

Disable Autoplay of Audio CDs and USB Drives

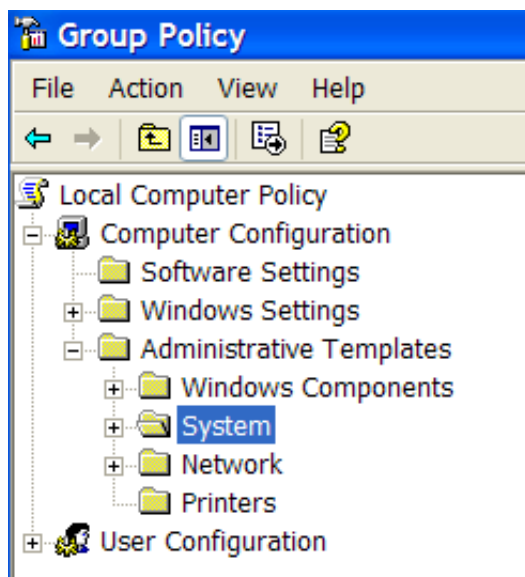
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I find it very annoying when I go home from work and plug my laptop into my external hard drive... The autoplay window always pops up and asks me what I want to do with the files, which may be fine the first time, but definitely isn't after a year of that.






To get to the configuration screen for this setting, go to Start Menu \ Run and type in:

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gpedit.msc
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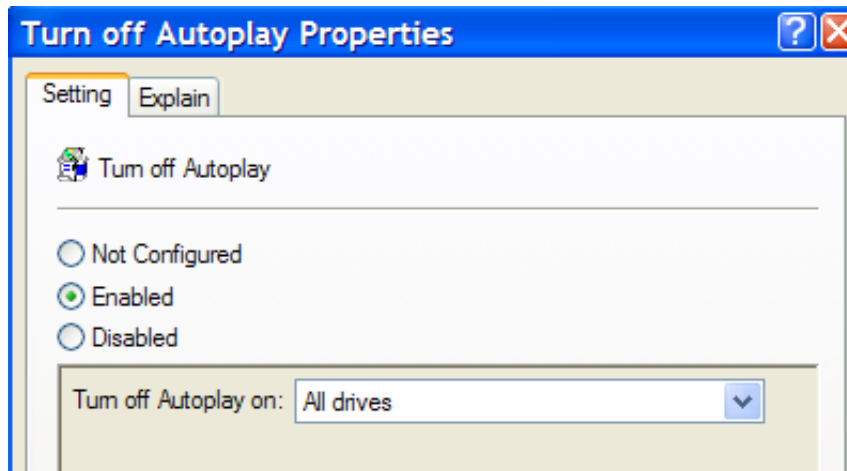
You will see the Group Policy window. You should select Administrative Templates \ System in the tree view:









You will see an item in the right side pane called "Turn off Autoplay"


 Verbose vs normal status messages	Not configured
 Restrict these programs from being launched from Help	Not configured
 Turn off Autoplay	Not configured
 Do not automatically encrypt files moved to encrypted f...	Not configured
 Download missing COM components	Not configured

Double click the item, and set the radio button to Enabled, and change the “Turn off Autoplay on” to All Drives.



Now you should be safe from the autoplay monster.

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