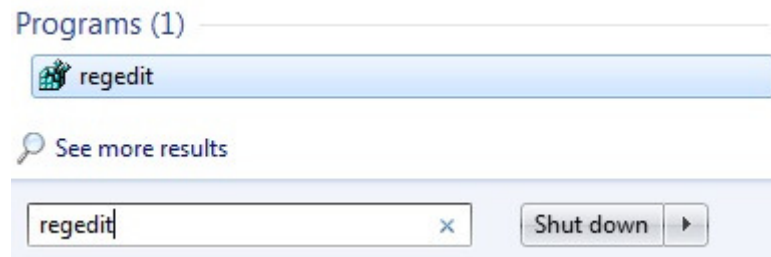# Software Disabling the Port though the Registry:

How to disable and block USB ports via Windows Registry Editor
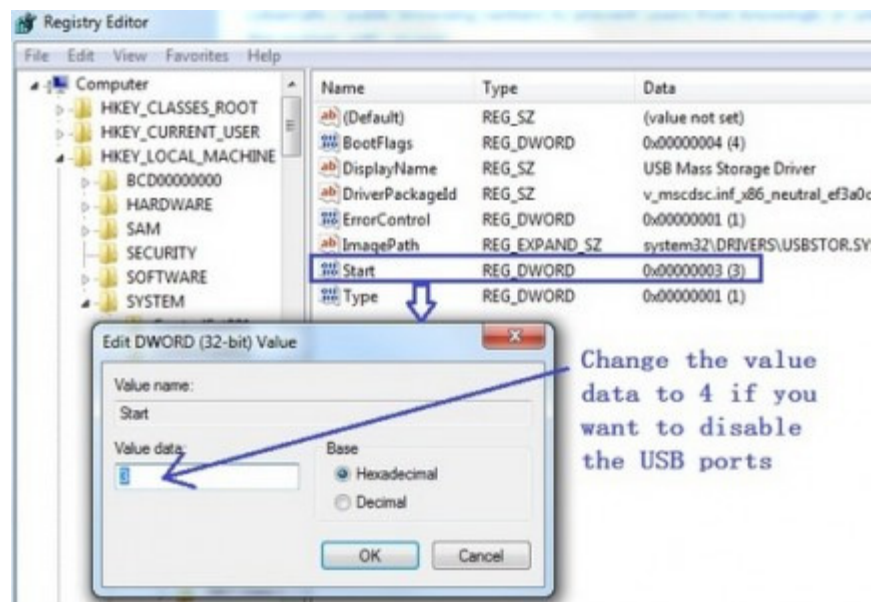
1) Click **Start** -> **Run** -> Type **regedit** and press Enter. For Windows 7 users, just click Start and type **regedit**

2) Navigate to
"**HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\UsbStor**"

3) Click **UsbStor** registry key and double click on Start value.

4) Change the Value data to **4** to **disable the USB ports**. Click OK button and the change will take effect immediately.

5) When you want to enable the USB ports again, remember to change back the Value data to **3** again.