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# [**Microsoft Windows – Enable or Disable Last Access Timestamp**](http://heelpbook.altervista.org/2012/microsoft-windows-enable-or-disable-last-access-timestamp/)

The **Last Access Time** as it suggests is the time a **File** or a **Folder** is accessed the last time. This is quite useful and helps identify document age and status. This is disabled by default in **Windows Vista** and **Windows 7** by default as this can add to the overhead of **Disk I/O** and performance although with the newer hardware this can be anything close to negligible.

If you choose to enable the *Last Access time* in **Windows 7**,**2008**, **Vista** or earlier versionse you can either use **FSUTIL** (*not available in Windows 2000*) or from the Windows Registry.

**Using FSUTIL (not for Windows 2000)**

From the command prompt as an Administrator run the following command: (In **Windows 7/Vista/2008**, click Start – search for cmd. Right-click and choose “**Run as Administrator**” to run Command Prompt with elevated privileges)

fsutil behavior set disablelastaccess 0

This enables the **Last Access** **Time** recording.

Later if you need to disable, run the following command:

fsutil behavior set disablelastaccess 1

**From Windows Registry**

**1.** Click **Start – search “regedit”** (Windows 2000/XP/2003 ***Start – Run – regedit***) to launch Windows Registry Editor.

**2.** In the left-pane, navigate to the following registry key:

[HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\FileSystem]

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE

\SYSTEM

\CurrentControlSet

\Control

\FileSystem

**3.** In the right-pane, double-click “**NtfsDisableLastAccessUpdate**” and set its value to “**0**“. This key doesn’t exist by default in Windows XP,2003 and earlier, so in the right-pane right-click and select New – **DWORD** and name it as **“NtfsDisableLastAccessUpdate**” and set its value as “**1**“.

When required to disable it, simply delete the key or set it to “0″

**4.** Restart the system for the changes to take effect.

This should do!