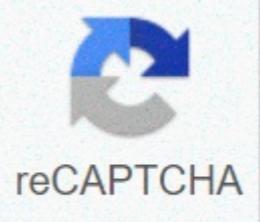


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Disable lock screen windows 10 home edition

Did you know that within windows 3, 95, and 98 days, you might want to just enter your password to log on to your PC? It sounds crazy, I know, but it's true. Since Windows XP, the process has become steadily more convoluted - selecting your avatar from the list or hitting Ctrl + Alt + Del before being allowed to log in (it was actually a security feature, believe it or not). Windows 8 is the worst offender yet positively spitting in the faces of keyboard users - but fortunately it's quite easy to block the new Windows 8 lock screen. The essence of the new Windows 8 lock / login screen is designed to act as a dashboard, flashing notifications for new email, IMs, and so on. On a tablet where you swipe off the lock screen and then start typing, it makes perfect sense. However, the lock screen on a desktop computer is clumsy (you might say it's a small recurring theme in Windows 8). Yes, theoretically you only have to knock the key and it slips away, but for some reason Microsoft introduced a delay, so you can not immediately enter your password. As a result, you often lose the first few letters of your password while waiting for Windows to tell you that your password is incorrect, and then you type the password correctly. How to bypass the Windows 8 lock screen To remove the lock screen completely, so locking is just a password prompt - and booting goes directly to the same password prompt - just follow these very simple steps. Press the start key, type gpedit.msc, and then press Enter. This will open the local group policy editor. Navigate to Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Control Panel > PersonalizationDouble Do not display the lock screen and select the enabled dialog that opens. Click OK. Change is immediate. Go ahead and hit Win + L and admire your new, minimal lock screen. In addition, if you feel really sassy, you can tweak your computer to boot directly from the Desktop, either with Windows 8's built-in Task Scheduler or by using a third-party Start menu replacement, most of which include this feature configurable option. This way, the desktop is the fourth - clean – instead of the second screen you see. For more information, see our Windows 8 tips page... Windows 8 tips. With the Windows 10 Anniversary Update, Microsoft will no longer let the lock screen be disabled by using a Group Policy setting or registry hacking. But there are more solutions right now. The Group Policy setting that disables lock screen is still available, but it only works in Windows enterprise and education editions. Even Windows 10 Professional users can't use it. Update: Microsoft re-enabled the original registry hack. It will run again with the April 2018 update and perhaps earlier versions of Windows 10. We recommend that you use this registry hack instead of the latest versions of Windows 10 by following the instructions below. RELATED: How to disable Lock Screen in Windows 8 or 10 (without group How to disable Lock Screen (Except for boot) Follow the instructions below and you can see the lock screen only once: when you start your computer. The lock screen won't appear when you actually lock your PC or wake up from sleep. When you put your computer into sleep or hibernation, you won't see the lock screen at all. We have seen various ways to do this online, involving everything from The Local Security Editor to Task Scheduler. But the easiest way to do this is simply by renaming the Microsoft.LockApp system app. To do this, open File Explorer and head to C:\Windows\SystemApps. In the list, locate the Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2xyewy. Right-click it, select Rename and rename it to Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2xyewy.backup (without quotation marks). If you ever want to restore the lock screen, return to the C:\Windows\SystemApps folder, locate the Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2xyewy.backup file, and rename it Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2xyewy. Once the LockApp folder is renamed, the Windows 10 lock screen can no longer be loaded. Lock your PC and it goes directly to the sign-in screen, where you can enter a password. Wake up in your sleep and it'll go straight to the sign-in screen. Unfortunately, when you start your PC, you still see the lock screen — this first lock screen appears to be part of the Windows shell. It works very well. There is no error message or other obvious issue. Windows 10 goes directly to the sign-in screen because it can't load the lock screen first. Microsoft will probably break this tweak in the future. If you upgrade to a newer build in Windows 10, the update will probably restore the LockApp folder to its original location. You might need to rename the folder again in the future when you start to see the lock screen again. How to skip the lock screen boot (and log on automatically) RELATED: How to make your Windows 10, 8 or 7 PC log automatically if you want to get the last lock screen even when you start your computer, considering having your computer automatically log in when you boot it up.. Your computer automatically logs on to your user account, and you don't even have to enter a password when it starts. However, there is a potential security risk to log on to your Windows PC automatically. Don't do this if you don't have a desktop computer somewhere safe. If you carry your laptop with you, you probably won't want that laptop to automatically sign in to Windows. The old netplwiz panel allows you to enable automatic logins in Windows 10. Press Windows+R on your keyboard, type netplwiz, and then press Enter. Select the account you want to sign in to automatically, clear the Users must enter a user name and password to use this computer check box, click OK, and enter your account password. Windows saves it to the registry and automatically logs on to your computer when it starts. What is in the 10th anniversary update, Cortana is now enabled by default on the lock screen- assuming you haven't completely disabled her. If you don't want Cortana to answer questions when your PC is locked, it's a simple enough feature to disable. RELATED: How to disable Cortana in Windows 10 Open Cortana by clicking cortana's button on the taskbar, hitting Windows + S on your keyboard, or just say Hey Cortana if it's enabled. When Cortana is open, click Settings. On the Settings page, scroll down and turn off Use Cortana even when my device is locked. Note that PC users currently can't access Cortana on the lock screen, except for the Hey Cortana microphone. There is no button for the Cortana button you can click. Mobile users can still press their search key to start it. Cortana can also answer many requests - such as playing music or answering basic questions - directly from the lock screen. However, if you ask Cortana to do something that includes settings or an app, Windows will ask you to sign in before Cortana can complete your application. You can disable the unnecessary Windows 10 lock screen without editing the registry file. This method is surprisingly simple and much safer. Every time you open a locked Microsoft Windows 10 PC, you'll see a lock screen, which you'll then need to click or swipe to access the sign-in screen where you enter your credentials. The lock screen usually shows a picture, especially if you're using Spotlight in Windows 10, but not much else, which is useful. In a previous article, we showed you how to disable the windows 10 lock screen, tweaking the windows registry file key. While this method still works, it does not involve marginally risky and slightly complex editing procedures, which, if done carelessly, may require a restart of the operating system. There's a much simpler and more secure method to disable the lock screen. WATCH: Top Windows 10 launch commands (free PDF) (TechRepublic)This guide shows you how to disable windows 10 lock screen without resorting to edit Windows Registry File.An easy way to block Windows 10 lock screen Security best practices require users to lock their workstations when they leave their computers unattended. It doesn't matter if your computer is unattended for just a minute, if you get a cup of coffee, you should lock it every time. This safe step is also important when you work from home – it should be a reflexive habit. Of course, it also means that you have to enter your login credentials often during the day, which can get a bit annoying, especially if you first have to clear the clutter of the lock screen each time. Therefore, it may be useful to disable the windows 10 lock screen. WATCH: How to change windows 10 Spotlight lock screen settings (TechRepublic)If you want to take an easier route without registering, then open File Explorer and your Windows directory. The file folder we're looking for usually follows this path:C:\Windows\SystemAppsAs you see in Figure A, this file folder contains many system folders. We want to focus our efforts on a folder that is labeled: Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2xyewy. Figure AIf you find Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2xyewy folder, right-click it and select Rename Function from the context menu. Just in case we want to re-enable the lock screen, we don't want to change the folder name too much, so just add .disabled at the end of the current folder name. The system is asking for confirmation. When it is complete, it should look like this: Microsoft.LockApp_cw5n1h2xyewy.disabledSetting BWhen this step is complete, save your work and close all your open applications, and then restart your computer. Now that you open a locked Windows 10 PC, you go directly to the sign-in screen, where you can enter your credentials. The unnecessary milestone of clicking or swiping the lock screen will be removed. Be an insider in your business by reading these Windows and Office tips, tricks, and cheat pages. Delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays Sign up today Also see