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# **Configure whether to display balloon tips (Windows XP)**

**Windows XP** started using balloon tips heavily, as an attempt to help the average user to understand what is happening on the computer. The balloon tip is shown like a tooltip bubble just above the taskbar to the right near the system tray (*also known as the notification area*).

For the more experienced user the **balloon tips** can become a pain, but it is possible to configure their behavior.

To disable balloon tips in the notification area completely:

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| [HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \Software \Microsoft \Windows \CurrentVersion \Explorer \Advanced]  EnableBalloonTips = 0 |

To disable “**Show popup description for folder and desktop items**” (Folder Options):

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| [HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \Software \Microsoft \Windows \CurrentVersion \Explorer \Advanced]  ShowInfoTip = 0 |

To disable tooltip for folders:

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| [HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \Software \Microsoft \Windows \CurrentVersion \Explorer \Advanced]  FolderContentsInfoTip = 0 |

To disable tooltips for the start button:

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| [HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \Software \Microsoft \Windows \CurrentVersion \Explorer \Advanced]  StartButtonBalloonTip = 0 |

To disable tooltips for the start menu:

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| [HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \Software \Microsoft \Windows \CurrentVersion \Policies \Explorer]  NoSMBalloonTip = 1 |

To configure how long to show tooltips:

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| [HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \Software \Microsoft \Windows \CurrentVersion \Explorer \TrayNotify]  BalloonTip = 3 (Time in seconds) |

To disable the welcome screen presented after login:

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| [HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE \SOFTWARE \Microsoft \Windows \CurrentVersion \Policies \Explorer]  NoWelcomeScreen = 1 |

To disable the **New Hardware Found** balloon tooltips:

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| [HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE \Software \Policies \Microsoft \Windows \DeviceInstall \Settings]  DisableBalloonTips = 1 |

To disable the Highlighting of newly installed applications:

* Press the **Start-button** and right-click at the top of the **Start-Menu** where your name is displayed and select **Properties;**
* This will open the **Taskbar and Start Menu Properties**-dialog;
* Select the **Start-Menu**-tab and press **Customize;**
* Select the **Advanced**-tab and clear the **Highlight newly installed programs**-checkbox;
* The above steps should be reflected in this registry key:

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| [HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \Software \Microsoft \Windows \CurrentVersion \Explorer \Advanced]  Start\_NotifyNewApps = 0 |

To disable the tour balloon tips:

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| [HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \Software \Microsoft \Windows \CurrentVersion \Applets \Tour]  RunCount = 0 (Default = 3) |

To disable the printer spooler notification balloon tips:

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| [HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \Printers \Settings]  EnableBalloonNotificationsLocal = 0  EnableBalloonNotificationsRemote = 0 |

To disable the**Security Center**notification balloon tips:

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| [HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE \SOFTWARE \Microsoft \Security Center]  FirewallDisableNotify = 1 (0 = Firewall notifications)  UpdatesDisableNotify = 1 (0 = Automatic updates notifications)  AntiVirusDisableNotify = 1 (0 = Antivirus notifications)  UACDisableNotify = 1 (0 = Vista UAP notifications) |

To disable the “**This device could perform faster if it was plugged in to a high speed port**“:

* Open the**Device Manager** and expand “**USB Controller**“;
* Right-click the USB Controller(s) and select **Properties;**
* Select the **Advanced**-tab and tick “**Don’t show USB errors (or similar)**“;

To disable**Plug and Play** messages like “**Found New Hardware**“:

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| [HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE \SYSTEM \CurrentControlSet \Services \PlugPlay \Parameters]  SuppressUI = 1 (Windows 2003/XP64 only)  SuppressNewHWUI = (Windows XP)  (Requires **XP SP3** to recognize registry keys) |

To disable the “**There are unused icons on your desktop**“:

* Open the **Control Panel** and go to**Display Properties;**
* Select the Desktop-tab and press the “**Customize Desktop**“-button;
* Untick “**Run Desktop Cleanup Wizard every 60 days**“;