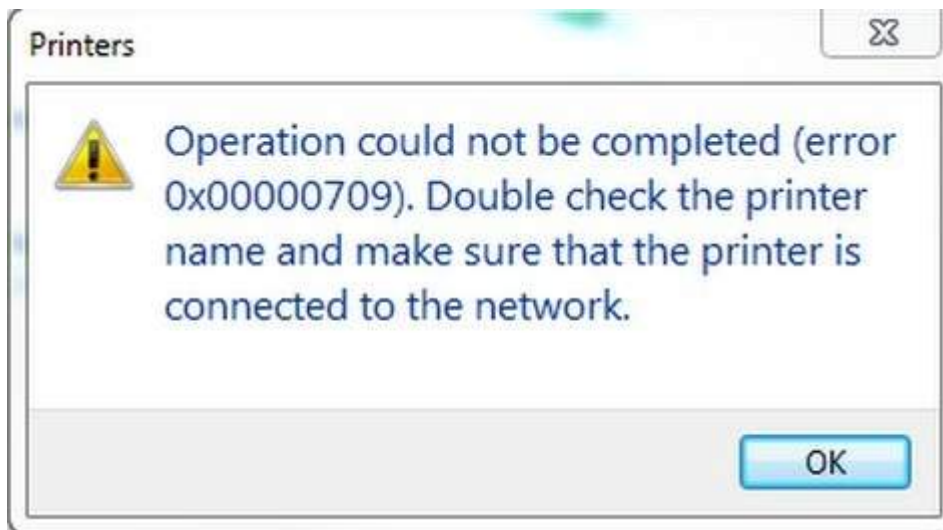


Error 0x00000709 Cannot Set Default Printer on Windows [Solved]

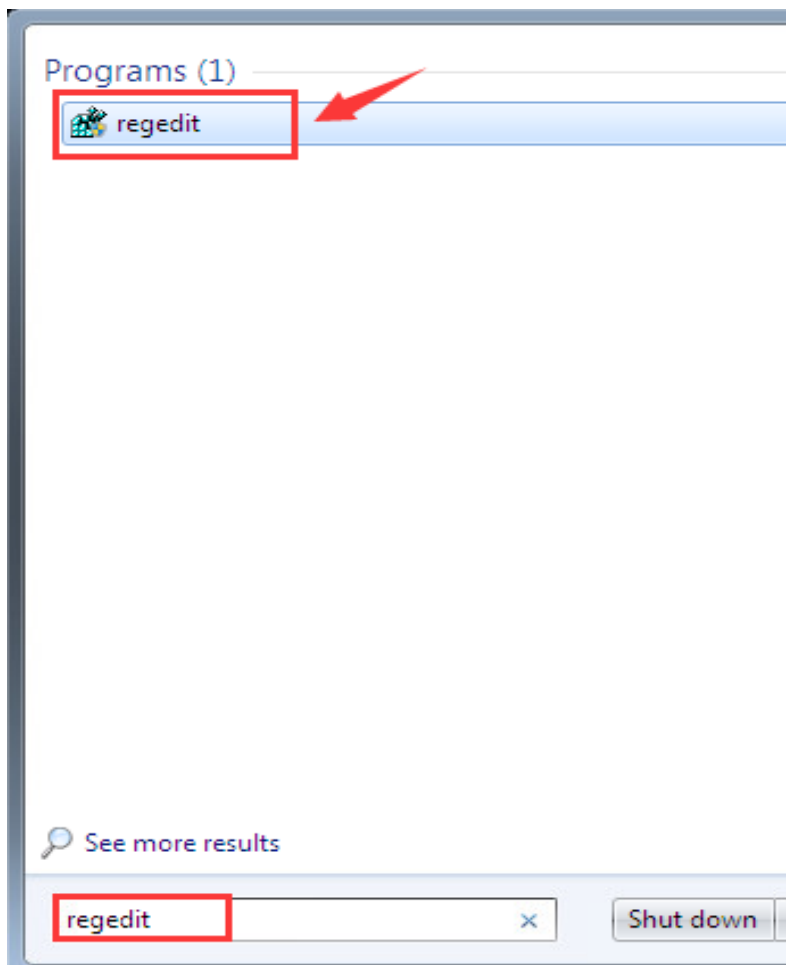
This might have happened to you that you cannot set any printer as default printer and whenever you wanted to setup the default printer, you get the same error message: **Operation could not be completed(error 0x00000709)**. **Double click the printer name and make sure that the printer is connected to the network.**



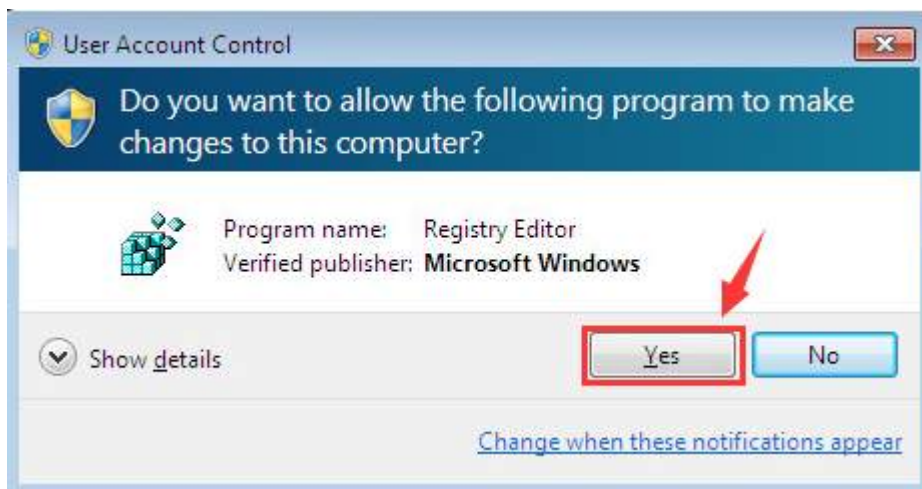
If you are facing with this issue right now, you could try the way in this post to help you solve it.

Note: Modifying the registry in your computer could cause irrecoverable error if the modification is done incorrectly, therefore, it is very important for you to back up your registry first. For instructions as to how to back up your registry, please refer to [this post here](#). If any problem occurs, the backed-up registry file will be able to help you roll back to your previous stage.

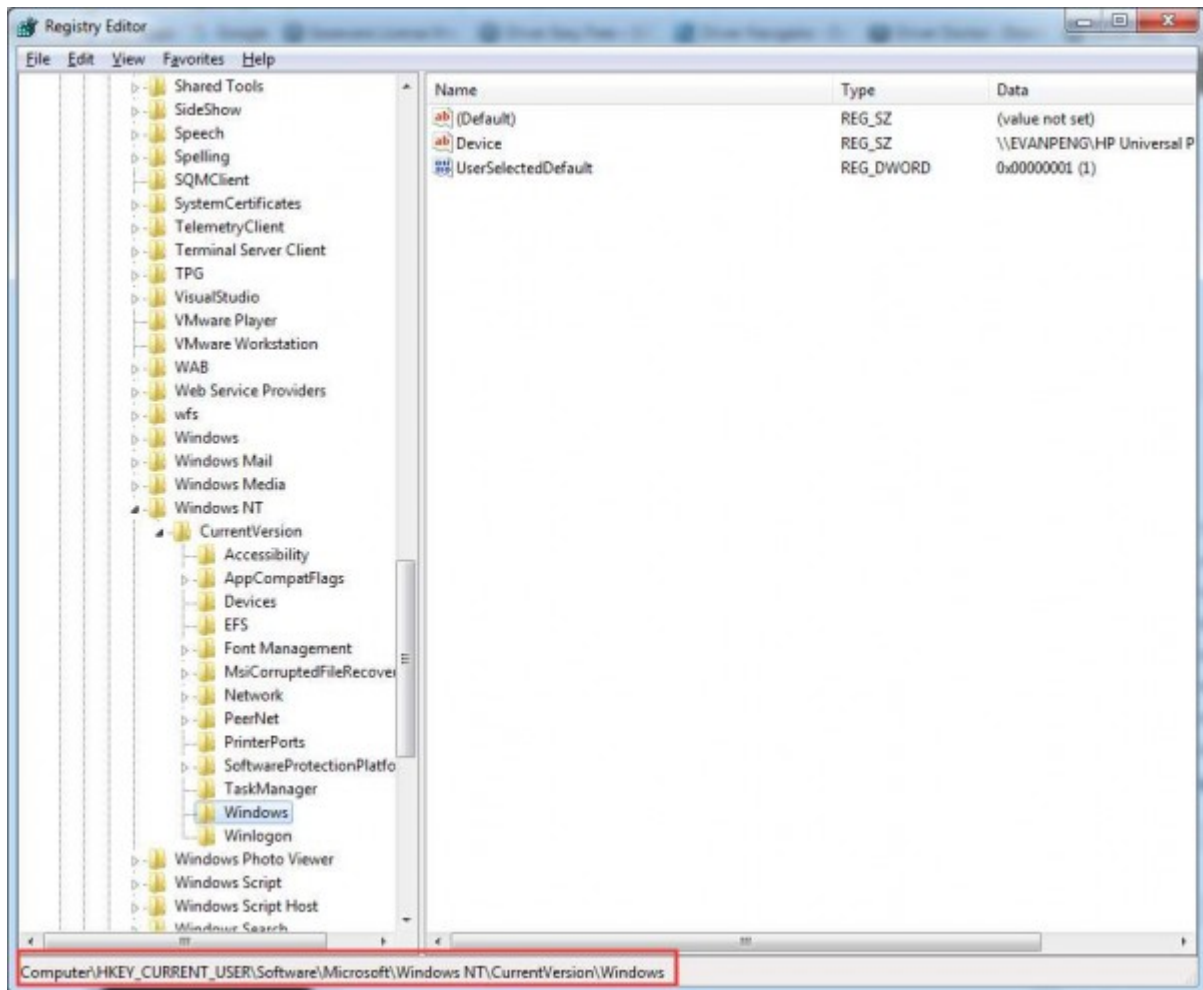
1) Click **Start** button, then type **regedit** in the search box and hit **Enter**.



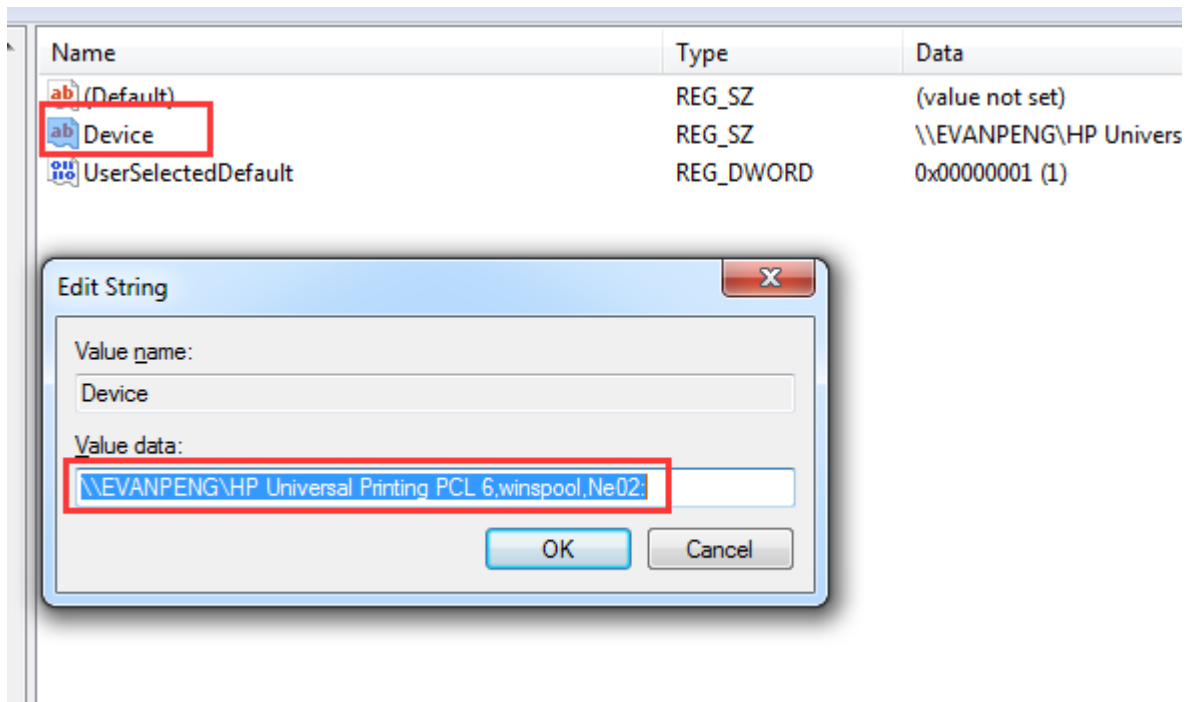
If **User Account Control** comes up, please choose **Yes** at the prompt.



2) Follow the path
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\WindowsNT\CurrentVersion\Windows.

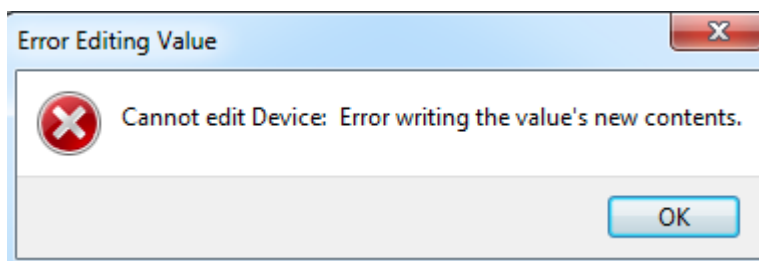


3) In the right panel, you will see the key with the name **Device**. Double click it to **Modify** it. Type in your printer name. The screen shot here is an example only.

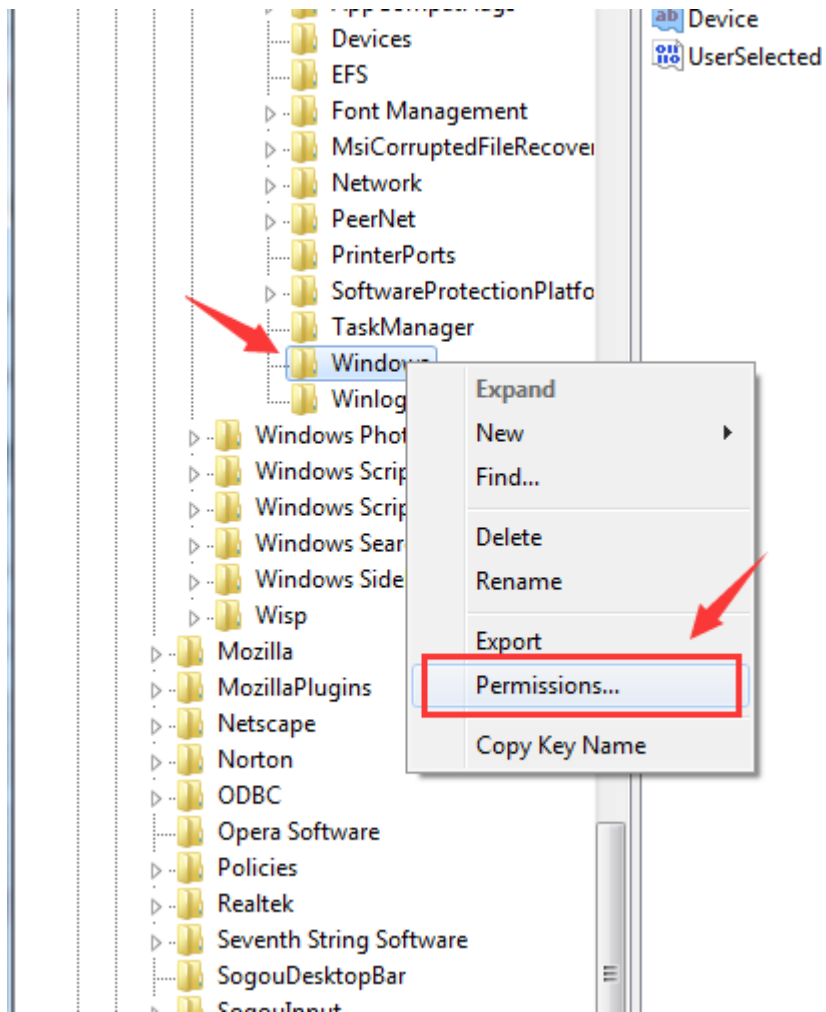


Then click **OK** to save the change.

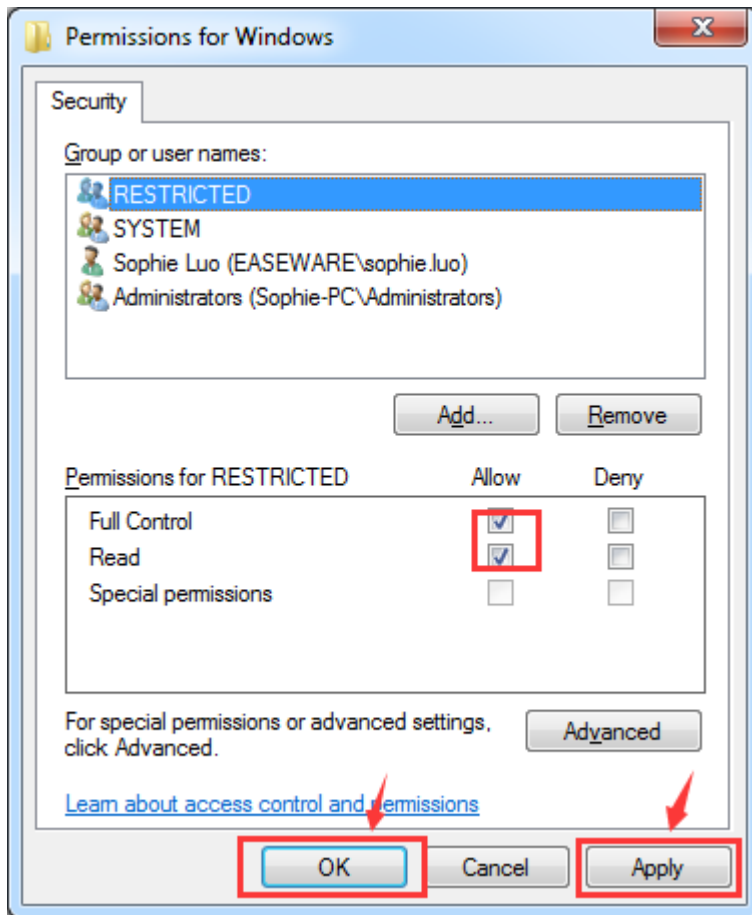
Note: If you encounter this sort of error “**Cannot edit Device: Error writing the value’s new contents**“, please follow the steps below to set the permission of the key.



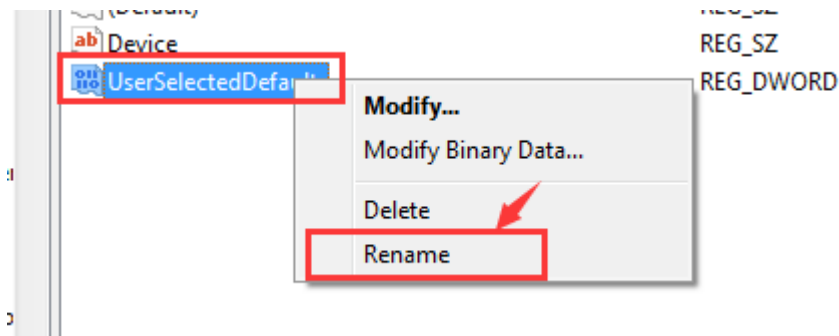
a) Right click **Windows** key on the left side of the panel and then choose **Permissions....**



b) Tick the box **Allow** for **Full Control** and **Read**, then hit **Apply** and click **OK** to save the change.



4) Right click the option **UserSelectDefault** and choose **Rename** to rename it as your printer name.



There you go! You should be able to set up your default printer now!

After setting up your printer, you will need update your printer driver for it to work more smoothly. In this case, you will need a driver update software for help.