Enable disabled audio device in Windows 7

If you cannot find an audio device in the Control Panel, then there is a possibility that it is disabled. Windows hides the disabled devices by default, so you cannot see them. But you can enable them using the instructions in this article :

- 1. Press the key combination **Windows logo key + R** to open the Run dialog.
- 2. Type **mmsys.cpl** in the Run dialog and press Enter.

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- In the Sound window, select a tab Recording tab or Playback tab. Choose a tab under which you think your missing audio de vice might be listed. For example, a missing Line In device should be listed under the Recording tab.
- Right-click anywhere on an empty area under the list of devices and choose Show disabled devices as shown,

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5. You will see the disabled devices in the list now. Choose a disabled device you want. Right-click on it and select **Enable** as shown.



6. Click **OK** to save the settings.