

How to disable the Windows 7 Welcome Screen

When to use this document

Whenever you want to remove the Windows 7 Welcome Screen in order to have the traditional **Username + Password** logon screen available in Windows XP.

How to do it

- Go to the Windows 7 **Control Panel**.
- If the Control Panel looks as shown below, then change the View format to **Small Icons**



- Next, choose **Administrative Tools**.
- Then choose **Local Security Policy** in the right pane.
- Choose **Local Policies \ Security Options** in the left pane.

- In the right pane, in the **Interactive Logon** section, set Do not display last username to **ENABLED**.

This single setting disables the Windows 7 Welcome Screen and enables the **Username + Password** logon screen instead.

**Additional Option
Ctrl+Alt+Del**

Having now removed the Win7 Welcome Screen, the next thing you might want to do is force users to press **Ctrl+Alt+Del** to get the *Username + Password* logon screen. Do as follows :

- Still in the **Interactive Logon** section, set Do not require CTRL+ALT+DEL to **DISABLED**.

**Additional Option
Disable shutdown without login on**

The next item you might want to change from its normal Win 7 default is the ability for any user to click on the red **Shutdown** screen button while the PC is locked. This is enabled by default, which means that anyone, including your kids if you have any, can simply shut down your PC regardless of whether you have valuable documents and databases open behind the locked screen which need to be saved before shutting down.

- Scroll down to the **Shutdown** section, set Allow system to be shut down without having to logon not require CTRL+ALT+DEL to **DISABLED**.

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