

How to set up parental controls in Windows 7

Use Parental Controls to set limits on the hours that children can use the computer, the types of games they can play, and the programs they can run.

Setting Parental Controls in Windows 7

This information applies to HP notebook computers running Windows 7, other laptops or PC,s may vary but will be a similar setup.

- **Set time limits.** Set time limits to control when children are allowed to log on to the computer, including setting different logon hours for each day of the week. If a user is logged on when their time ends, they are automatically logged off.
- **Prevent your children from playing certain games.** To control access to games, choose an age-rating level, block certain types of games, and allow or block specific games.
- **Keep your children from running specific programs.** Use this option to prevent children from running programs that you do not want them to run.

You must be logged in as an administrator to set Parental Controls.

To open the Parental Controls, click Start , and type Parental controls in the Search box. In the search results, click Parental Controls.

The Parental Controls page opens.

Figure 1 : Setting up Parental Controls



Click the user for which you want to set the controls.
If the user does not have a user account, click Create a new user account, and follow the instructions to create an account.

In the User Controls page, click On, enforce current settings, in the Parental Controls area.

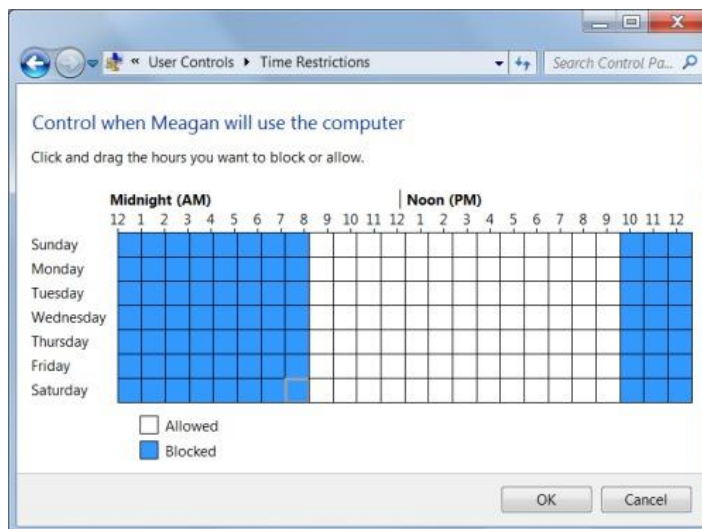
Figure 2: Setting controls



In the Windows Settings area, click Time limits.

In the Time Restrictions page, click and drag the hours you want to block or allow, and then click OK to return to the User Controls page.

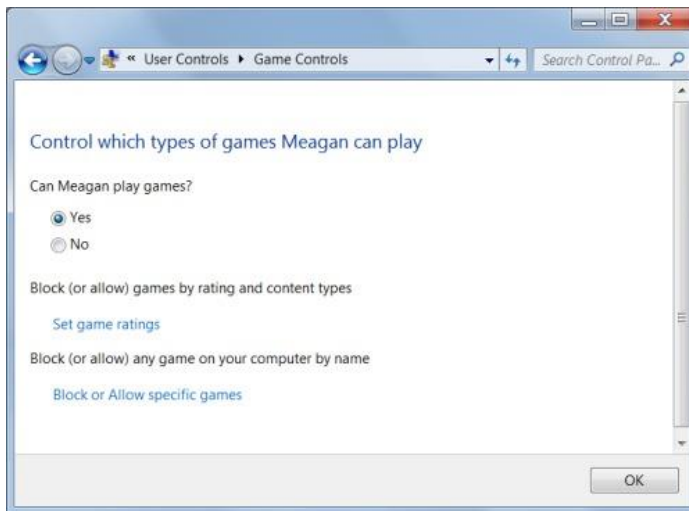
Figure 3: Setting time restrictions



In the Windows Settings area, click Games to control the types of game this user can play.

Click Yes to allow this user to play games.

Figure 4 : Controlling games



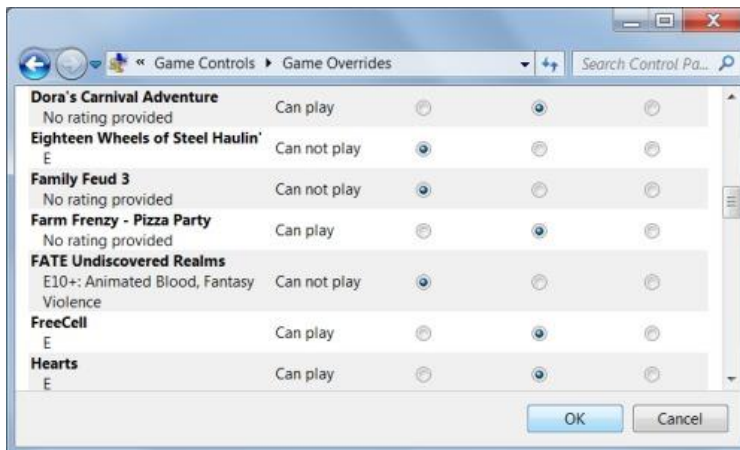
Click Set game ratings. Select the ratings that are appropriate for this user to play, and then click OK.

Figure 5 : Setting game ratings



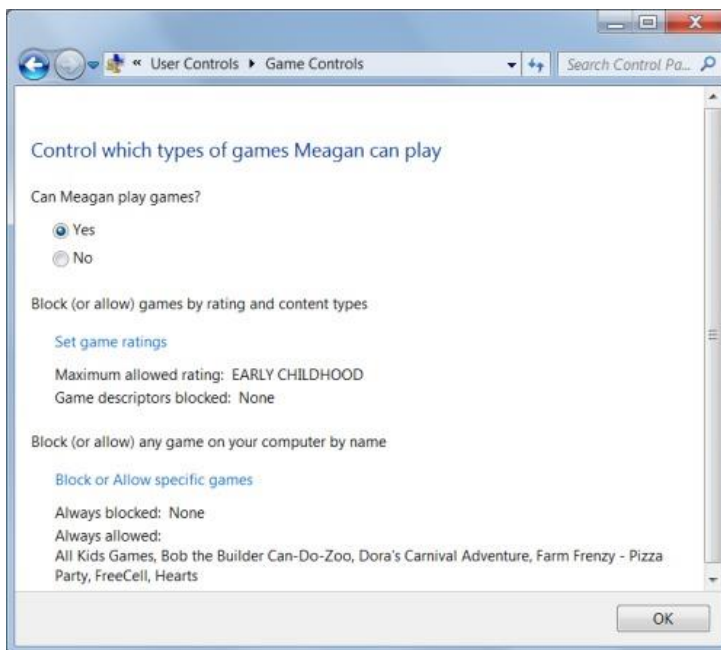
Click Block or Allow specific games. In the Game Overrides, make selections, and then click OK.

Figure 6: Setting game overrides



Review the game settings on the Game Controls page, and then click OK.

Figure 7: Game controls



If you want to block specific programs on the computer from this user, in the Windows Settings area, click Allow and block specific programs. Make your selections and click OK.

Review the settings on the User Controls page, and then make any changes or click OK to return to the Parental Controls page.

Figure 8: Reviewing your settings

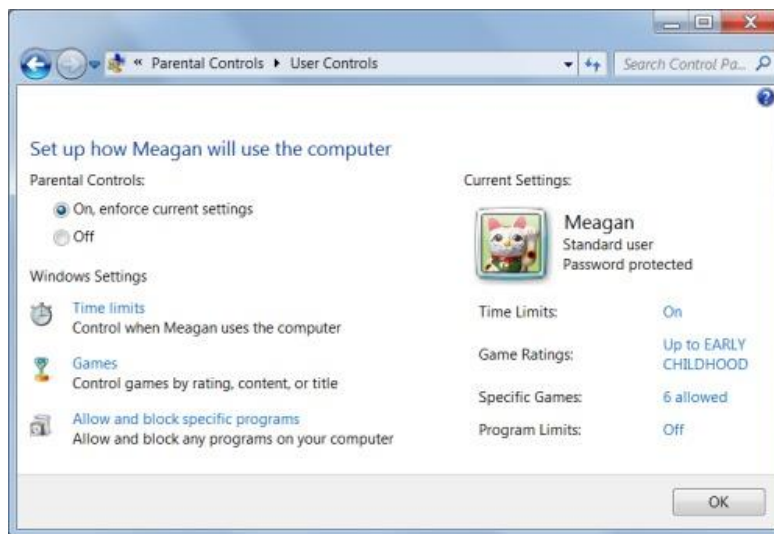


Figure 9: Parental controls on

