

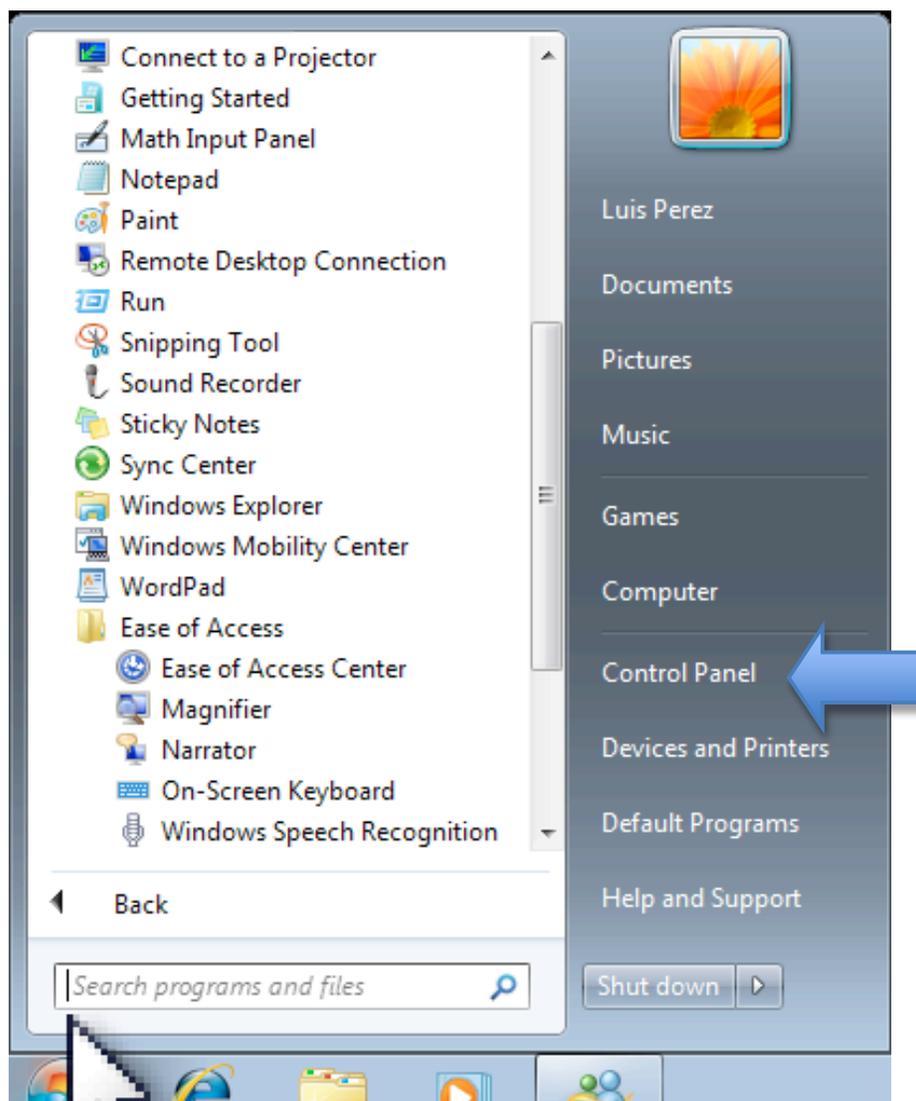
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Visual Notifications in Windows 7

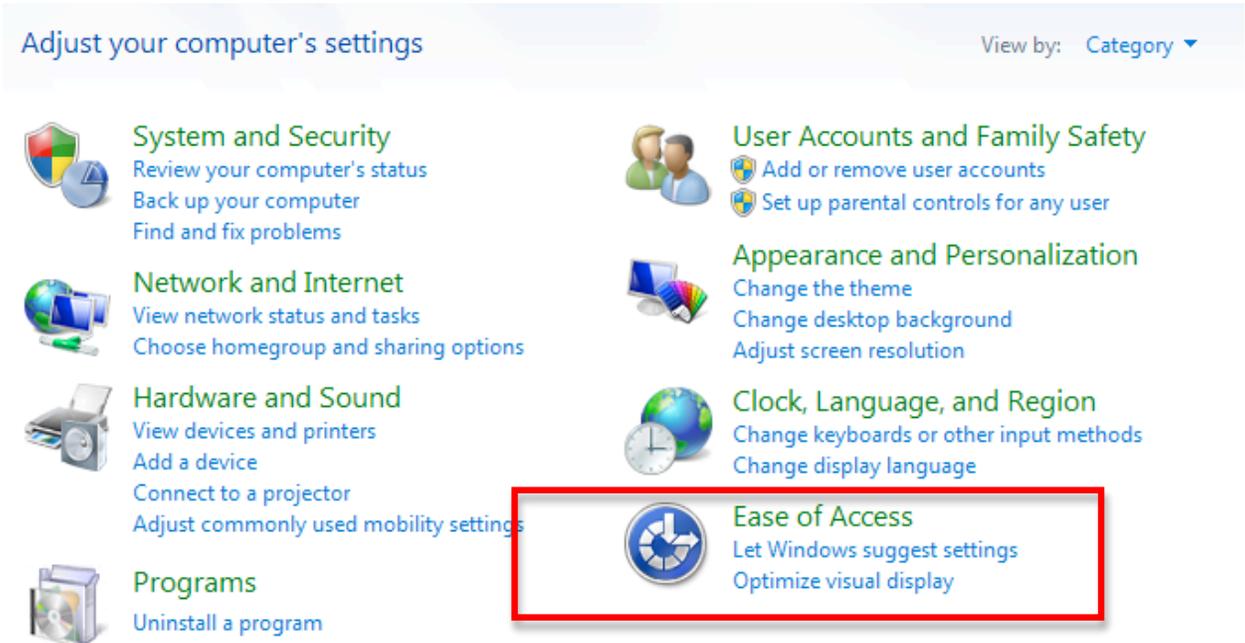
The visual notifications feature of Windows 7 can set up your computer to use a screen flash whenever there is a system alert that uses sound. This feature is helpful to people with hearing impairments that might miss those alerts.

To set up Windows 7 to use visual notifications:

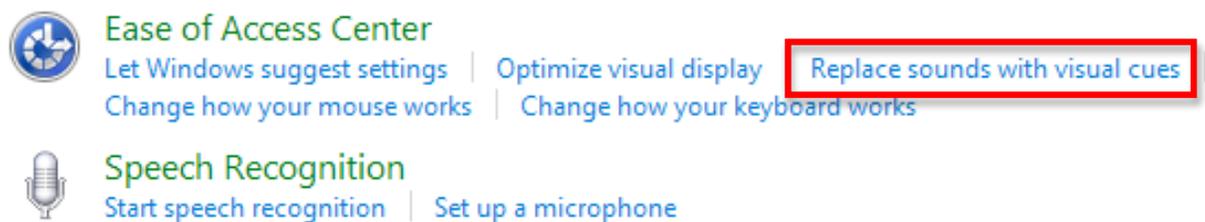
1. Choose Start, Control Panel.



2. In the Control Panel, choose Ease of Access.



3. On the next screen, click on the link that says "Replace sounds with visual cues."



4. At the top of the next screen, check the box next to "Turn on visual notifications for sounds."

Use visual cues instead of sounds

Turn on visual notifications for sounds (Sound Sentry)

Choose visual warning

- None
- Flash active caption bar
- Flash active window
- Flash desktop

Turn on text captions for spoken dialog (when available)

5. Next, choose the desired visual warning (screen flash): you can flash the caption bar, the active window, or the desktop.

When visual notifications are turned on, the screen will flash each time there is a system sound. For example, when you click on the button at the top of a window that takes you back a screen, you will see a screen flash along with the click sound you would normally hear.

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