6A6671FBB8FE}]

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{339719B5-8C47-4894-94C2-D8F77ADD44A6}]

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{767E6811-49CB-4273-87C2-20F355E1085B}]

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FolderDescriptions\{C3F2459E-80D6-45DC-BFEF-1F769F2BE730}]

[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SettingSync\WindowsSettingHandlers\SkyDriveRamps]

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[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SettingSync\
WindowsSettingHandlers\SkyDriveSettings]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\AppID\SkyDrive.EXE]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{2decda10-f265-4b42-9f2a-
4c8bf8c0081d}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{78DE489B-7931-4f14-83B4-
C56D38AC9FFA}]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\SkyDriveClient.SkyDriveClient]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\SkyDriveClient.SkyDriveClient.1]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\TypeLib\{85a81b5c-b3d8-4696-bdf5-
2fe3256ed031}]
[-HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SettingSync\
SyncData\Namespace\windows\skydriveramps]
[-HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SettingSync\
SyncData\Namespace\windows\skydrivesettings]
[-HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Onedrive]
[-HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Skydrive]
[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SettingSync\
SyncData\Namespace\windows\skydriveramps]
[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\SettingSync\
SyncData\Namespace\windows\skydrivesettings]
[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Onedrive]
[-HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Skydrive]
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7. Uninstall OneDrive/SkyDrive/Live Folders (service names may differ): right-click CMD shortcut/CMD.EXE -> Run as

Administrator -> run these commands -> press Enter after each line:

```

TASKKILL.EXE /F /IM OneDrive.exe
SC.EXE CONFIG OneSyncSvc START= disabled
ECHO Y|NET.EXE STOP OneSyncSvc
SC.EXE CONFIG OneSyncSvc_Session1 START= disabled
ECHO Y|NET.EXE STOP OneSyncSvc_Session1

```

If using Windows NTx OS 64-bit (x64) run this command:

```
C:\WINDOWS\SysWOW64\OneDriveSetup.exe /uninstall
```

If using Windows NTx OS 32-bit (x86) run this command:

```
C:\WINDOWS\System32\OneDriveSetup.exe /uninstall
```

8. Restart/reboot Windows for all changes to take effect.

* Turn OFF File History:

<http://www.eightforums.com/threads/file-history-enable-or-disable-in-windows-8.7706/>

<http://www.makeuseof.com/windows-file-history-guide/>

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<http://www.mdgx.com/toy.htm#TXT>

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REGEDIT4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\FileHistory]
"Disabled"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\FileHistory]
"Disabled"=dword:1
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\FileHistory]
"Disabled"=dword:1
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* Turn OFF annoying, bloat, forced, dangerous, resource consuming, spyware, insecure, unsafe, unwanted services in Windows

8/8.1:

1st Things 1st:

BACKUP YOUR REGISTRY BEFORE MAKING ANY CHANGES! -> See "BACKUP/EXPORT + RESTORE/IMPORT REGISTRY/REGISTRY KEY(S)" in WINDOWS7.TXT (included):

<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php#:~:text=BACKUP%2FEXPORT%20%2B%20RESTORE%2FIMPORT%20REGISTRY%2FREGISTRY%20KEY%28S%29%20%21>

Get familiar with Windows 8 + 8.1 Services:

- Windows 8.1 Services Configuration:

<http://www.blackviper.com/service-configurations/black-vipers-windows-8-1-service-configurations/>

- Windows 8 Services Configuration:

<http://www.blackviper.com/service-configurations/black-vipers-windows-8-service-configurations/>

- Windows 8/8.1 Services:

<http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/>

- Windows 8/8.1 Service Defaults:

<http://revertservice.com/8/>

- Wikipedia: List of Windows Services:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Microsoft_Windows_components#Services

- MDGx "Tweak Windows 10/11 Services" chapter in WIN10.TXT (included):

<http://www.mdgx.com/10.php>

<http://www.mdgx.com/WIN10.TXT>

- MDGx "Tweak Windows 7/7 SP1 Services" chapter in WINDOWS7.TXT (included):

<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>

<http://www.mdgx.com/WINDOWS7.TXT>

View/start/stop/disable, set to disabled/manual/automatic Windows Services ->

Start button/icon/logo/menu/orb -> Run...

[hold WinKey + press R] -> type:

services.msc

-> click OK or press Enter -> test + tweak each service by hand individually or in pairs/batches (if interdependent) *only*

after learning about them -> see links above.

Services that refuse to be disabled or to have their status changed from within SERVICES.MSC can be disabled/(re)enabled

using RegEdit:

right-click RegEdit (%WinDir%\REGEDIT.EXE) [%WinDir% = usually C:\WINDOWS] or its shortcut/link -> Run as Administrator ->

go to this registry key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services

Click left hand pane desired service name registry key [example: Dnscache] ->

double-click right hand pane

"Start" DWORD [REG_DWORD] registry value -> change its numeric value to 4 [which means Disabled] -> press OK -> exit

RegEdit.

IMPORTANT:

- Your needs and custom hardware/software configurations for specific services may be different depending on what you do with your computer(s)/portable(s)/device(s), and/or what hardware/software you are using.

- Make sure to review carefully each service documentation, and most importantly each service "Dependencies" tab (example)

<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Windows-10-Service-Dependencies.png>

as shown in SERVICES.MSC *before* disabling them -> see links above.

Right-click on SERVICES.HTA (included), also available at:

<http://www.mdgx.com/SERVICES.HTA>

-> Run as Administrator [opens in Internet Explorer (IE)] -> scroll down the list -> tweak available services: Automatic,

Manual (Demand) or Disabled -> click "Save Changes" button.

Also: click "View SERV_LOG.TXT" button -> double-click on SERV_LOG.TXT (opens in Notepad) for a list of running services.

HTML Application (HTA):

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTML_Application

SERVICES.HTA based on JSWare XPFix XPFixServ.hta script:

<http://www.jsware.net/jsware/xpfix.php5>

XPFix (freeware):

<http://www.jsware.net/jsware/zips/fixpack.zip>

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; Internet Explorer Event Tracing for Windows (ETW) Collector service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/ieetwcollectorservice/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\IEEtwCollectorService]

"Start"=dword:4

; Network Connection Broker service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/ncbservice/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\NcbService]

"Start"=dword:4

; Windows Search service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/wsearch/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WSearch]

"Start"=dword:4

; DNS Client service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/7/services/dnscache/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\DNSCache]

"Start"=dword:4

; Windows Update service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/7/services/wuau serv/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\wuau serv]

"Start"=dword:4

; Optimize (Defrag) drives service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/defragsvc/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\defragsvc]

"Start"=dword:4

; Windows Defender Boot Driver service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/wdboot/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdBoot]

"Start"=dword:4

; Windows Defender Mini-Filter Driver service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/wdfilter/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdFilter]

"Start"=dword:4

; Microsoft (Windows) Defender Antivirus Network Inspection driver:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/wdnisdrv/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdNisDrv]

"Start"=dword:4

; Microsoft (Windows) Defender Antivirus Network Inspection service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/wdnissvc/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WdNisSvc]

"Start"=dword:4

; Microsoft (Windows) Defender service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/windefend/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WinDefend]

"Start"=dword:4

; Remote Registry service:

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/remoteregistry/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\RemoteRegistry]

"Start"=dword:4

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; Adobe Flash Player Feedback service:
; http://www.shouldiremoveit.com/Adobe-Flash-Player-22-NPAPI-175888-program.aspx
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\
AdobeFlashPlayerFeedbackSvc]
"Start"=dword:4
; Function Discovery Provider Host service:
; http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/fdphost/
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\fdPHost]
"Start"=dword:4
; Function Discovery Resource Publication service:
; http://batcmd.com/windows/7/services/fdrespub/
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\FDResPub]
"Start"=dword:4
; HomeGroup Listener service:
; http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/homegrouplistener/
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\HomeGroupListener]
"Start"=dword:4
; HomeGroup Provider service:
; http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/homegroupprovider/
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\HomeGroupProvider]
"Start"=dword:4
; Family Safety service:
; http://batcmd.com/windows/8/services/wpcsvc/
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WPCSvc]
"Start"=dword:4
; Windows Security service:
; http://batcmd.com/windows/10/services/securityhealthservice/
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\SecurityHealthService]
"Start"=dword:4
; OneDrive Sync Host service:
; http://www.tenforums.com/general-support/68584-someone-explain-what-these-
services.html#post857367
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\OneSyncSvc]
"Start"=dword:4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\OneSyncSvc_Session1]
"Start"=dword:4
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MDGx "Windows NTx Services tweaking tools [free(ware)]" -> "SERVICES" topic in
TOOLS.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/tools.php>
<http://www.mdgx.com/TOOLS.TXT>

* Turn OFF Internet Explorer (IE) + (E-)Mail/Attachments Notifications +
Restrictions:

<http://gist.github.com/prashanthrajagopal/bce210ba9dc84383ad2c/>

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REGEDIT4
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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\
Attachments]
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"ScanWithAntiVirus"=dword:1
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"SaveZoneInformation"=dword:1
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"HideZoneInfoOnProperties"=dword:0
```

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[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\
Attachments]
```

```
"ScanWithAntiVirus"=dword:1
```

```
"SaveZoneInformation"=dword:1
"HideZoneInfoOnProperties"=dword:0
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Security Center\Svc]
"AntiVirusDisableNotify"=dword:1
"FirewallDisableNotify"=dword:1
"UpdatesDisableNotify"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Security Center\Svc]
"AntiVirusDisableNotify"=dword:1
"FirewallDisableNotify"=dword:1
"UpdatesDisableNotify"=dword:1
;
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Recommended independent/3rd party free, open source, safe, secure, uncrippled, unlocked, unrestricted, modern web browsers

(examples):

<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#NET>

MDGx "Free(ware) Windows 9x/NTx Web Browsers" chapter -> "Chromium + Chrome web browsers [free(ware)]" section ->

"Chromium + Chrome" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT (included):

<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#CHR>

RECOMMENDED:

- Chromium Precompiled EXEutable [Installer EXE + Portable Archives ZIP/7z] 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows XP/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64):

<http://chromium.woolyss.com/>

Degoogled/Ungoogled/stripped of Google ad(ware)/spyware/surveillance/tracking code Chromium builds [clearly labeled]:

<http://github.com/ungoogled-software/ungoogled-chromium/blob/master/README.md>

<http://ungoogled-software.github.io/ungoogled-chromium-wiki/faq>

Ungoogled Chromium precompiled binaries 32-bit + 64-bit for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) [75-125 MB,

Installer ONLY EXE + Portable ZIP, NEWest at the top]:

<http://ungoogled-software.github.io/ungoogled-chromium-binaries/>

Ungoogled Chromium 64-bit for Windows 7/newer 64-bit (x64):

<http://ungoogled-software.github.io/ungoogled-chromium-binaries/releases/windows/64bit/>

Ungoogled Chromium 32-bit for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86):

<http://ungoogled-software.github.io/ungoogled-chromium-binaries/releases/windows/32bit/>

- Brave 32-bit + 64-bit web browser for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) based on Chromium code [fork] with

improved privacy, safety + security and optimized speed:

<http://brave.com/>

Brave Repository:

<http://github.com/brave/brave-browser/>

Download [ZIP = full, Portable]:

<http://github.com/brave/brave-browser/releases/latest/>

- Vivaldi 32-bit + 64-bit web browser for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) based on Chromium code [fork] with

enhanced privacy, safety + security:

<http://vivaldi.com/>

Download [EXE = Installer ONLY]:

<http://vivaldi.com/download/>

Vivaldi Portable -> run Installer EXE -> Install standalone:

<http://help.vivaldi.com/desktop/install-update/standalone-version-of-vivaldi/>

- Thorium 32-bit + 64-bit web browsers for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) based on Chromium code [fork]

hardware 3D, rendering + video playback optimized:

<http://thorium.rocks/>

Download [ZIP = full, Portable]:

Thorium AVX2 64-bit for Windows 10/newer 64-bit (x64):

<http://github.com/Alex313031/Thorium-Win/releases/latest/>

Thorium AVX 64-bit for Windows 10/newer 64-bit (x64):

<http://github.com/Alex313031/Thorium-Win/releases/latest/>

Thorium SS3 64-bit for Windows 10/newer 64-bit (x64):
<http://github.com/Alex313031/Thorium-SSE3/releases/latest/>
Thorium SSE2 (Win32) 32-bit edition for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + Thorium SSE3, SSE4, AVX + AVX2 64-bit editions for Windows 7/newer 64-bit (x64):
<http://github.com/Alex313031/thorium-win7/releases/latest/>
Thorium Requirements:
- Multicore CPU: minimum Intel Core 2nd gen or AMD FX with built-in SSE4 (Streaming SIMD Extensions 4),
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SSE4>
AVX (Advanced Vector Extensions)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Vector_Extensions
+ AES (Advanced Encryption Standard)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Encryption_Standard
enhancements/multimedia extensions/instructions.
- Graphics video controller with 3D rendering + OpenGL capabilities.
Required Windows 7 64-bit (x64) Updates for Thorium 64-bit web browser enhanced hardware + software compatibility/support:
<http://thorium.rocks/win7>
- Windows 7 SP1/2008 R2 64-bit (x64) Servicing Stack Update 2019 KB4490628:
<http://support.microsoft.com/help/4490628/>
Download:
<http://catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=4490628+x64>
- Windows 7 SP1/2008 R2 64-bit (x64) SHA-2 Code Signing Support Update 2019 KB4474419:
<http://support.microsoft.com/help/4474419/>
Download:
<http://catalog.update.microsoft.com/search.aspx?q=4474419+x64>
- Supermium 32-bit + 64-bit web browsers for Windows 7/newer 32-bit (x86) + 64-bit (x64) based on Chromium code [fork] optimized for speed + performance:
<http://www.win32subsystem.live/supermium.html>
Download [EXE = full, Installer +/- ZIP = full, Portable]:
<http://github.com/win32ss/supermium/releases/latest/>
- X-Chromium (X-Launcher) Portable launcher:
<http://www.winpenpack.com/en/download.php?view.1082>
Download [EXE = Installer, full]:
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/winpenpack/files/X-Chromium/releases/>
Either install Chromium precompiled stable releases 32-bit or 64-bit:
<http://chromium.woolyss.com/>
or extract all files from portable archive [zip or 7z] + copy to the destination of your choice Chromium portable stable releases 32-bit or 64-bit to match the Windows NTx [7/newer] operating system(s) [OS(es)]
build/edition/release/update/version + bit strength [32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64)] you are using.
All Chromium + Chrome alternatives/derivatives/forks/variants users must have these 3 environment variables:
GOOGLE_API_KEY=NO
GOOGLE_DEFAULT_CLIENT_ID=NO
GOOGLE_DEFAULT_CLIENT_SECRET=NO
Right-click CMD shortcut/CMD.EXE -> Run as Administrator -> run these commands -> press Enter after each line:
SETX.EXE GOOGLE_API_KEY "NO" /M
SETX.EXE GOOGLE_DEFAULT_CLIENT_ID "NO" /M
SETX.EXE GOOGLE_DEFAULT_CLIENT_SECRET "NO" /M
Google API Keys:
<http://chromium.woolyss.com/#google-api-keys>
<http://www.chromium.org/developers/how-tos/api-keys/>
MDGx "@ Chromium/Chrome/Brave/X-Chromium/Thorium/Vivaldi/Supermium Privacy, Safety + Security Settings, Extensions, Guides + Solutions:" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#PRV>
MDGx collection of essential + useful Chromium/Chrome extensions + tweaks ->

"CHROMIUM" section in TOOLS.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/tools.php#:~:text=CHROMIUM%20%5B%2A%5D>
<http://www.mdgx.com/TOOLS.TXT>
Make Chromium/Chrome or alternative/derivative/fork/variant your default web browser in Windows 8/8.1:
<http://www.solveyourtech.com/set-google-chrome-as-the-default-browser-in-windows-8/>
Make Firefox or alternative/derivative/fork/variant your default web browser in Windows 8/8.1:
<http://support.mozilla.org/kb/setting-firefox-default-browser-does-not-work/>

* Delete annoying, dangerous, spyware, undesired + unnecessary "Run" upon every (re)boot/(re)start/logon EXEcutable [.exe] entries from the registry (examples):

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REGEDIT4

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run]

"ConnectionCenter"=-

"CitrixReceiver"=-

"SunJavaUpdateSched"=-

"FlashPlayerUpdate"=-

"FLxHCIm64"=-

"FLxHCIm"=-

"CTxfiHlp"=-

"IAStorIcon"=-

"WinZip Quick Pick"=-

"nostgo"=-

"DBPrompt"=-

"ShadowPlay"=-

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Run]

"ConnectionCenter"=-

"CitrixReceiver"=-

"SunJavaUpdateSched"=-

"FlashPlayerUpdate"=-

"FLxHCIm64"=-

"FLxHCIm"=-

"CTxfiHlp"=-

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* Turn OFF Desktop, Explorer, Interface, Shell + Windows annoyances built-in/default/preset in the Registry:

MenuShowDelay:

<http://www.mdgx.com/last3.htm#MENUDELAY>

TileWallpaper:

<http://www.mdgx.com/98-1.htm#STRETCH>

CursorBlinkRate:

<http://www.mdgx.com/last3.htm#BLINK>

NoAutoReturnToWelcome:

<http://sourceforge.net/p/unattended/mailman/message/32062919/>

WindowArrangementActive:

<http://www.tenforums.com/tutorials/4343-turn-off-snap-windows-windows-10-a.html>

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REGEDIT4

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\Desktop]

"MenuShowDelay"="0"

"TileWallpaper"="0"

"CursorBlinkRate"="-1"

"NoAutoReturnToWelcome"="1"

"WindowArrangementActive"="0"

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* Turn OFF Live/Metro/Screen/Start/Tile (Store) apps services: Apps deployment [AppXSvc], Windows Store [WSService] + Windows Virtual Store [WVS]:

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; Windows Virtual Store (WVS):

; <http://www.thewindowsclub.com/turn-off-windows-store-application/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\WindowsStore]

"RemoveWindowsStore"=dword:1

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\WindowsStore]

"RemoveWindowsStore"=dword:1

; Windows Store service (WSService):

; <http://batcmd.com/windows/8/wsservice/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\WSService]

"Start"=dword:4

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\WSService]

"Start"=dword:4

; Apps deployment service (AppXSvc):

; <http://www.blackviper.com/windows-services/appx-deployment-service-appxsvc/>

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\AppXSvc]

"Start"=dword:4

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Services\AppXSvc]

"Start"=dword:4

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* Turn OFF Windows NTx Structured Exception Handling Overwrite Protection (SEHOP) EXEcutables feature [example using File Manager (FM) = WINFILE.EXE]:
<http://support.microsoft.com/help/956607/>
MDGx "Tweaked + Customized File Manager (FM) 32-bit" topic in SOFTWARE.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#FMNT>
Microsoft open source original File Manager (FM) 32-bit + 64-bit:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#FMMS>
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REGEDIT4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Image File Execution Options\WINFILE.EXE]
"DisableExceptionChainValidation"=dword:1
"DisableUserCodeCallbackFilter"=dword:1
"Heap Tracing Enabled"=dword:0
"CritSecTracingEnabled"=dword:0
"Debugger"=-
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* Turn OFF Apps Advertising ID for so-called "relevant" ad(vertisement)s + "recommended" promo(tion)s:
<http://www.tenforums.com/tutorials/76453-advertising-id-relevant-ads-enable-disable-windows-10-a.html>

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REGEDIT4
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\AdvertisingInfo]
"DisabledByGroupPolicy"=dword:1
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\AdvertisingInfo]
"DisabledByGroupPolicy"=dword:1
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\AdvertisingInfo]
"DisabledByGroupPolicy"=dword:1
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\AdvertisingInfo]
"Enabled"=dword:0
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\AdvertisingInfo]
"Enabled"=dword:0
[HKEY_USERS\.DEFAULT\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\AdvertisingInfo]
"Enabled"=dword:0
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* Add frequently used/must-have/favorite/useful apps/programs/tools, Control Panel (CP) items/links/shortcuts to Desktop
right-click shell context menu (examples) -> see "Control Panel (CP) +

Omnipotent/Master/Mega/'god mode' (OMg) Control Panel" chapter -> "* Control Panel (CP) CLSID (GUID) keys, commands, shortcuts + folders in Windows 7/newer (examples):"
topic -> WINDOWS7.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/7.php>
<http://www.mdgx.com/WINDOWS7.TXT>
See "Tweaks, Hacks + Fixes... UNconventional, UNdocumented, UNCensored ;-/"
chapter -> "* Add frequently used/must-have/favorite/useful apps/programs/tools, Control Panel (CP), Windows Settings (WS) a.k.a." topic -> WIN10.TXT (included):
<http://www.mdgx.com/10.php>
<http://www.mdgx.com/WIN10.TXT>
List of my all-time favorite + must-have tools [free(ware)]:
I use all these free(ware) programs + tools on all my computers + laptops (almost) every day for (too) many years: ;-/

- Thorium AVX2 (Chromium fork) 64-bit web browser:
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#CHR>
- Supermium (Chromium fork) 64-bit web browser:
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#CHR>
- X-Chromium (X-Launcher) Portable launcher:
<http://www.winpenpack.com/en/download.php?view.1082>
- Chromium/Chrome/X-Chromium/Thorium/Supermium Privacy, Safety + Security Extensions + (Java)Scripts:
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#PRV>
- Mercury AVX (Firefox fork) 64-bit web browser:
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#MOZ>
- Firefox Privacy, Safety + Security Add-ons + (Java)Scripts:
<http://www.mdgx.com/nettoys.htm#PSF>
- MDGx custom HOSTS file [frequently updated]:
<http://www.mdgx.com/hosts.php>
- 7-Zip 64-bit:
<http://www.7-zip.org/>
- Universal Extractor 2 (UniExtract2) 64-bit:
<http://bioruebe.com/dev/uniextract/>
- AutoRuns 64-bit:
<http://learn.microsoft.com/sysinternals/downloads/autoruns/>
- ServiWin 64-bit:
<http://www.nirsoft.net/utils/serviwin.html>
- NTFS Permissions Tools (NPT):
http://www.majorgeeks.com/files/details/ntfs_permissions_tools.html
- Default Programs Editor (DPE):
<http://www.defaultprogramseeditor.com/>
- Classic Task Manager (TM) 64-bit:
<http://www.winaero.com/how-to-restore-the-good-old-task-manager-in-windows-8/>
- Open-Shell 64-bit:
<http://open-shell.github.io/Open-Shell-Menu/>
- 7+ Taskbar Tweaker (7TT) 64-bit:
<http://ramensoftware.com/7-taskbar-tweaker/>
- Winaero Tweaker 64-bit:
<http://www.winaero.com/winaero-tweaker/>
- Programmer's File Editor 32-bit (PFE32):
<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/people/steveb/cpaap/pfe/>
- IObit Unlocker:
<http://www.iobit.com/iobit-unlocker.php>
- grepWin 64-bit:
<http://tools.stefankueng.com/grepWin.html>
- T-Clock Redux 64-bit:
<http://github.com/White-Tiger/T-Clock/>
- TransparentMenu (TM):
<http://www.moo0.com/software/TransparentMenu/>
- TrayIcon:
<http://www.mdgx.com/files/TI25.ZIP>
- ClickOff:

http://johanneshuebner.com/quickcms/index.html%3Fde_downloads,2.html
- Wallpaper SlideShow LT:
<http://www.gphotoshow.com/wallpaperss.htm>
- MDGx File Manager (FM) 32-bit:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#FMNT>
- Microsoft File Manager (FM) 64-bit:
<http://www.mdgx.com/xptoy.htm#FMMS>
- FreeCommander (FC) XE 32-bit:
<http://www.freecommander.com/>
- NexusFile:
<http://www.xiles.app/>
- NetMeter:
<http://www.metal-machine.de/readerror/>
- CurrPorts 64-bit:
<http://www.nirsoft.net/utils/cports.html>
- Network Activity Indicator (NAI) 64-bit:
<http://www.itsamples.com/network-activity-indicator.html>
- JPEGView 64-bit:
<http://sourceforge.net/projects/jpegview/>
- IrfanView 64-bit:
<http://www.irfanview.com/>
- Darktable 64-bit:
<http://www.darktable.org/>
- GIMP Portable 64-bit:
http://www.portableapps.com/apps/graphics_pictures/gimp_portable/
- XnView MP Portable 64-bit:
<http://www.xnview.com/en/xnviewmp/#downloads>
- IcoFX Portable:
http://www.portableapps.com/apps/graphics_pictures/icofx_portable/
- K-Lite Codec Pack (KLCP) Mega + Media Player Classic Home Cinema (MPC-HC) Lite 64-bit:
http://www.codecguide.com/download_k-lite_codec_pack_mega.htm
- MKVToolNix 64-bit:
<http://www.mkvtoolnix.download/>
- gMKVExtractGUI:
<http://forum.doom9.org/showthread.php?t=170249>
- HandBrake Portable 64-bit:
<http://handbrake.fr/downloads.php>
- Pazera Free Audio + Video Conversion Pack Portable 64-bit:
<http://www.pazera-software.com/products/free-audio-video-pack/>
- MKV Cutter:
<http://www.videohelp.com/software/MKV-Cutter>
- FFmpeg 64-bit:
<http://www.ffmpeg.org/download.html#build-windows>
- foobar2000 64-bit:
<http://www.foobar2000.org/>
- ReNamer 5.60:
<http://files.fyxm.net/121/121773/renamer.zip>
- Desktop Background Tuner (DBT) [from "Windows 8" folder]:
<http://www.winaero.com/desktop-background-tuner/>
- Swiss File Knife (SFK):
<http://www.stahlworks.com/dev/swiss-file-knife.html>
- NirCmd 64-bit:
<http://www.nirsoft.net/utils/nircmd.html>
- AdvancedRun 64-bit:
http://www.nirsoft.net/utils/advanced_run.html
- Calibre Portable 64-bit:
http://www.calibre-ebook.com/download_portable/
- Libre Office Portable:
http://www.portableapps.com/apps/office/libreoffice_portable/
- JDownloader2 (JD2):
<http://www.jdownloader.org/>
- Tixati Portable 64-bit:
<http://www.tixati.com/download/portable.html>

