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# A

## Setting Locator

It shouldn't take you too long to find that the various options, switches, and adjustments that allow you to customize Windows are scattered throughout dozens of dialog boxes, property sheets, and add-on utilities. Understandably, this can turn a simple task into a monumental wild goose chase. The following table lists over 200 Windows settings and where to find them.

The settings are arranged in several categories, listed alphabetically, and named in such a way that they should be easy to locate by context. For example, to find out how to turn off the power management icon in the tray, look for the **Power Management Icon** entry in the **Tray** section. Note that a few settings have been duplicated with different labels to make them easier to find.

Registry entries are not included here due to the complexity associated with their use, and the fact that most of the more basic settings can be changed without editing the registry. Settings associated with the registry are described elsewhere in the book - see Chapter 3 for more information.

Some of the solutions below require one of the following programs, which all come with Windows, but for one reason or another, aren't immediately accessible in the Start Menu:

### **TweakUI**

One of Microsoft's power toys, which provides some advanced settings otherwise not available in Windows. It's located in the `\tools\reskit\powertoy` folder of the Windows 98 CD. To install it, right-click on the `tweakui.inf` file, and select **Install**. Once TweakUI is installed, you can access it through the **Control Panel**.

### **System Policy Editor**

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A utility providing access to settings that relate to security and multiple users. To install, double-click on the Add/Remove Programs icon in Control Panel, select the **Windows Setup** tab, and click **Have Disk**. Click **Browse**, point to the `\tools\reskit\netadmin\poledit` folder on the Windows CD, and click Ok. Check both options that appear, and click Ok again. Once the System Policy Editor is installed, you can access it by selecting **Run** from the **Start Menu**, typing `poledit`, and clicking Ok.

Hint: To get more categories and settings in the System Policy Editor, select **Policy Template** from PolEdit's **Options** menu. Click **Add**, and select any `.adm` file that doesn't already appear in the **Current Templates** list - you'll have to do it for each `.adm` file until you've got them all. All the `.adm` files that come with PolEdit are located in your `\Windows\INF` folder.

### System Configuration Utility

A new component in Windows 98, and yet another collection of obscure Windows settings, although mostly intended for advanced troubleshooting. The program is installed by default, and located in your `\Windows\System` folder. Select **Run** from the Start Menu, type `msconfig` and click Ok to run this program.

To conserve space, the setting locations below are described in a form of computerese, as follows: consecutive actions are separated by an arrow, |. For example, "**Control Panel | TweakUI | Desktop tab**" means first double-click on the **Control Panel** icon, and then double-click on the **TweakUI** icon. Then, choose the **Desktop** tab. The setting you're seeking will then be in plain sight. All directions assume the My Computer window as a starting point, unless otherwise stated.

[[note to editor: replace all occurrences of the "|" character with arrows]]

## Explorer & Start Menu

### Active Desktop - allow changes

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

### Active Desktop - customize

Start Menu | Settings | Active Desktop

### Active Desktop - enable / disable

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

### Active Desktop - show channel bar at startup if Active Desktop is off

Control Panel | Internet | Advanced tab

### Active Desktop - view as web page

Control Panel | Display | Web tab

### Active Desktop - view as web page

Start Menu | Settings | Active Desktop

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**Control Panel - show / hide icons**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Control Panel tab

**Desktop - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Display settings in Control Panel - restrict**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Control Panel\ Display

**Display the full path in title bar**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Documents menu - add new documents**

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

**Documents menu - clear at logon**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Documents menu - clear on exit**

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

**Documents Menu - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Documents menu - show on Start Menu**

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

**Enable all web-related content on desktop**

View menu | Folder Options | choose Custom option | Settings

**Favorites menu - show on Start Menu**

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

**Find command - show / hide**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98 System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ Remove 'Find' command

**Find Computer history - clear at logon**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Find Files history - clear at logon**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Folders settings - show / hide**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98 System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ Remove folders from 'Settings' on Start Menu

**Hide all icons on desktop**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98 System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ Hide all items on Desktop

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**Hide all icons when desktop is viewed as Web page**

Control Panel | Display | Effects tab

**Hide all icons when desktop is viewed as Web page**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Internet Explorer - show on desktop**

Control Panel | Internet | Advanced tab

**Internet icon - show on Desktop**

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab | Show Internet icon on desktop

**My Computer - change icon**

Control Panel | Display | Effects tab | Desktop icons

**My Computer - show / hide all drives**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98 System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ Hide Drives in 'My Computer'

**My Computer - show / hide individual drives**

Control Panel | TweakUI | My Computer tab

**My Documents folder - change icon**

Control Panel | Display | Effects tab | Desktop icons

**Network Neighborhood - change icon**

Control Panel | Display | Effects tab | Desktop icons

**Network Neighborhood - Entire Network icon - show / hide**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98 System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ No 'Entire Network' in Network Neighborhood

**Network Neighborhood icon - show / hide**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Desktop tab

**Network Neighborhood icon - show / hide**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98 System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ Hide Network Neighborhood

**Network settings in Control Panel - restrict**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Control Panel\ Network

**Open each folder in its own window**

View menu | Folder Options | choose Custom option | Settings

**Open each folder in the same window**

View menu | Folder Options | choose Custom option | Settings

**Passwords settings in Control Panel - restrict**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Control Panel\ Passwords

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**Printers settings in Control Panel - restrict**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Control Panel\ Printers

**Recycle Bin - change icon**

Control Panel | Display | Effects tab | Desktop icons

**Recycle Bin - show / hide**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Desktop tab

**Remember each folder's view settings**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Reset defaults for all folders**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab | Reset All Folders

**Reset defaults for folder view settings**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab | Restore Defaults

**Run command - show / hide**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98 System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ Remove 'Run' command

**Run history - clear at logon**

Control Panel | Display | Settings tab | Advanced | Adapter Tab

**Run history - clear on exit**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Save Explorer windows (for next bootup)**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Explorer tab

**Save Explorer windows (for next bootup)**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98 System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ Don't save settings at exit

**Set new defaults for all folders**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab | Like Current Folder

**Show file attributes in Detail View**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Show Map Network Drive button in toolbar**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Show pop-up description (tooltip) for folder and desktop items.**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

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View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Show Windows version on desktop**

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Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Shut Down command - enable / disable**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98  
System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ Disable Shut Down command

**Start Menu - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Start Menu - folder location**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98  
System\ Shell\ Custom Folders\ Custom Start Menu

**Startup - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Startup - folder location**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98  
System\ Shell\ Custom Folders\ Custom Startup Folder

**System settings in Control Panel - restrict**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Control Panel\  
System

**Taskbar - always on top**

Start Menu | Settings | Taskbar

**Taskbar - auto-hide**

Start Menu | Settings | Taskbar

**Taskbar - show clock**

Start Menu | Settings | Taskbar

**Taskbar - show small icons**

Start Menu | Settings | Taskbar

**Taskbar settings - show / hide**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98  
System\ Shell\ Restrictions\ Remove Taskbar from 'Settings' on Start Menu

**Tip of the day**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Explorer tab

**Toolbar(s) in Explorer**

View menu | Toolbars

**Toolbar(s) on taskbar**

Right-click on empty area of taskbar | Toolbars

**Tooltip font / color**

Control Panel | Display | Appearance tab | choose Tooltip from Item list

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**Use large icons**

Control Panel | Display | Effects tab

**Use windows classic interface**

View menu | Folder Options | choose Classic style

**View web content in all folders**

View menu | Folder Options | choose Custom option | Settings

**View web content only where I select "as Web Page"**

View menu | Folder Options | choose Custom option | Settings

## **Files and Icons**

**Allow all uppercase 8.3 filenames**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Explorer tab

**Allow all uppercase 8.3 filenames**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Compressed files color**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Explorer tab

**Double-click sensitivity**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Mouse tab

**Double-click speed**

Control Panel | Mouse | Buttons tab

**Double-click to open icons, single-click to select**

View menu | Folder Options | choose Custom option | Settings

**Drag-drop sensitivity**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Mouse tab

**Hidden files - show / hide**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Hide file extensions for known file types**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Hide icons when desktop is viewed as Web page**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Icon size**

View menu

**Icon spacing**

Control Panel | Display | Appearance tab | choose Icon Spacing from Item list

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**Icon text font**

Control Panel | Display | Appearance tab | choose Icon from Item list

**Menu font**

Control Panel | Display | Appearance tab | choose Menu from Item list

**Message Box font**

Control Panel | Display | Appearance tab | choose Message Box from Item list

**New menu - add / remove items**

Control Panel | TweakUI | New tab

**Reset default file associations**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Repair tab

**Reset defaults for view settings**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab | Restore Defaults

**Shortcut overlay - change icon**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Explorer tab

**Shortcut to... prefix on new shortcuts**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Explorer tab

**Show all files (including hidden and system)**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Show icons using all possible colors (256 colors)**

Control Panel | Display | Effects tab

**Single-click to open, point to select**

View menu | Folder Options | choose Custom option | Settings

**Sort (name, extension, date, type)**

View menu | Arrange Icons

**System files - show / hide**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Interface**

**Click here to begin... animation**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Explorer tab

**Combo box (drop-down list) animation**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Font scaling**

Control Panel | Display | Settings tab | Advanced | General Tab

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**List box animation**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Menu animation**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Menu speed**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Mouse tab

**Menu underlines (for accelerator keys)**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Mouse AutoRaise (x-mouse window activation)**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Mouse pointer speed**

Control Panel | Mouse | Motion tab

**Mouse trails - enable / disable**

Control Panel | Mouse | Motion tab

**Refresh Rate for display (if available)**

Control Panel | Display | Settings tab | Advanced

**Show window contents while dragging**

Control Panel | Display | Effects tab

**Smooth edges of screen fonts**

Control Panel | Display | Effects tab

**Smooth edges of screen fonts**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Smooth scrolling**

View menu | Folder Options | View tab

**Tooltips - enable / disable**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab | Mouse hot tracking effects

**Use mouse wheel for scrolling**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Mouse tab

**Window Animation (minimizing, restoring, maximizing)**

View menu | Toolbars

## **Internet & Network**

**Default Internet Search Engine**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

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**Detect accidental double-clicks**

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

**Internet Explorer - check to see if it is the default browser**

Control Panel | Internet | Programs tab

**Internet Explorer - clear history at logon**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Internet Explorer - clear typed URL history at exit**

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

**Internet Explorer - enabled / disabled**

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

**Internet Explorer - open browser in full-screen view**

Control Panel | Internet | Advanced tab

**Internet Explorer - open channels in full-screen view**

Control Panel | Internet | Advanced tab

**Internet Explorer - show font button**

Control Panel | Internet | Advanced tab

**Internet Explorer - show on desktop**

Control Panel | Internet | Advanced tab

**Internet Explorer - use small icons on toolbar**

Control Panel | Internet | Advanced tab

**Last user list - clear at logon**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Network Connection history - clear at logon**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Telnet history menu - clear at logon**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Temporary Internet Files - folder location**

Control Panel | Internet | General tab | Settings (Temporary Internet Files section) | Move Folder

## System

**Add/Remove Programs - add / remove items**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Add/Remove tab

**Allow F4 to boot to previous operating system**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Boot tab

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**Allow logoff**

Control Panel | TweakUI | IE4 tab

**Apply display settings without restarting**

Control Panel | Display | Settings tab | Advanced | General Tab

**Autorun CD's**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Beep on errors**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Boot function keys available**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Boot tab

**Boot menu - show always**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Boot tab

**Cache - CD-ROM cache settings**

Control Panel | System | Performance tab | File System | CD-ROM tab

**Cache - disable write-behind caching for all drives (for troubleshooting only)**

Control Panel | System | Performance tab | File System | Troubleshooting tab

**Cache - hard disk cache settings**

Control Panel | System | Performance tab | File System | Hard Disk tab

**Cache - removable drive cache settings (Syquest, ZIP, Jaz, MO drives)**

Control Panel | System | Performance tab | File System | Removable Disk tab

**CD-ROM autorun**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Paranoia tab

**Common Files (normally in Program Files) - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Desktop - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Document Templates - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Documents Menu - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Don't show last user at logon**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local Computer\ Windows 98 System\ Windows Update

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**DOS startup menu - enable / disable**

System Configuration Utility | General | Advanced

**Fast shutdown - enable / disable**

System Configuration Utility | General | Advanced

**Favorites - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**File sharing - disable file sharing and locking (for troubleshooting only)**

Control Panel | System | Performance tab | File System | Troubleshooting tab

**Floppy disk - search for new drives at startup**

Control Panel | System | Performance tab | File System | Floppy Disk tab

**Installation Path (where Setup looks for Windows) - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Installation Path (where Setup looks for Windows) - network folder location**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local Computer\ Windows 98 System\ Network Paths

**Load Windows at system startup**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Boot tab | Start GUI automatically

**Minimum Windows password length**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local Computer\ Windows 98 Network\ Logon

**MS-DOS Prompt - enable / disable**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Restrictions\ Disable MS-DOS prompt

**MS-DOS single mode applications - enable / disable**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Restrictions\ Disable single-mode MS-DOS applications

**My Documents - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Network Neighborhood - folder location**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98 System\ Shell\ Custom Folders\ Custom Network Neighborhood

**Program Files - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Programs (in Start Menu) - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

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**Programs (in Start Menu) - folder location**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98  
System\ Shell\ Custom Folders\ Custom Programs Folder

**Registry Editor - enable / disable**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Restrictions\  
Disable Registry editing tools

**Restart Windows after changing display settings**

Control Panel | Display | Settings tab | Advanced | General Tab

**Scandisk - autorun after crash**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Boot tab

**Scandisk - autorun after crash**

System Configuration Utility | General | Advanced

**Send To - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Start Menu - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Start Menu - folder location**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98  
System\ Shell\ Custom Folders\ Custom Start Menu

**Startup - folder location**

Control Panel | TweakUI | General tab

**Startup - folder location**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local User\ Windows 98  
System\ Shell\ Custom Folders\ Custom Startup Folder

**Startup logo - show while booting**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Boot tab | Show splash screen while booting

**Swapfile (virtual memory) settings**

Control Panel | System | Performance tab | Virtual Memory

**System startup configuration files - selective enable / disable**

System Configuration Utility | any of the six top-level tabs

**Tip of the day - enable / disable**

Control Panel | TweakUI | Explorer tab

**User Profiles - enable / disable**

Control Panel | Passwords | User Profiles tab

**Users - all users share same preferences**

Control Panel | Passwords | User Profiles tab

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### **Users - each user can customize their preferences**

Control Panel | Passwords | User Profiles tab

### **Video hardware acceleration setting**

Control Panel | System | Performance tab | Graphics

### **Virtual memory (swapfile) settings**

Control Panel | System | Performance tab | Virtual Memory

### **Welcome message - show at every logon**

Control Panel | Internet | Advanced tab

### **Windows Update - enable / disable**

System Policy Editor | File | Open Registry | Local Computer\ Windows 98 System\ User Profiles

## **Tray**

### **Dial-up networking - modem status icon**

Dial-Up Networking | Properties sheet of a connection | Configure | Options tab | Display modem status

### **Dial-up networking icon**

Dial-Up Networking | Connections | Settings | Show an icon on taskbar after connected

### **Display settings icon**

Control Panel | Display | Settings tab | Advanced | General Tab | Show settings icon on task bar

### **FilterKeys icon**

Control Panel | Accessibility Options | Keyboard tab | Settings (FilterKeys) | Show FilterKey status on screen

### **HyperTerminal - modem status icon**

HyperTerminal | Properties sheet of a connection | Connect To tab | Configure | Options tab | Display modem status

### **Keyboard Language**

Control Panel | Keyboard | Language tab | Enable indicator on taskbar

### **MouseKeys icon**

Control Panel | Accessibility Options | Mouse tab | Settings | Show MouseKey status on screen

### **PC Card (PCMCIA) icon**

Control Panel | PC Card (PCMCIA) | Show control on taskbar

### **Power management icon**

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Control Panel | Power Management | Advanced tab | Show power meter on taskbar

**Scheduled tasks icon**

Scheduled Tasks | Advanced | Stop using Task Scheduler

**Show / hide printer icon**

Not possible | icons are shown when printing, disappear when printing is finished

**StickeyKeys icon**

Control Panel | Accessibility Options | Keyboard tab | Settings (StickeyKeys) | Show StickeyKeys status on screen

**Taskbar - show clock**

Start Menu | Settings | Taskbar

**Volume control (Yellow Speaker) icon**

Control Panel | Multimedia | Show volume control on the taskbar