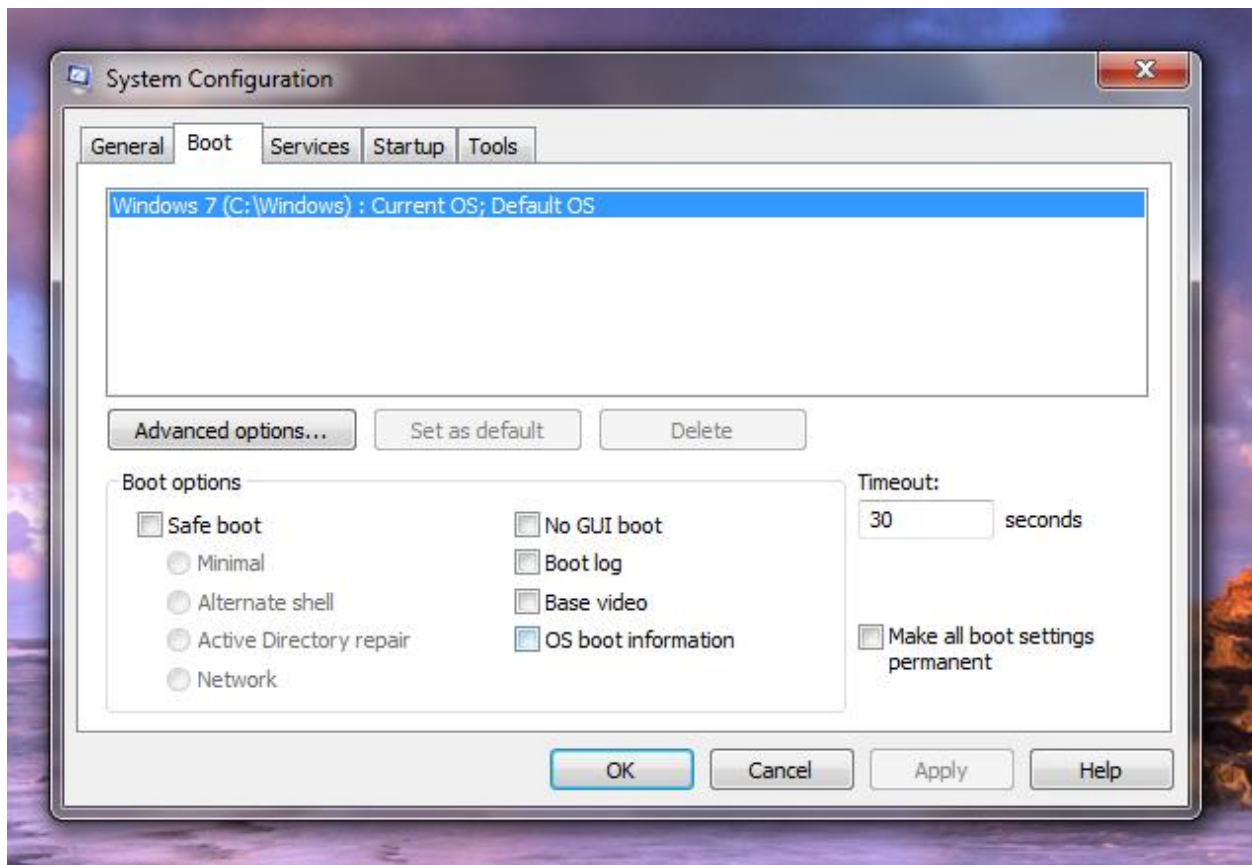


Be sure to backup the files before you make a change in case something goes wrong. You have been warned.

If you do not already have [reshacker](#) , [restorator](#) and [Takeownership](#) installed, then download and install them.

To remove the Windows default startup screen. Run msconfig and check mark from “No GUI boot”



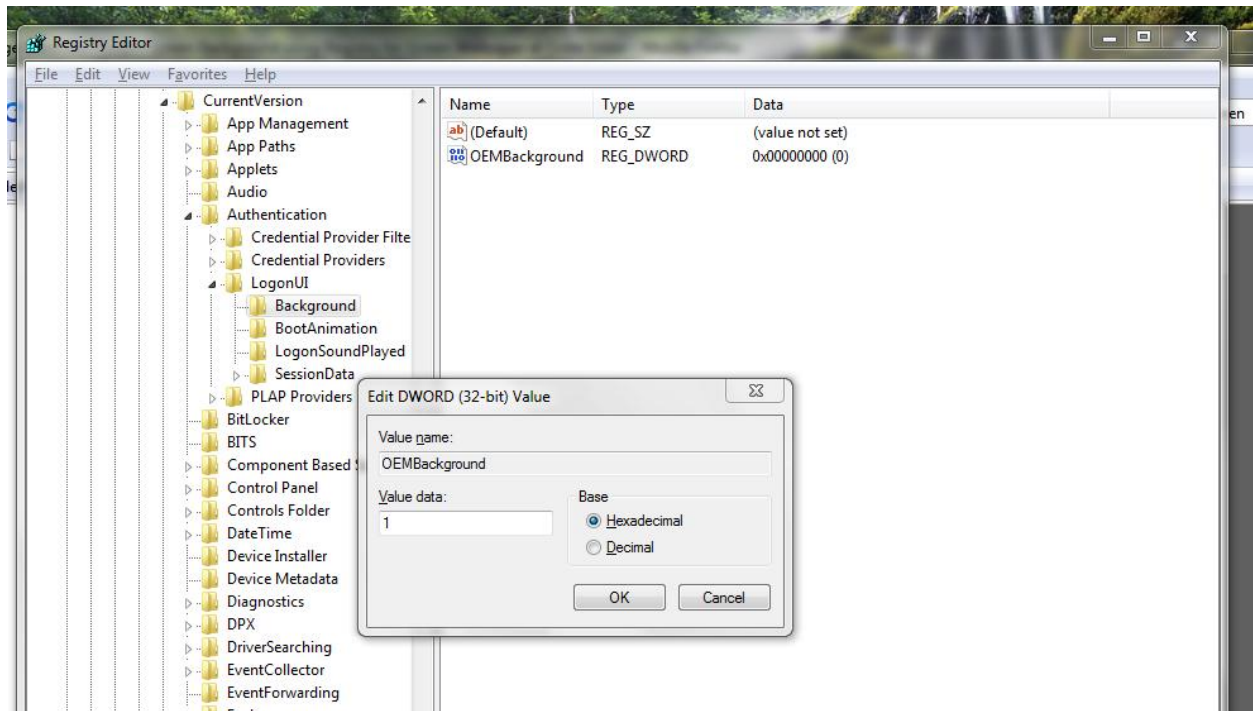
This will remove the animated startup screen.

Run regedit and find this key location.

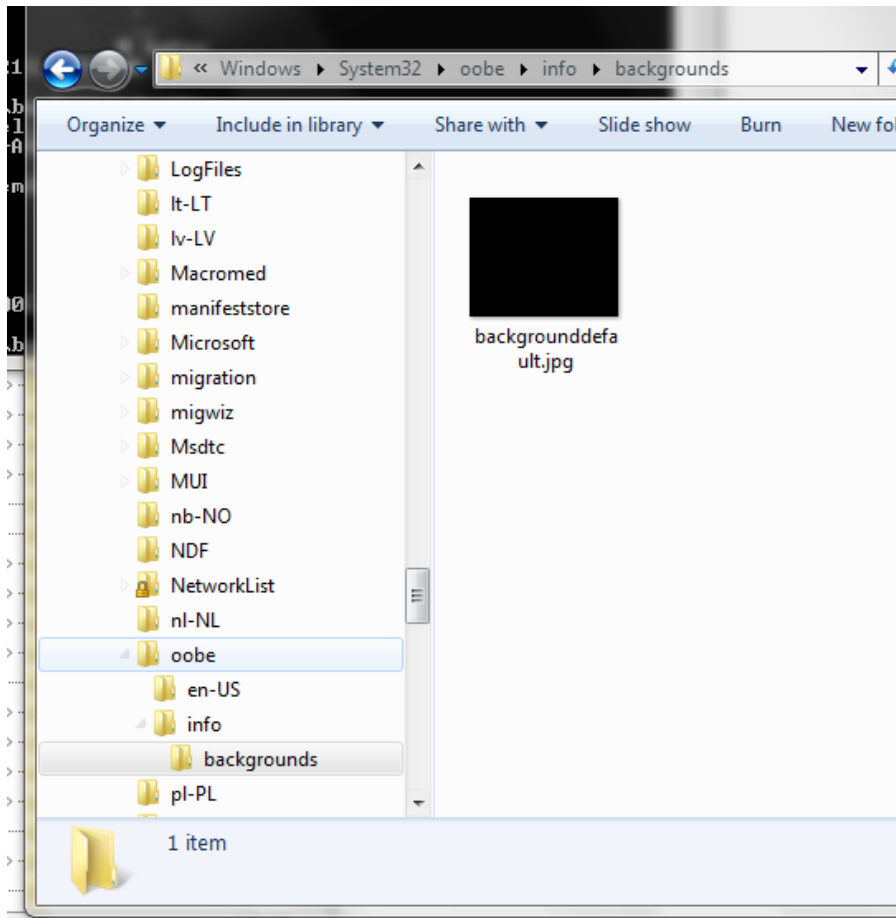
Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\
Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Authentication\LogonUI\Background

If there is already an OEMBackground DWORD entry within the Windows 7 Background registry key, set the value of OEMBackground DWORD entry to 1.

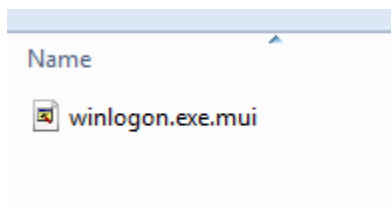
If not exists, select new DWORD by a right click and in the displayed context menu. Set the name to OEMBackground and its value to 1 as shown in the below screenshot.



Now after changing the OEMBackground, we are finished with the Win7 registry. You can now close the registry tool. Go to `C:\Windows\System32\oobe\` and create an info folder in oobe. Then create a folder background, this time within the recent created folder info. Copy the `backgrounddefault.jpg` to the backgrounds folder you just created. This will make the logon screen black. You can add any jpg to this directory as long as it's not larger than 1024 X 768. The name has to be `backgrounddefault.jpg`. This will also change the Windows 7 logout screen to black, if you could find a nice background for MP that would be great. It's was just easier to create a black jpg.

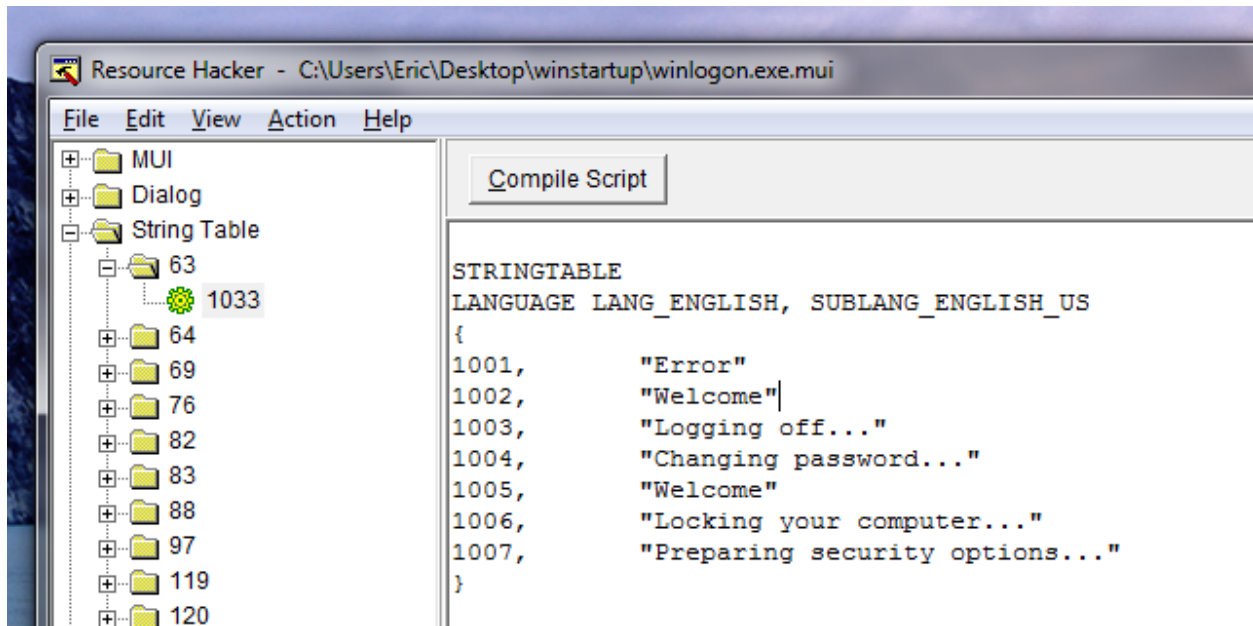


To change the Welcome and logout message in Windows 7 go to `c:\windows\system32\en-US` and find the `winlogon.exe.mui`. Create a folder (winstartup) on your desktop and copy `winlogon.exe.mui` to it. I have only tried U.S. English, but I would imagine other languages would be the same file name.

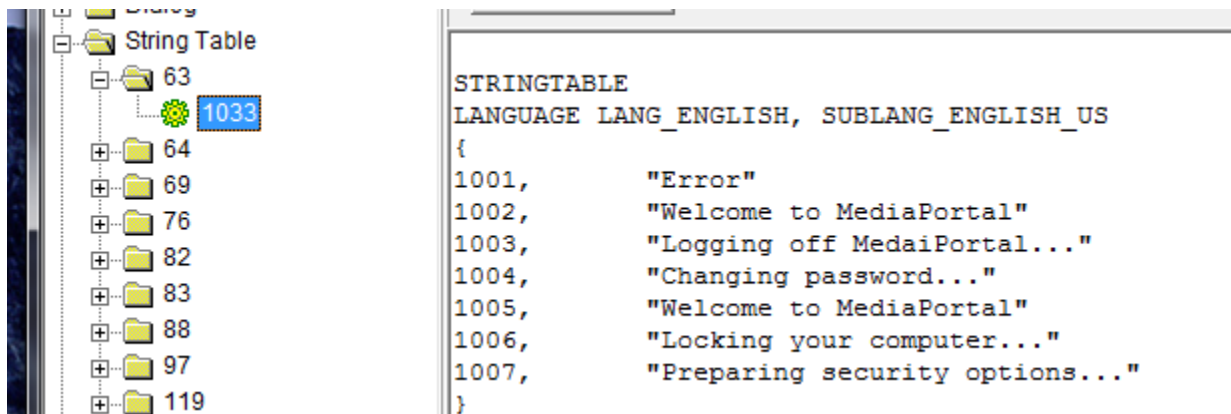


Open `winlogon.exe.mui` with Resource Hacker and navigate to “String Table > 63 > 1033”.

You need to change line 1002 and 1005 to change the Welcome message. You can change line 1003 if you want a different logging off message. Make sure you click the “Compile Script” save the file and exit.



Before the change.



After the change.

You will need to copy the file back to c:\windows\system32\en-US. Before you can copy the file you will need to take ownership of the directory. Just download and open the zip file below, and right click on the extracted .reg file and click on merge.

[Takeownership](#)

Right click on the file or folder and select “Take Ownership”



Now you can copy the file to c:\windows\system32\en-US.

Last step.

To remove the Microsoft branding from the startup and shut down screens here's how.

In Windows Explorer, go to **C:\Windows\Branding\Basebrd** and [take ownership](#) of the **basebrd.dll** file.

If you do not already have [reshacker](#) or [restorator](#) installed, then download and install one of them or a program like them.

In Windows Explorer, go to **C:\Windows\Branding\Basebrd** and open the **basebrd.dll** file with reshacker, restorator, or etc.

Navigate to the bitmap folder and delete it.

NOTE: *You can also edit or replace this BMP file as well to change the log on screen text branding.*

When you restart the computer next time, the text branding will be gone on the log on screen.

