

DISABLING THE ON-SCREEN KEYBOARD IN WINDOWS 7

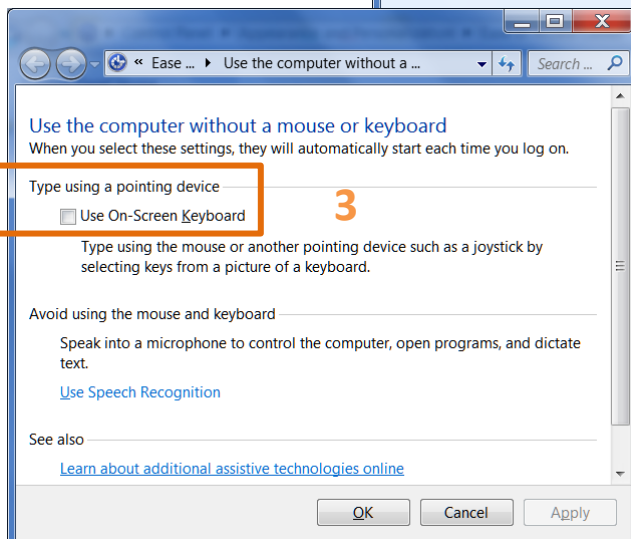
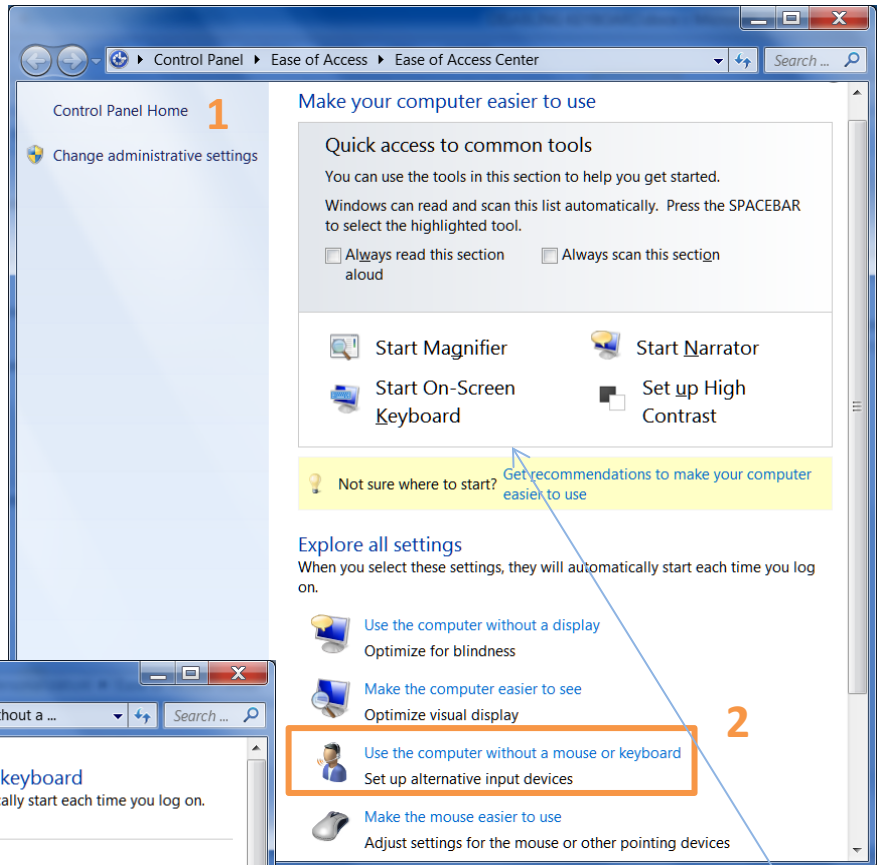


Surprised by the occasional unexpected appearance of the Windows 7 on-screen keyboard? This keyboard is designed to assist users who are challenged by physical conditions. With this device, they can type

with the mouse or other pointing device, such as a mouth-stick. The problem is that this keyboard, **when enabled**, pops up whenever it “thinks” it is needed. For SMART Board users, this *here-I-am-invited-or-not* appearance is sometimes annoying; the keyboard can block part of a window, and it acts like it is competing with the SMART Board keyboard.

To disable (or enable) the on-screen keyboard:

1. Go to the *Ease of Access Center*. You can get there through the *Control Panel*, but it's quicker to use the keyboard shortcut: **Windows** key + **u** key.
2. Click **Use the computer without a mouse or a keyboard**.
3. De-select (or select) the option **Use On-Screen Keyboard**.



NOTE: To access the keyboard quickly, **Windows** key + **u** key and then click **Start On-Screen Keyboard**.