How to disable smart card plug and play on Windows 7 and above

Using Group policy editor:

1. Start the group policy editor, by typing gpedit.msc in the Start menu

2. Go to Computer Configuration\Administrative Templates\Windows Components\Smart Card

3. Find "Turn on Smart Card Plug and Play service" and double-click it
4. Disable it, click OK to apply the new setting

5. Restart the system.

**Using regedit:**

In some windows 7 version the group policy editor is missing. Following registry key must be inserted or edited to disable the smart card plug and play service.

- Goto Start and type regedit.exe.
- Depending on the exact Version of Windows 7, one (x86) or two (x64) entries need to be edited or added:

  **x86:**
  
  [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\ScPnP]
  "EnableScPnP"=dword:00000000

  **x64:**
  
  [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\ScPnP]
  "EnableScPnP"=dword:00000000

  [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Wow6432Node\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\ScPnP]
  "EnableScPnP"=dword:00000000


- Restart the system.