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Luckily, the latest Windows 11 builds allow users to reinstall the operating system without deleting files, system settings, and installed apps. This means you can reinstall Windows 11 without losing anything. The only condition is that your Windows 11 PC must be connected to an active Internet connection.

Complete the directions below to reinstall Windows 11 without losing apps, files, and settings.

Reinstall Windows 11 without losing apps, files, and settings

NOTE: The same Windows 11 build and version running on your PC will be reinstalled. For instance, if your PC is running Windows 11 23H2 build, the same version will be reinstalled.

Step 1: Navigate to Windows 11 **Settings** > **System** > **Recovery** page.

Step 2: On this page, click the **Reinstall now** button showing up next to Fix problems using Windows Update.

Step 3: When you see the following screen, click the **OK** button.

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Windows 11 will now begin downloading Windows 11 installation files via Windows Update service. You can see the progress by navigating to **Settings** > **Windows Update** page. The download process might take a long time, especially if you have a slow internet connection.

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While the download is in progress, you can continue using your Windows 11 computer.

Step 4: Once the installation files are downloaded, installation will start automatically in the background. Once again, you can see the progress by navigating to Windows 11 Settings > Windows Update page and continue using your computer.

Step 5: Once the basic installation is done, you will see the Restart option on the Windows Update page. Save your work and click the **Restart** button to restart your PC.

Step 6: You will see a “**Working on updates. Please keep your computer on**” screen. Note that it might take hours to complete the installation. And your PC might restart a few times during this.

Step 7: Once done, you will see the lock screen of your Windows 11 PC. Sign in to your Windows 11 account by typing the password, PIN, or

any other method to begin using your reinstalled Windows 11 operating system.

All your apps, files, and settings should be available.

Step 8: We recommend you navigate to Windows 11 **Settings** > **Windows Update** page and then click the **Check for updates** button just to ensure that no updates are pending.

If available, Windows 11 will automatically download and install them.

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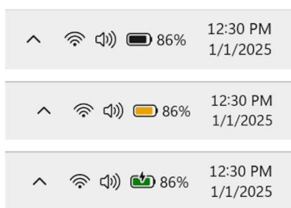
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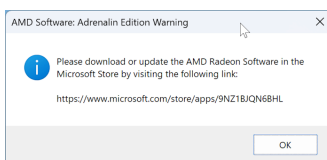
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Did you recently buy a new computer that uses AMD Radeon graphics? Are you getting the “Please download or update the AMD Radeon Software in the Microsoft Store by visiting the following link” error message when you click the AMD Software:

Adrenalin Edition option in the desktop right-click menu? If yes, here is why the [...]

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Is the Windows 11 taskbar not showing the year next to date and month? Do not worry! It's not a bug! A recent update has changed how date and clock appear on the taskbar in Windows 11. By default, the recent builds of Windows 11 do not display the year on the taskbar. Instead, it [...]

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Microsoft has finally released Windows 11 24H2 to the general public and is now available to everyone. 24H2 is the third major/feature update to Windows 11 after 22H2 and 23H2. As you might already know, Windows 11 24H2 has been available on ARM-powered PCs for about four months now. Windows 11 24H2, the latest version [...]

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In Windows 10 and earlier versions, PC users had to use third-party apps to create and open the popular RAR, TAR, and 7z archive file formats.

Until about a year ago, Windows 11 natively supported the creation and extraction of only one archive file format – ZIP. About a year ago, Microsoft added the ability [...]

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Windows 11 shows a bell icon on the extreme right of the taskbar. Hovering the mouse pointer over the bell icon shows how many unseen notifications are pending, and clicking the bell icon brings up the Notification Center, which shows all recent notifications, such as emails and WhatsApp messages. If you are running Windows 11 [...]

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On Windows-running computers, the desktop is often used to save files, folders, and app icons. Many users save everything, from documents to pictures, right on the desktop so that they can access them quickly. However, if you have many icons on the desktop and do not want to organize the desktop by moving files and [...]

How To Show Hidden Icons On Taskbar In Windows 11

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With default settings, the Windows 11 taskbar shows ethernet/Wi-Fi, volume, and battery icons in the taskbar system tray. In addition to these icons, some installed apps might also show their icons in the system tray area. For instance, the popular Kaspersky Internet Security always shows an icon in the system tray. The taskbar system tray [...]

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Microsoft Edge browser is installed by default in Windows 11. It's automatically installed when you install/reinstall and set up Windows 11 on your computer. Naturally, Microsoft Edge is the default web browser in Microsoft's Windows operating system. Although Edge is the default web browser in Windows 11, some users prefer other web browsers such as [...]

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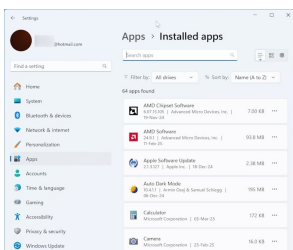
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Windows 11 is the newest version of the Windows operating system. Released in October 2021, Windows 11 offers an all new new Start menu, centered taskbar icons, revamped File Explorer, redesigned Settings, revamped Store and more.

Where Is “Apps & Features” Page In Windows 11 Settings?

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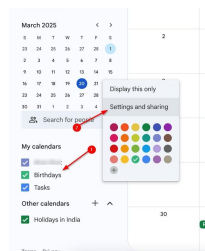


With the Windows 10 end-of-support date fast approaching, Millions of computer users are upgrading their Windows 10 installations to Windows 11. Many users who have used Windows 10 for a good amount of time before upgrading to

Windows 11 have many queries, as the team behind Windows 11 has made several changes over the last [...]

How To Add Google Calendar To Outlook New In Windows 11

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Google Calendar is one of the most used free online calendar services. It's widely used by computer as well as smartphone users across operating systems. For iOS and Android, as you might already know, Google offers a dedicated Google Calendar app. Unfortunately, an official Google Calendar app is not available for the Windows operating system. [...]

How To Enable Keyboard Shortcut To Open Copilot In Windows 11

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The Copilot or Microsoft Copilot AI assistant has been available in the Windows operating system for over a year now. In the initial days, on Windows 11 and 10 PCs, we could launch the Copilot app using the Windows logo + C keyboard shortcut. However, sadly, this keyboard shortcut no longer works. If you often [...]

How To Install Old Outlook In Windows 11

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Ever since the release of the new Outlook for Windows app, Microsoft has been pushing it aggressively. The new Outlook for Windows app already replaced the Mail and Calendar app.

Several users report that the new Windows 11 PCs are preinstalled with the new Outlook for Windows app instead of the old Outlook or Outlook [...]

How To Install Windows Sandbox In Windows 11

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Windows Sandbox is one of the lesser-known features of the Windows operating system. The feature, introduced first with Windows 10 and available in Windows 11, is an isolated desktop environment to run potentially unsafe apps and test suspicious files in a sandboxed environment to safeguard your data and Windows installation. The feature can also be [...]

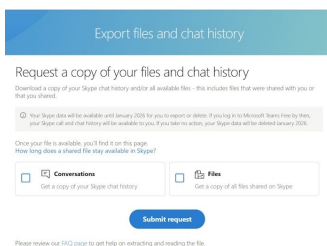
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Generally, downloading device drivers for the Windows operating system is easy. You have to visit the PC manufacturer's website and search with your PC's model number to find all available device drivers. In addition to the method mentioned above, one can use internet search engines such as Google, Bing, and DuckDuckGo to find device drivers [...]

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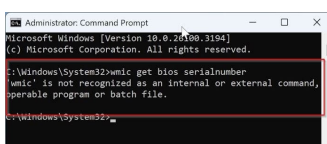
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Microsoft has decided to retire its Skype service in a few months! Yes, Microsoft Skype will be available only till May 5, 2025. If you have been using Skype for a long time, you likely have chat history and files shared on Skype. Since Skype is shutting down, it's a good idea to export your [...]

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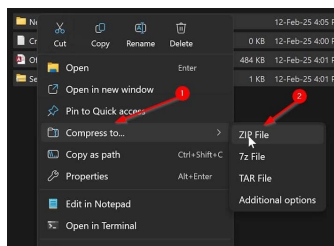


The other day, I had to run a WMIC command to get my PC's serial number. However, the Command Prompt threw the “wmic is not recognized as an internal or external command” error despite running the correct command. After some research, I came to know that

WMIC, or Windows Management Instrumentation Command-line tool, is not [...]

4 Ways To Create Zip Files In Windows 11

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The Windows operating system has allowed the creation of zip files for a long time. The latest Windows 11 version also supports creating and opening Zip, RAR, and 7z files without using third-party tools. As you likely know, compressed files or zipped files take up less storage space than uncompressed files. Besides, they are easy [...]

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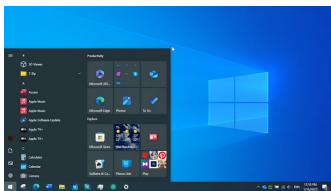
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Released in July 2015, Windows 10 is the latest version of the Windows operating system from Microsoft. It is fast, stable and secure. We have written over 1200 articles on Windows 10. You can find them [here](#).

Will Windows 10 Stop Working In 2025?

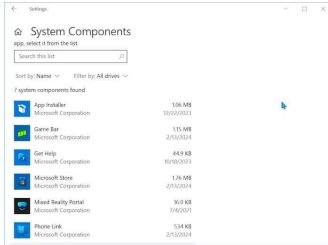
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Microsoft has been showing end-of-life banners on Windows 10 PCs for about a year now to remind users to upgrade to Windows 11. As you likely know by now, Windows 10 end-of-life or end-of-support date is 14th October 2025. Several Windows 10 PC users who cannot upgrade their Windows 10 installations to Windows 11 due [...]

Fix: Microsoft Store Missing From Apps And Features In Windows 10

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The other day, the Microsoft Store on my Windows 10 laptop was not opening. After multiple failed attempts, I decided to reset or repair the Microsoft Store app via the Settings app, hoping it would resolve the issue. When I navigated to Windows 10 Settings > Apps > Apps and features page, I was surprised [...]

How To Install Copilot On Windows 10 PC

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Microsoft Copilot was initially released for the new Windows 11. Since a large chunk of PCs are still running Windows 11's predecessor, Windows 10, Microsoft decided to offer Copilot for Windows 10 as well. What is Copilot for Windows 10? Microsoft Copilot is an AI assistant. It not only helps you get answers to your [...]

How To Install Windows Fax And Scan In Windows 10

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Windows 10 ships with several apps. One of them is Scan. The Scan app was introduced to replace the classic Windows Fax and Scan program, as it has not seen updates for a long time. Additionally, the Fax function is no longer required. The new inbox Scan app is pretty good. It offers all the [...]

What Happens To Windows 10 After October 2025?

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Windows 10 has been powering hundreds of millions of computers around the globe. In fact, it's the most used desktop operating system. As of December 2023, Windows 10 has about 65% of market share among Windows versions. About two years ago, Microsoft announced that the end of support date for Windows 10 is October 14, [...]

How To Install XPS Viewer In Windows 10/11

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Have you recently received an XPS file from your friend or colleague and want to open it on your Windows 10/11 PC? Are you unable to find

the XPS Viewer software on your Windows 10 or 11 computer? This guide shows you how to install the XPS Viewer app on a Windows 10/11 PC. As [...]

Fix: File Explorer Toolbar Missing In Windows 10

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The File Explorer (previously known as Windows Explorer) in Windows 10 is different from the one in Windows 7. It uses a ribbon to house all commands. The File Explorer commands have been categorized into different tabs of the ribbon toolbar. At times, the File Explorer ribbon toolbar might go missing or appear to go [...]

How To Stop The Screen From Turning Off Automatically In Windows 10/11

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Do you want to prevent your Windows 10/11 PC's screen from going off automatically? Your Windows 10/11 PC's screen automatically turns off because of the power settings. With default settings, the PC's screen goes off after a few

minutes of idle time to save power. If you are annoyed by this feature, you can configure [...]

How To Stop Windows 10/11 From Automatically Resizing App Windows

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With default settings, when you move an application or File Explorer window to the edge of the screen, Windows 10/11 automatically resizes the window. If you are wondering why Windows 10/11 automatically resizes application windows, it's because of a feature called Snap. The Snap feature, turned on by default, helps you organize open windows so [...]

How To Back Up Evernote Notes/Data On Windows 10/11 PC

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Evernote requires no introduction. It's probably one of the first apps developed to take and manage notes. Today, besides the official website, the Evernote app is available for Windows, macOS, Android, and iOS. Since Evernote automatically syncs all data to the cloud, you do not need to back up your Evernote notes or data anywhere [...]

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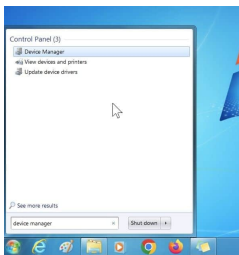
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How To Reinstall The Wi-Fi Driver In Windows 7

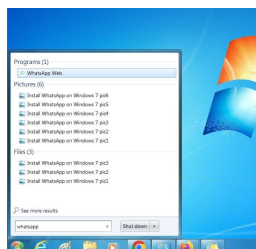
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Windows 7 packs built-in troubleshooters to troubleshoot and fix common issues like the Wi-Fi connection. While the built-in Wi-Fi troubleshooter can fix many issues related to the Wi-Fi, at times, reinstalling the Wi-Fi driver is required to fix Wi-Fi problems. If you are also running Windows 7 and encountering Wi-Fi issues like being unable to [...]

How To Install WhatsApp App On Windows 7 PC

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WhatsApp requires no introduction. It's one of the most used instant messaging services in the world. Even though there are plenty of competitors around, WhatsApp has been the undisputed king of instant messaging services for over a decade now. In addition to smartphones, a version of the WhatsApp app has been officially made available for [...]

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Is your Windows 7 installation not working correctly? Would you like to reinstall the Windows 7 installation by downloading Windows 7 ISO from Microsoft and creating a new bootable USB drive? If you answered yes to the questions above, continue reading to see if it's possible to download Windows 7 ISO from Microsoft in 2025. [...]

Can I Install The Latest Chrome Version On Windows 7 PC?

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Microsoft stopped supporting Windows 7 back in 2020. Although it's been more than four years since Microsoft stopped supporting Windows 7, tens of millions of users are still running Windows 7 for various reasons. In addition to Microsoft, many software developers no longer support Windows 7. For instance, Google Chrome no longer offers its latest [...]

Open And View HEIC Pictures In Windows 7 And Windows 8/8.1

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By now, you likely know about the HEIC image format. If not, HEIC is a relatively new image format that takes about 40% lesser space than the popular JPG image format without compromising on the picture quality. Because HEIC takes about half the space of JPG, Apple started using this lesser-known image format in their [...]

Get Windows 10's Dynamic Lock Feature In Windows 7/8.1

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With Windows 10 Creators Update, Microsoft has introduced a new feature called Dynamic Lock. The Dynamic Lock feature enables you

configure Windows 10 to automatically lock the PC when you walk away from it. What's is Dynamic Lock feature in Windows 10? The new lock feature requires you pair a phone with Windows 10 PC [...]

Official Way To Stop Windows 7 From Upgrading To Windows 10

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It's been about ten months since the release of Windows 10, and millions of Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 users have upgraded their PCs to the newest version of Windows using the free upgrade program from Microsoft. The free upgrade program will be available for the next couple of weeks, meaning users who want to [...]

Troubleshooter To Get “Get Windows 10” App In System Tray

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Ever since Microsoft started sending desktop notifications to Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 PCs to allow users register for the free Windows 10 upgrade, users have been complaining about that the desktop notification or the Get Windows 10 icon is not

appearing in the system tray of the taskbar despite having a genuine copy of [...]

How To Run Control Panel As Administrator In Windows 10/11

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Before this, we have written a number of guides on taking ownership of files and running programs as an administrator. Recently, while moderating comments, I noticed that there are plenty of users out there who would like to run Control Panel as administrator. To start with, Windows doesn't let you run Control Panel as administrator. [...]

How To Convert DMG File To ISO In Windows For Free

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DMG is nothing but disc image file mostly used in Mac OS X operating system. Most of the apps out there are available as DMG files and the file type is very familiar to Mac OS X users. Windows operating system doesn't support DMG files out of the box and we need to take the [...]

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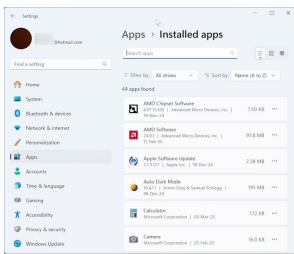
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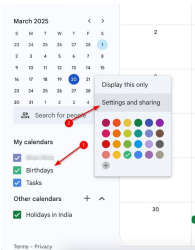


With the Windows 10 end-of-support date fast approaching, Millions of computer users are upgrading their Windows 10 installations to Windows 11. Many users who have used Windows 10 for a good amount of time before upgrading to Windows 11 have many queries, as the team behind Windows 11 has made several changes over the last [...]

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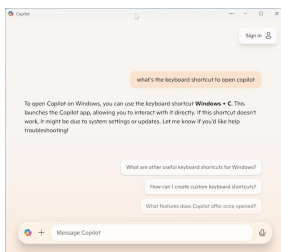
Google Calendar is one of the most used free online calendar services. It's widely used by computer as well as smartphone users across operating systems. For iOS and Android, as you might already know,



Google offers a dedicated Google Calendar app. Unfortunately, an official Google Calendar app is not available for the Windows operating system. [...]

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The Copilot or Microsoft Copilot AI assistant has been available in the Windows operating system for over a year now. In the initial days, on Windows 11 and 10 PCs, we could launch the Copilot app using the Windows logo + C keyboard shortcut. However, sadly, this keyboard shortcut no longer works. If you often [...]

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Most modern computers, especially those released in the last few years, have SSDs (Solid State Drives) as the default storage. As you might already know, SSDs make Windows boot faster than traditional hard disk drives and enhance the operating system's overall performance. Although modern computers boot faster, apps that are configured to load or start [...]

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Ever since the release of the new Outlook for Windows app, Microsoft has been pushing it aggressively. The new Outlook for Windows app already replaced the Mail and Calendar app.

Several users report that the new Windows 11 PCs are preinstalled with the new Outlook for Windows app instead of the old Outlook or Outlook [...]

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Windows Sandbox is one of the lesser-known features of the Windows operating system. The feature, introduced first with Windows 10 and available in Windows 11, is an isolated desktop environment to run potentially unsafe apps and test suspicious files in a sandboxed environment to safeguard your data and Windows installation. The feature can also be [...]

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Generally, downloading device drivers for the Windows operating system is easy. You have to visit the PC manufacturer's website and search with your PC's model number to find all available device drivers. In addition to the method mentioned above, one can use internet search engines such as Google, Bing, and DuckDuckGo to find device drivers [...]

How To Export Skype Chat History & Shared Files

Microsoft has decided to retire its Skype service in a few months! Yes, Microsoft Skype will be available only till May 5, 2025. If you have been using Skype for a long time, you likely have chat history and files shared on Skype. Since Skype is shutting down, it's a good idea to export your [...]

How To Install WMIC In Windows 11

The other day, I had to run a WMIC command to get my PC's serial number. However, the Command Prompt threw the "wmic is not

recognized as an internal or external command” error despite running the correct command. After some research, I came to know that WMIC, or Windows Management Instrumentation Command-line tool, is not [...]

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The Windows operating system has allowed the creation of zip files for a long time. The latest Windows 11 version also supports creating and opening Zip, RAR, and 7z files without using third-party tools. As you likely know, compressed files or zipped files take up less storage space than uncompressed files. Besides, they are easy [...]

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Many PC users might not know this, but it's possible to reinstall Windows 10 without losing your documents, pictures, music, and other data. In this guide, we will see how to properly reinstall Windows 10 without losing data.

You may use this method when your Windows 10 is not working as it's supposed and you're getting one or more errors while opening programs or apps. In short, go for reinstall only if you're having issues that are not repairable. For instance, if Windows 10 is very slow, even after attempting all the solutions out there on the web, you may consider reinstalling Windows 10.

You might also want to read our how to [install Windows 10 from a USB drive](#) and [how to clean install Windows 10 from ISO image file](#) articles.

Reinstalling Windows 10 this way doesn't require you to enter a **product key**, meaning you can reinstall Windows 10 without a product key.

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Steps to reinstall Windows 10 without data loss

Follow the given below instructions without any deviations to reinstall Windows 10 without data loss.

This method is applicable only if your Windows 10 PC is bootable. If your PC is not bootable, you need to perform a clean install of Windows 10.

Step 1: Connect your **bootable Windows 10 USB** to your PC. If you have a **bootable DVD of Windows 10**, please insert the same in the optical drive.

And, if you have the Windows 10 ISO image file, browse to the folder containing the ISO file, **right-click** on it, and then click the **Mount**

option to open the contents of the ISO image in File Explorer (Windows Explorer).

Those of you who don't have Windows 10 USB, DVD, or ISO image, please [download Windows 10 ISO image from Microsoft](#) using the official Windows 10 Media Creation Tool. The tool, with default settings, downloads the edition and type ([32-bit or 64-bit](#)) of Windows 10 currently installed on your PC.

Step 2: Open up **This PC** (My Computer), **right-click** on the USB or DVD drive, and click **Open in new window** option.

Similarly, if you have mounted an ISO image of Windows 10, please **right-click** on the mounted drive in This PC, and click **Open in new window** option.

Step 3: Double-click on the **Setup.exe** file. Click **Yes** when you see the User Account Control dialog.

Step 4: In a few seconds, you will see **Get important updates** screen with two options:

Download and install updates (recommended)

Not right now

If your PC is connected to the internet, we recommend you select the first radio button labeled **Download and install updates (recommended)**.

If you want, you may uncheck the box labeled **I want to help make the installation of Windows better** to avoid sending anonymous data to

Microsoft about the installation.

Select an option and then click the **Next** button.

Step 5: Upon clicking the **Next** button, the setup will start checking for updates. If you selected the **Not right now** option in the previous step, you wouldn't see this screen.

The tool might take tens of minutes to check for updates.

Step 6: Next, you will see the **License terms** screen, where you need to click the **Accept** button to proceed further.

Upon clicking the Accept button, the setup might look for updates and download them, if available.

You might see the following the **Making sure you are ready to install** screen for a few minutes. At this point, the setup checks your PC can

run Windows 10 and also checks if there is sufficient space required for the operation.

Step 7: Finally, you will see the **Choose what to keep** or **Ready to install** screen.

If you get the Ready to install screen, click the link labeled **Change what to keep**, and then select **Keep personal files only**. Click the **Next** button.

And, if you get **Choose what to keep screen** instead, you will see three options:

Keep personal files and apps

Keep personal files only

Nothing

Since we are here to reinstall Windows 10 without deleting your files, select the second option labeled Keep personal files only option before clicking the Next button.

Tip: You may also select the first option labeled Keep personal files and apps option if you don't want to lose apps installed from the Store. That said, if you have issues with one or more modern apps like Edge or Photos, please select the Keep personal files only option.

Select **Keep personal files only**, and then click the **Next** button. The setup will once again make sure that you're ready to install it.

Step 8: Finally, you will see the **Ready to install** screen once again, this time with the Install button.

Click the **Install** button to begin installing/reinstalling Windows 10. You will see the following Installing Windows 10 screen for a few minutes. Your PC might restart several times.

Once the installation is done, you will see the options to select your country, language, keyboard layout, and time zone.

Step 9: When you see the following screen, click on **Customize settings** link instead of the large Use Express Settings button to change default privacy settings. Read all settings carefully and keep

them on or turn off. Of course, you can change these settings later under the Settings app.

You will be asked to sign in using your Microsoft account, and if you don't want to [install and use Windows 10 using a Microsoft account](#), you can create a new local user account.

As said before, you will not be asked to activate Windows 10 again after the reinstallation if you're using an activated install of Windows 10. If you face any activation issues, which you should not while using a genuine Windows 10, please [chat with Microsoft support](#) using the Contact Support app available in Windows 10. To open it, please type Contact Support in the Start menu or taskbar search box and then press Enter key.

All your files will be where you left them. You will only need to install your favorite programs again.

Do let us know if you're having any issues while reinstalling Windows 10.

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Mduduzi says

December 16, 2020 at 6:01 pm

Guys please help me my Laptop suddenly freezes and completely crashes when I am trying to open Camera or Bandicam trying to record my screen could you please help me out of this messy

This Started after installing Windows 10 Pro And and Also Activating it

Scott Johnston says

December 30, 2018 at 12:11 am

WARNING TO EVERYONE! Most of the non-windows supplied or 3rd party programming will be 'lost' meaning the registry may or may not have the key structure to find all the *.dll or exes required to execute them correctly.

1st – BACKUP DATA!! If you do not do this, you only have yourself to blame

2nd – Try a registry cleaner first. CCleaner is highly recommended and is free.

3rd – if you are running slow but still working -increase the page file size. Ctrl pnl> System >Advanced System Settings > Advanced Tab > Performance Settings Button > Advanced Tab, Virtual Memory Change button > and look at currently

allocated. Uncheck the 'Auto manage box, Click the Custom size radio button, set the initial box to slightly less than the currently allocated and the max from 150% to 200% of the value you set in the Initial size. click Ok to back out and restart.

Do all that before you try a reinstall. Your system just may have a lot of processes running like mine (about 120 in mine) and that WILL help!

schubertdog says

November 1, 2018 at 11:00 pm

I tried this in safe mode @steve Owens and after hours of "getting things ready" it told me I couldn't do this in safe mode!! Back to the drawing board

Ron says

July 11, 2018 at 1:39 am

I had an interesting reinstall I have some big data folders on C drive which is in Raid 1. Somehow it got corrupted bad I'm still not sure yet if the information did or one of the memory dimm went bad. But at last resort I plugged win 10 usb and did a reinstall. There were three option of keeping personal

data files, something else about keeping data files and last is clean install. The top two about keeping files was “whited out” so I couldn’t select them so I went ahead with the wipe. After multiple restarts and installation my large data files were still there. I don’t know how that happened if I knew I wouldn’t have spent an hour getting 65gb of data off the drives but still I would do a backup of the data just in case it did wipe everything.

Shaeris says

January 2, 2018 at 12:27 am

@Shh

I’m sure an upstanding citizen such as yourself likewise pays to use Winrar and Photoshop as well.

lmao

S Roy says

December 11, 2017 at 1:30 pm

very good idea.

usama says

October 10, 2017 at 1:31 am

i don't wanna lose my games save data or steam saved data..
what should i select in (change what to keep) screen?

Shh says

September 4, 2017 at 3:58 am

Could I also ask why "Saud's" previous comment passed moderation checks?

Shh says

September 4, 2017 at 3:55 am

@Saud – Are you kidding? I'd hate to lose sleep over poor citizens such as yourself losing your precious data because you don't want to pay the going rate for the services provided by hard-working, highly trained and probably underpaid professional software developers. That would be awful! I'm sorry I can't help you, but I really hope someone comes forward to assist you in your quest to keep stealing from society and your contribution to the rising software prices we've been witnessing over the past decades as the scum of

the earth continue to think that they are somehow exempt from having to pay for what they consume. I wish you all the best in your future piracy endeavours and hope, for everybody's sake, that you are able to continue in your chosen path of freeloading off of responsible citizens such as myself. I applaud you, sir.

Ishraq Muntakim says

August 20, 2017 at 11:04 am

Hello. Before reinstalling, when asked to keep personal files and apps, apart from store apps, will the downloaded or installed third-party programs from disc and internet be kept ? Or will they get deleted ? Waiting for reply.

Jamie says

August 7, 2017 at 11:31 am

Hi all. This was so easy. Wish I'd done it before trying all the other fixes and spent hours of wasted time. My PC is basically an upgraded windows 10 system from an ancient Vista version. I was having problems with the task bar not working and also windows update and recovery were broken. I downloaded and burnt the windows 10 ISO to DVD and ran

the setup in windows. I got to keep all my files and programs but with a brand new system install. Happy days.

Should work from safe mode and didn't ask for any registration details as all I have is an old vista licence no.

Saud says

July 25, 2017 at 4:37 pm

Will this work if done on pirated windows? I don't want to lose any data and I'm ok with using unactivated windows. Please reply

steve Owens says

June 17, 2017 at 7:27 pm

Can this be done from safe mode as I can get into that but it wont boot in normal mode

Jens says

May 24, 2017 at 12:41 am

I have to use it to get rid of the creators downgrade. What a joke. I waited so long until they fix the bugs and tried fixing them myself, because I didn't want to reinstall, but the issues are only getting worse.

skan says

March 25, 2017 at 8:28 pm

keeping personal files and applications is not available with my computer

Alier Makoi Acuoth says

February 12, 2017 at 3:57 am

I'm worried to reinstall windows 10 without backup files because I may lost my data.

HELP says

November 27, 2016 at 11:20 pm

My pc worked normally, i restarted it, then when windows booting shows up and text saying prepairing automatic

repair, after 15 seconds shows diagnosing your pc then automatic repair saying your pc did not start correctly shows up with buttons restart and advanced options i press restart then starts again everything from start and i tried some things in advanced option nothing helped. I put my win 10 disc in, it shows press any key to boot from dvd or cd, i press one button then again preparing automatic repair tool and diagnosing your pc and again im in Automatic repair plz help

Peter Moller says

March 9, 2016 at 7:50 am

Look, this sounds great. As I am one of U free downloads, I wonder, if this works too ?

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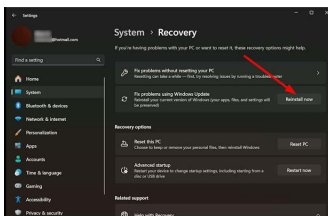
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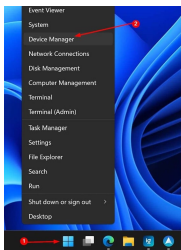


Windows 10 and earlier versions of the Windows operating system do not allow users to reinstall Windows installation by retaining installed apps. Although we can reinstall Windows 10 without losing data/files, installed apps will not be preserved. Luckily, the latest Windows 11 builds allow users to reinstall the operating system without deleting files, system settings, [...]

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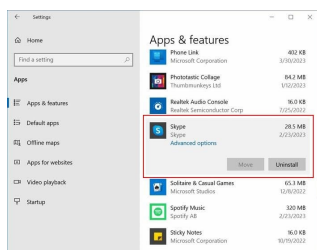
Most mid to high-range laptops ship with a fingerprint scanner or reader so that users can sign in to their Windows 10/11 laptop by keeping or swiping a finger on the fingerprint scanner. A large number



of PC users now use fingerprint sign-in instead of the old-style password as it's easy to use and safe. [...]

How To Reset Or Reinstall Skype App In Windows 10/11

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If the Skype app throws errors, fails to connect, or does not work correctly, there are multiple options to fix the Skype app. On Windows 10 and 11, you can reset, repair, and reinstall the Skype app with a few clicks to repair it. This guide shows you how to reset, repair and reinstall the [...]

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Amazon Music, Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube Music are some popular music streaming services available today. Like its competitors, Spotify also offers an official Spotify app for Windows 10/11.

This means that, in addition to the ability to access Spotify in a web browser, PC users can also use the official Spotify app to listen [...]

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Apple iCloud is the default cloud storage on iPhones, iPads, and Macs. While Apple offers 5 GB of free iCloud space, most users buy 50 GB, 200 GB, or 2 TB plans. Not all iPhone or iPad users are on Mac computers. Many users own Windows 10/11 running computers. For iPhone or iPad users who [...]

How To Uninstall Or Reinstall Phone Link App In Windows 10/11

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About a year ago, Microsoft renamed the Your Phone Companion app to Phone Link. The built-in Phone Link app in Windows 10 and 11 is an excellent piece of software. With the help of Phone Link, you can view and send text messages. Besides that, you can receive and make phone calls from your PC. [...]

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The Scan app is part of both Windows 10 and its successor Windows 11. In Windows 11, only the Scan app is present by default, whereas Windows 10 comes with both Scan and Windows Fax & Scan by default. One of the benefits of using the Scan app over its predecessor Windows Fax and Scan [...]

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The Reset PC feature in Windows 10/11 operating system is very handy. It can save both your time and effort big time. As you might already know, with the Reset PC feature, users can reset Windows 10/11 to default settings by keeping or deleting precious personal data. When you reinstall Windows 10/11, all data is [...]

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The official Apple Music app has finally been released for Windows 11. Although it's not available for Windows 10, Windows 11 users who subscribe to Apple Music can use the app. Like other software from

Apple, the Apple Music app for Windows 11 is also quite stable. However, at times, you might encounter issues while [...]

How To Reset Or Reinstall The Media Player App In Windows 11

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With Windows 11, Microsoft replaced the Groove Music app with a new app called Media Player. The Media Player app helps you listen and watch multimedia content on your PC. The new Media Player app is the default audio and video player in Windows 11. The app comes with a 9-band equalizer so that you [...]

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Most of the inbox apps in Windows 11 have been carried forward from Windows 10. The Calculator is one of them.



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The Calculator app in Windows 11 supports Windows 11's Mica material/theme. The Mica effect combined with the new icon makes it look different from the one found in Windows 10.

The built-in Calculator is probably the best Calculator out there for Windows. In addition to the standard mode, it also offers scientific, graphing, programmer, and date calculation modes. In addition, currency, volume, length, energy, weight and mass, temperature, area, speed, power, time, data, pressure, and angle can be converted from one unit to another unit.

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The Calculator app mostly works without any issues. That said, if you are encountering problems while opening or working with it, you can consider reinstalling it.

Following are the three easy ways to reinstall the Calculator app in Windows 11 without using third-party software.

Reinstall Calculator via Settings in Windows 11

Step 1: Open the Settings app.

Step 2: In the left pane of the Settings app, click **Apps**. Now, on the right side, click **Apps & features** to see a list of all inbuilt and installed apps.

Step 3: Scroll down the list to see the **Calculator** entry. Perform a click on the three vertically stacked dots icon (refer to the picture below) and then click the **Uninstall** option.

Step 4: When asked for the confirmation, click the **Uninstall** button again to uninstall and remove the Calculator app.

Step 5: Now that you have uninstalled the Calculator app, launch the Store app, search for Windows Calculator, open the Windows Calculator's page and then click the **Install** button to download and install the same.



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Reinstall Calculator app via PowerShell or Terminal in Windows 11

Step 1: Open the PowerShell or Terminal with admin rights. To do that, type **PowerShell** or **Terminal** in the search, **right-click** on the **PowerShell** or **Terminal** entry, and then click the **Run as administrator** option.

Click on the **Yes** button when you get the User Account Control prompt.

Step 2: At the PowerShell or Terminal window, copy and paste the following command and then hit the **Enter** key to uninstall the Calculator app.

```
Get-AppxPackage *windowscalculator* | Remove-AppxPackage
```

Step 3: After uninstalling the Calculator app, open the Microsoft Store app, search for Windows Calculator, and install the same. That's it!

Method 3 of 3

Reinstall Windows 11 Calculator via Settings

Step 1: Open the Settings app. Go to **Apps > Apps & features** page.

Step 2: Click on the three vertical dots icon next to the Calculator entry, and then click **Advanced options**.

Step 3: Scroll down the page to see the **Uninstall** section. Click on the **Uninstall** button and then click the **Uninstall** button again when you are asked for the confirmation.

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Step 4: Once the Calculator app is uninstalled, open the Store app, use the search to find the Windows Calculator app, and then install the same.

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October 18, 2023 at 4:17 am

Apps & Features is not showing on my Windows 11 machine. Without that, nothing here seems to be relevant. :(

dave says

June 11, 2022 at 1:09 am

I have no microsoft store and no calculator app on my windows 11 laptop for some reason. I've tried all the instructions on the internet and none of them work. I would love to download the calculator but from somewhere else besides the store.

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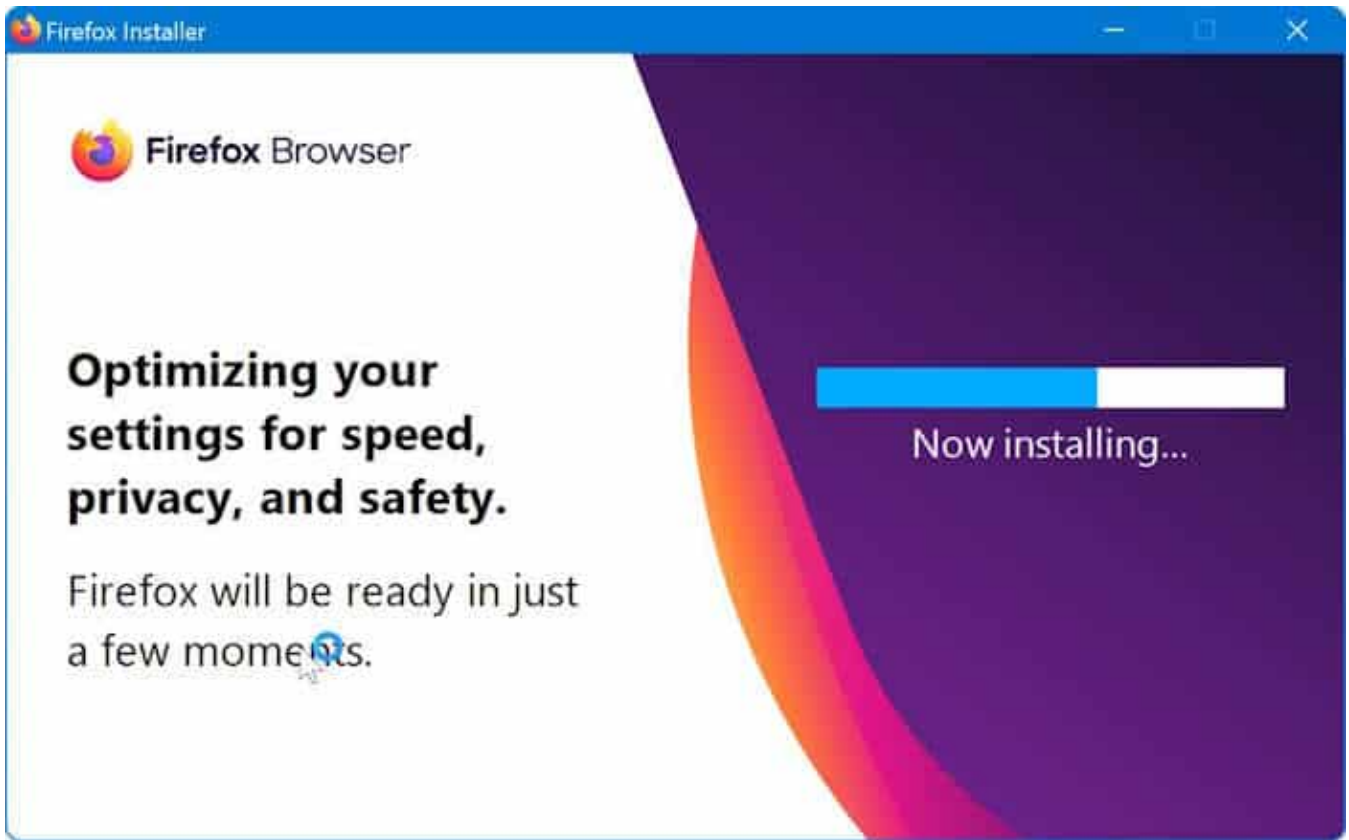
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There are a lot of ways to fix issues with your Firefox web browser, but reinstalling the browser is the best and easiest way to fix all issues at once and make it faster than before.

Like other third-party web browsers, although reinstalling the Mozilla Firefox browser for the Windows operating system is easy, users don't want to delete their [saved passwords](#), bookmarks, browsing history, cookies, and other data while reinstalling Firefox on Windows.



The good thing is that you can reinstall Firefox on Windows 10 and earlier Windows versions without losing data.

An advertisement for 'Web Companion' software. It features a large green button with the word 'START' in white. Below the button, it lists '3 Easy Steps: 1) Click on "Start", 2) Start the Installation, 3) Block Ads & Malware'. At the bottom, it says 'Anti-Malware - Ad Blocker - Privacy Shield' and 'Protect your PC now - 100% FREE!'. The 'Web Companion' logo is at the very bottom. The entire ad is enclosed in a black border with a small play button icon in the top right corner.

As you likely know, in older versions of Firefox (v30 or before), there would be a “Remove my Firefox personal data and customizations” option while uninstalling Firefox. The uninstaller no longer displays this option but doesn’t delete the profile data.

The thing is that the Firefox uninstaller doesn’t delete data from your Firefox profile folder (which includes important data such as passwords, history, bookmarks, and cookies), and you need to manually delete the profile folder if you want to remove these data from your PC. When you re-install Firefox on the same Windows installation again, Firefox starts using the data from that profile folder. In short, you are not deleting Firefox profile data when you uninstall it.

Complete the given directions to reinstall Firefox on Windows 11 and earlier versions without losing data.

IMPORTANT: We have tested this method with **Firefox v120**, and works great. However, we cannot guarantee the same for later versions!

Just to be safe, we recommend you create a backup of the **Firefox profile folder** to a safe location and restore the same folder if you find that something is missing after reinstalling Firefox (very, very unlikely, though).

You can find the profile folder by navigating to C:\Users\UserName\AppData\Roaming\Mozilla\Firefox. Copy the Profiles folder to a safe location.

NOTE: This method might not work if you have moved Firefox from the default install location to a different location.

Reinstalling Firefox without losing data

Step 1: In the Start menu search field, type **Appwiz.cpl** and then press the Enter key to open the Programs and Features window.

Step 2: Right-click on the Mozilla Firefox entry and then click the **Uninstall** option.

Follow the on-screen instructions to remove the Firefox from your PC. You might get an option to **Refresh the Firefox installation**. Decline the offer and then continue.

As said earlier, uninstalling Firefox will not delete the Firefox profile folder containing your crucial data, such as passwords, bookmarks, and history.

Step 3: Download a fresh copy of Firefox from the [Mozilla website](#). Run the installer. If you want to download the full setup, refer to our [download Firefox offline installer](#) guide. Follow the on-screen directions.

Step 4: When you get the following screen, uncheck **Restore default settings and remove old add-ons for optimal performance** option.

Click **the Re-install** button to complete the reinstall exercise.

You can now check if all your passwords, bookmarks, and other data are present now. All data should be there as you left before.

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Great and simple tutorial!

In my case I needed to reinstall FF because I had a Spanish version and I wanted to change to English without using a language ad-don. I would like to add 2 things:

- In my case, in "Programs and Features window" after filtering Firefox I found I had 2 entries, one with an older version and another one with the most updated one. Both looked like were installed in the same location. So I selected to uninstall the greater version and the older entry disappeared as well.

- I didn't get the screen showing "Restore default settings and remove old add-ons for optimal performance option". Instead of that as soon as I started Firefox, I got a bar at the bottom that was requesting my input to restore my settings. I click in the button and then hit cancel.

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It's been a few days since Microsoft released Windows 11 RTM. Windows 11 is a free upgrade to Windows 10 users who have a PC that supports [Windows 11's minimum hardware requirements](#).

Although users can upgrade from Windows 10 to Windows 11 via the Windows Update service, Microsoft is rolling out Windows 11 in a phased manner and because of this reason not everyone is able to upgrade to Windows 11 right away. That said, if you cannot wait to upgrade to Windows 11, you can use other options.



One can use the official Windows 11 Installation Assistant tool to **upgrade your existing Windows 10 installation to Windows 11 without losing data**. Here is how to upgrade from Windows 10 to Windows 11.

Upgrade from Windows 10 to Windows 11 without losing files

NOTE: **You do not need a product key to upgrade from an activated Windows 10 installation to Windows 11.**

Step 1: The first step is to make sure that your computer is compatible with Windows 11. The easiest way to do that is to **download**, install and run the official PC Health Check app.

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After running, click on the **Check now** button to **check if your PC can run Windows 11**.



Step 2: If your PC supports Windows 11, get the official Windows 11 Installation Assistant from [this page](#).



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Step 3: Run the Windows 11 Installation Assistant tool. If you get the following screen “**Use the PC Health Check app to check compatibility**” message instead, please run the PC Health Check app again and click on the **Check now** button (refer to Step 1 for directions) to make sure that your PC is compatible with Windows 11.



Step 4: Now that you have run the PC Health Check app again, on the Windows 11 Installation Assistant tool, click on the **Refresh** button to see the license agreement screen. Click the **Accept and Install** button to continue.





Step 5: The Windows 11 Installation Assistant software will begin downloading Windows 11 installation files from Microsoft servers. Depending on your internet connection speed, the download process might take a few minutes to hours.



Step 6: Once the required files are downloaded to your PC, the Installation Assistant will automatically start installing Windows 11.



Here, it might take tens of minutes to complete the installation.

Step 7: Next, once the installation reaches 100%, you will see the following screen. Click the **Restart now** button to restart your PC.



Step 8: Upon restarting your computer, you will get this screen with “Working on updates. Please keep your computer on” message.

Your PC will automatically restart a few times. Do not panic. Again, you might see this screen for several minutes.

Step 9: Finally, your PC will restart again and show you the Windows 11 lock screen. Sign in to your PC to see the “Hi. This might take a few minutes” screen.



We suggest you check your Windows 11 activation status.

If for any reason, you want to downgrade, **you must perform the downgrade within 10 days of upgrading to Windows 11**. Post that, you will have to perform a clean install of Windows 10.

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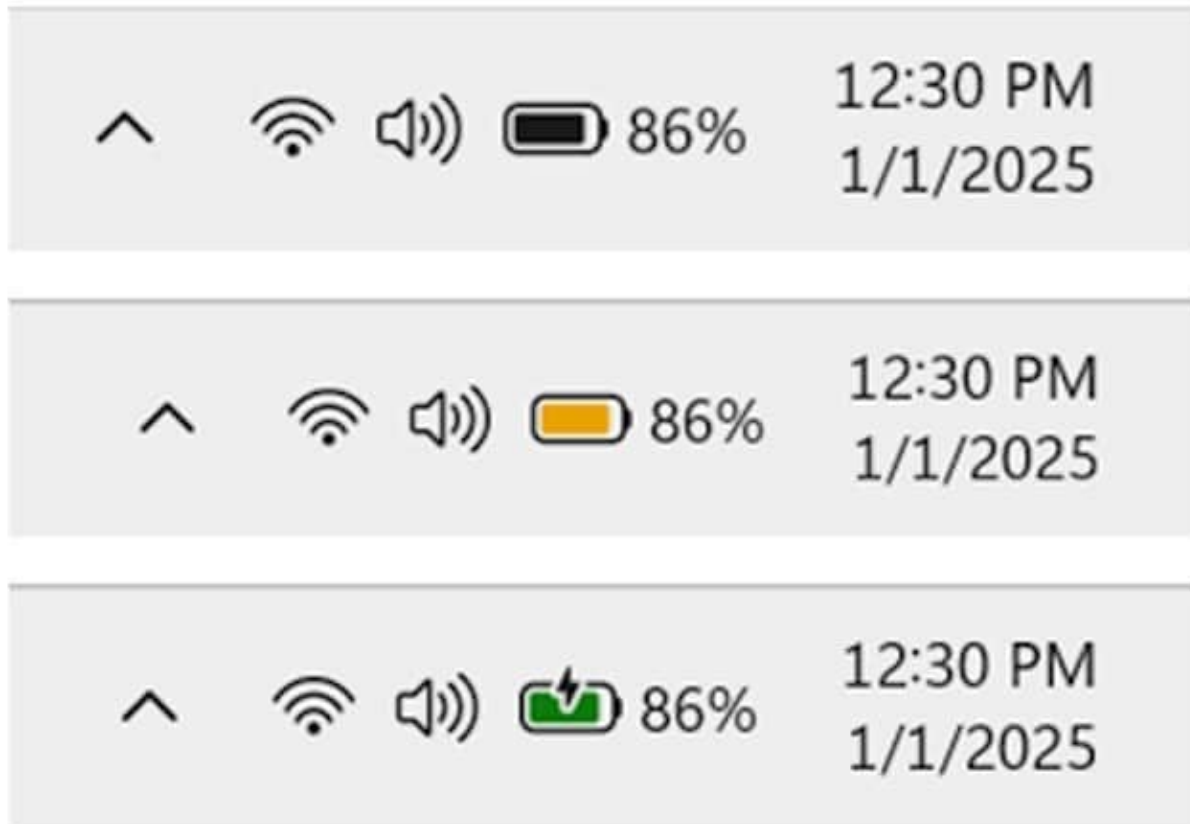
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Windows 11 and earlier versions of Windows operating systems do not [display the battery percentage on the taskbar](#). We need to click or hover the mouse cursor over the battery icon on the taskbar to view the remaining battery percentage.

As you know, the battery percentage helps determine the battery's remaining charge. Although it's a small feature, it's quite useful to monitor how fast your battery drains and use the device accordingly, especially when you are away from a power source.



While third-party tools are available to show battery percent on the Windows 11 taskbar, a built-in option is always preferred.

Fortunately, Microsoft is adding the battery percentage to the Windows 11 taskbar. Currently available in Insider builds, the taskbar will show the remaining battery charge in percentage right next to the battery icon on the taskbar.

In addition to the battery percentage, the battery icon has been updated to display more information about the battery status. The battery icon appears green while it's being charged and shows up yellow when the battery is being used in energy saver mode. A red battery icon indicates that the battery is critically low.

If you are interested in the feature and would like to turn it on, here is how to do that.

Turn on battery percentage on Windows 11 taskbar

Step 1: Open the Windows 11 Settings app using search or **Windows logo + I** hotkey.

Step 2: On the left pane, click **System**. Now, on the right side, click **Power & Battery**.

Step 3: On this page, turn on the **Battery percentage** option to display the battery percentage on the Windows 11 taskbar.

If the Battery percentage option is missing, it's likely because your Windows 11 build does not support this feature yet.

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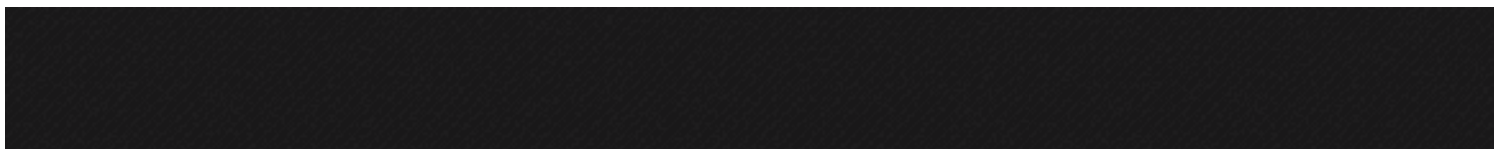
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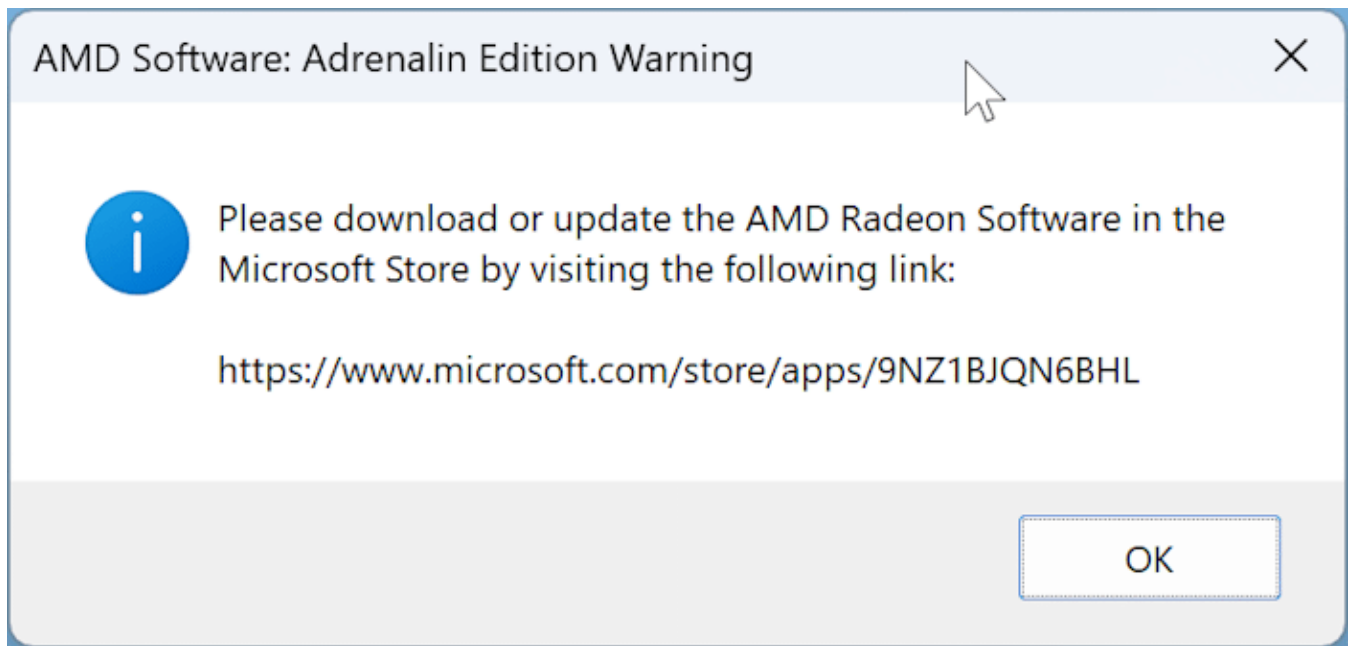
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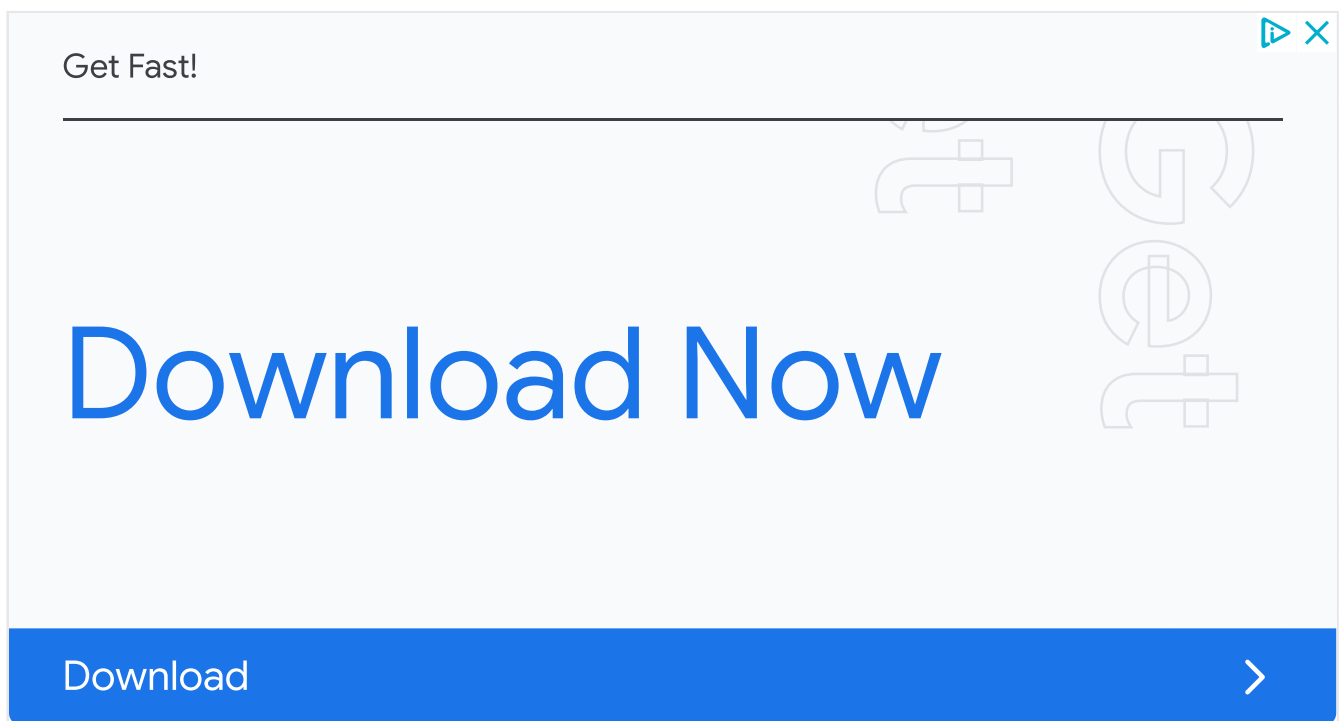
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Did you recently buy a new computer that uses AMD Radeon graphics? Are you getting the “**Please download or update the AMD Radeon Software in the Microsoft Store by visiting the following link**” error message when you click the AMD Software: Adrenalin Edition option in the desktop right-click menu? If yes, here is why the error appears and how to get rid of it.

The error mentioned above appears whenever you try to launch the AMD Software or click the AMD Software: Adrenalin Edition entry in the desktop context menu (right-click menu) because the software fails to open.



So, reinstalling the AMD Software will allow you to open it, change default settings, and remove the error.



Fix to AMD Software Adrenalin Edition not opening in Windows 11

Here is how to uninstall the AMD Software and then install a fresh copy of it.

Step 1: Navigate to Windows 11 **Settings** > **Apps** > **Installed apps** page.

Step 2: Here, ensure that the **List** view is selected by clicking its icon and then looking for the **AMD Software** entry.

Step 3: Click the three dots next to the AMD Software entry and then click the **Uninstall** option.

Step 4: When asked for confirmation, click the **Uninstall** button to uninstall and remove the AMD Software from your Windows 11 installation.

Step 5: In the built-in Microsoft Edge web browser, visit this AMD Software page and then click the **View in Store app** button located at

the lower right to open the Microsoft Store app.

<https://www.microsoft.com/store/apps/9NZ1BJQN6BHL>

Step 6: Click the **Get/Install** button to download and install the software.



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Once installed, you will be able to launch it, and the app will no longer throw an error.

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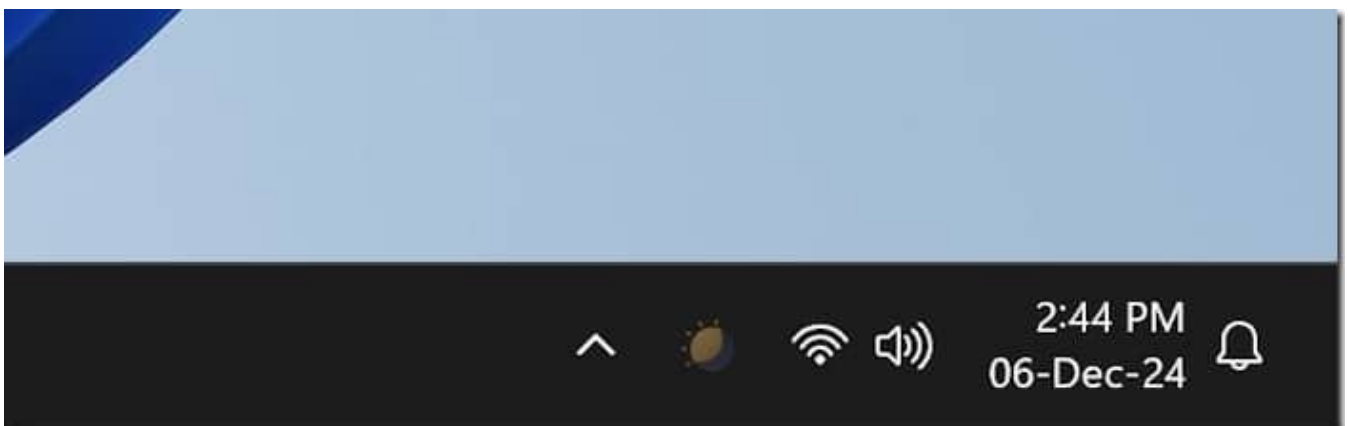
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Is the Windows 11 taskbar not showing the year next to date and month? Do not worry! It's not a bug! A recent update has changed how date and clock appear on the taskbar in Windows 11.

By default, the recent builds of Windows 11 do not display the year on the taskbar. Instead, it shows only the date and month!



Microsoft may have hidden the year by default to free up some space on the taskbar and make the taskbar look clean, as the year is a non-

essential piece of information, considering that the year changes only once a year!

While it's true that only date and month are the most frequently needed pieces of information and users generally know the current year by memory, most Windows users are used to seeing the year on the taskbar. Moreover, hiding the year will not save much space as well.

If you prefer to have the year visible on the Windows 11 taskbar, you can change the default settings to force Windows 11 to show the year along with the date and month on the taskbar.

Display the year next to date and month on Windows 11 taskbar

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Step 1: Open the Settings app by **right-clicking** the Windows logo icon on the taskbar and then clicking the **Settings** option. If you love keyboard shortcuts, use Windows logo + I to open Settings.

Step 2: On the left pane of the Settings app, click **Time & language**.
Now, on the right side, click **Date & time**.

Step 3: Click **Show Time and date in the System tray** to reveal available options.

Here, you need to deselect the **Show abbreviated time and date** option to make the Windows 11 taskbar display year along with the date and time. Note that turning on the option also shows AM/PM (when using the 12-hour format) next to the time for your convenience.

Show the year on the Mac menu bar

Just like the new Windows 11 taskbar, the macOS menu bar also does not display the year by default. If you wish to see the year next to the

date and time, unfortunately, you need to use third-party apps!

An app named iStat Menus helps you display the year on the Mac menu bar.

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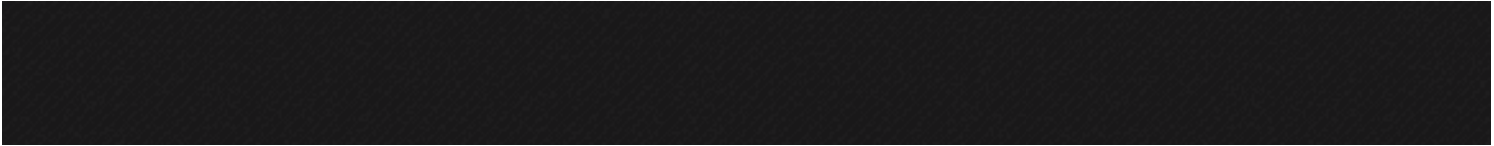
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Microsoft has finally released Windows 11 24H2 to the general public and is now available to everyone. 24H2 is the third major/feature update to Windows 11 after 22H2 and 23H2. As you might already know, Windows 11 24H2 has been available on ARM-powered PCs for about four months now.

Windows 11 24H2, the [latest version of Windows 11](#), brings in many new features and improvements across the operating system.



There are a couple of ways to update your Windows 11 installation to the Windows 11 24H2 version. You can use the Windows Update, Windows Installation Assistant, or **Windows 11 24H2 ISO file** to upgrade your current version of Windows 11 to 24H2.

Needless to say, when you upgrade your Windows 11 installation to 24H2 via the Installation Assistant or Windows Update, all installed apps and your files will be preserved.

In short, you can update to Windows 11 24H2 without losing apps and data. That said, remember that the **WordPad program** might not be available when you upgrade to 24H2.

Update Windows 11 to 24H2 without losing apps and data

Step 1: Open the Windows 11 Settings app using search or Windows logo + I hotkey.

Step 2: In the left pane of Settings, click **Windows Update** to navigate to the Windows Update page.

Step 3: On this page, ensure that the **Get the latest updates as soon as they are available** option is turned on, and then click the **Check for updates** button.

If the 24H2 update is not available via Windows Update for your PC, you can either wait for some days or use the Windows Installation Assistant program from Microsoft to update to 24H2.

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Update to Windows 11 24H2 via Windows Installation Assistant software

Step 1: Visit this Microsoft page and then download the Windows Installation Assistant software.

Step 2: Run the Installation Assistant and accept the license agreement. The Installation Assistant will download and install the 24H2. When asked to reboot, please restart your computer.

Check what version of Windows 11 you are running on your PC

Step 1: Type **winver.exe** in the Start or taskbar search and then press the Enter key to open the About Windows dialog.

Step 2: In the About Windows dialog, if you see 24H2 next to the Version, then you are running Windows 11 24H2.

Is Windows 11 24H2 free?

Yes, just like previous updates to Windows 11, the 24H2 is also completely free.

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In Windows 10 and earlier versions, PC users had to use third-party apps to create and open the popular RAR, TAR, and 7z archive file formats. Until about a year ago, Windows 11 natively supported the creation and extraction of only one archive file format – ZIP.

About a year ago, Microsoft added the ability to [extract RAR, TAR, and 7z file formats](#) without using additional software, thanks to the lib archive open-source project.



IW.tar



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Now, the newest Windows 11 build supports creating 7z and TAR archive files out of the box. This means Windows 11 can now create 7z and TAR file formats and **extract RAR, 7z, and TAR files out of the box.**

Compress files into 7z, TAR, and ZIP archives in Windows 11 without using additional apps

Method 1 of 2

Step 1: Select the file(s) you want to compress into ZIP, TAR, or 7z.

Step 2: Right-click on the selected file(s), click **Compress to**, and select between ZIP, TAR, or 7z to create a compressed file in the same folder by the same name.

NOTE: If the Compress to option is missing, it's likely because you are an older version of Windows 11. Please update Windows 11 to the latest version and then try again.

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Step 1: Select files you want to compress into RAR, TAR, or 7z files.

Step 2: **Right-click** on them, click **Compress to**, and then click **Advanced options** to open the Create Archive wizard.

Step 3: Here, you can select the location where you would like to save the new archive/compressed file, select the archive format (7z, TAR, ZIP), and select the compression method and compression level.

Step 4: Finally, click the **Create** button.

Extract RAR, TAR, ZIP, and 7z files in Windows 11

Step 1: Right-click on a RAR, TAR, or 7z file and then click **Extract all** to open the Extract Archive dialog.

Step 2: Here, select a location to save the extracted files and then click the **Extract** button. That's it!

Alternatively, if you have a single archive file, double-click on it to view files inside it and then copy the files.

Can Windows 11 create password-protected 7z or ZIP files?

No, Windows 11 does not support **creating password-protected ZIP, 7z, or TAR files**. You need to use third-party software such as the **7-Zip app** for that.

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Windows 11 shows a bell icon on the extreme right of the taskbar. Hovering the mouse pointer over the bell icon shows how many unseen notifications are pending, and clicking the bell icon brings up the Notification Center, which shows all recent notifications, such as emails and WhatsApp messages.

If you are running Windows 11 on a laptop with a relatively small screen or you have pinned/opened multiple applications, you might want to remove the bell icon from the taskbar so that you can free up some room. Although Windows 11 has not offered an option to remove the bell icon from the taskbar until now, the latest Windows Insider build offers an option to remove the bell icon from the [Windows 11 taskbar](#).



Starting with build 22635.3930, Windows 11 users can remove the bell icon from the taskbar. Even after removing the bell icon, you can open the Notification Center and view notifications by clicking the **date/clock** or using the Windows logo + N hotkey. So, removing the bell icon will not disable the notification center, which is a good thing.



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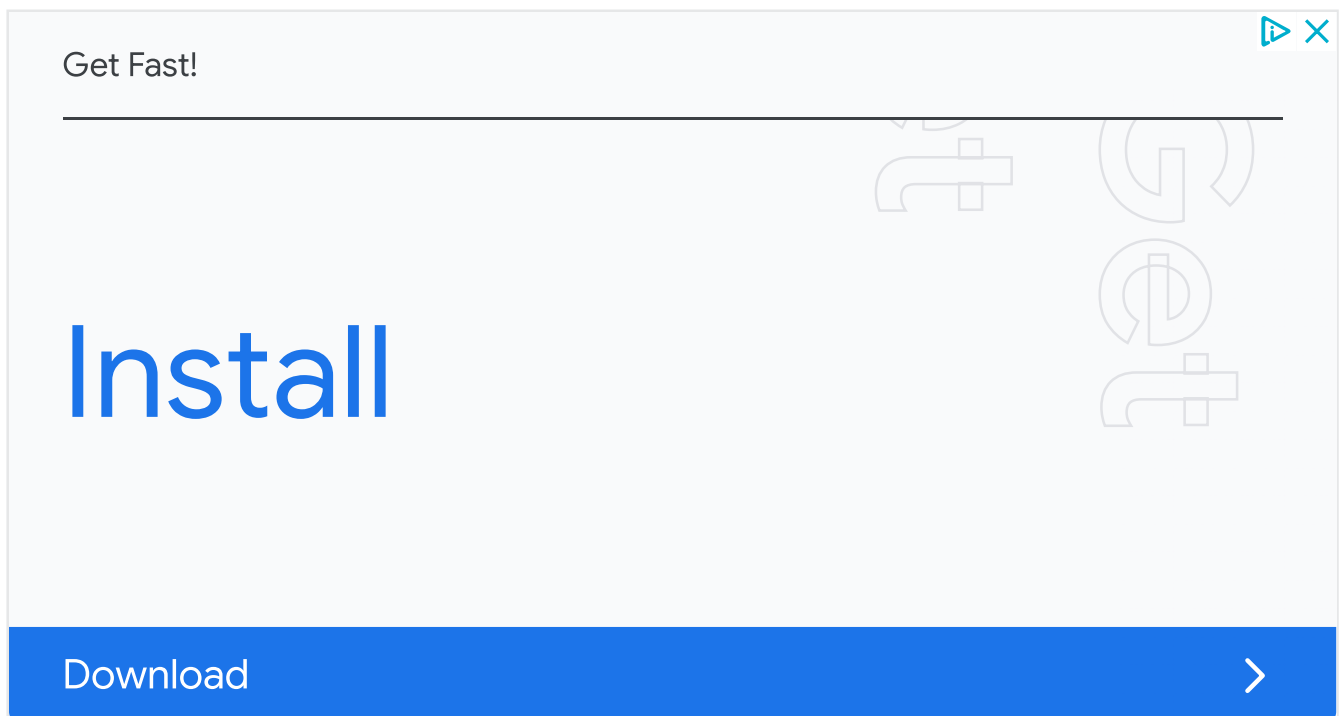
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Remove the bell icon from the Windows 11 taskbar

Step 1: Open the Windows 11 Settings app using search or **Windows logo + I** hotkey.

Step 2: In the left pane of Settings, click **System**. On the right side, click **Notifications**.

Step 3: On this page, click **Notifications** to see available options. Turn off the option labeled Show notification bell icon to remove the bell icon from the taskbar immediately. If the option is missing, it's likely because you are running a Windows 11 build that does not yet have this option.



As said before, you can continue accessing the Notification Center by clicking the date/clock or the Windows logo + N hotkey.



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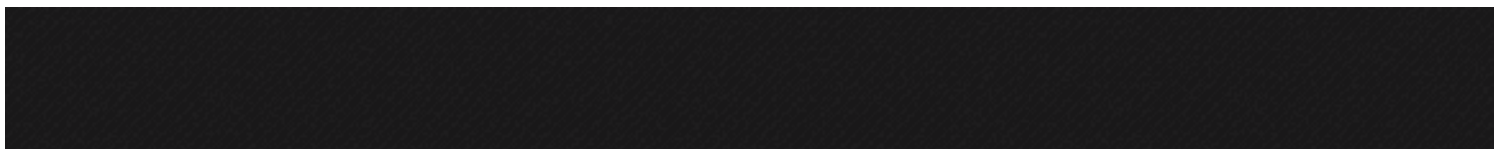
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How To Hide/Show Files & Icons On Desktop In Windows 10/11

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On Windows-running computers, the desktop is often used to save files, folders, and app icons. Many users save everything, from documents to pictures, right on the desktop so that they can access them quickly.

However, if you have many icons on the desktop and do not want to organize the desktop by moving files and folders to other areas of the computer, you might want to hide desktop icons to keep your desktop look neat and clean and to enjoy that beautiful [desktop wallpaper](#)!

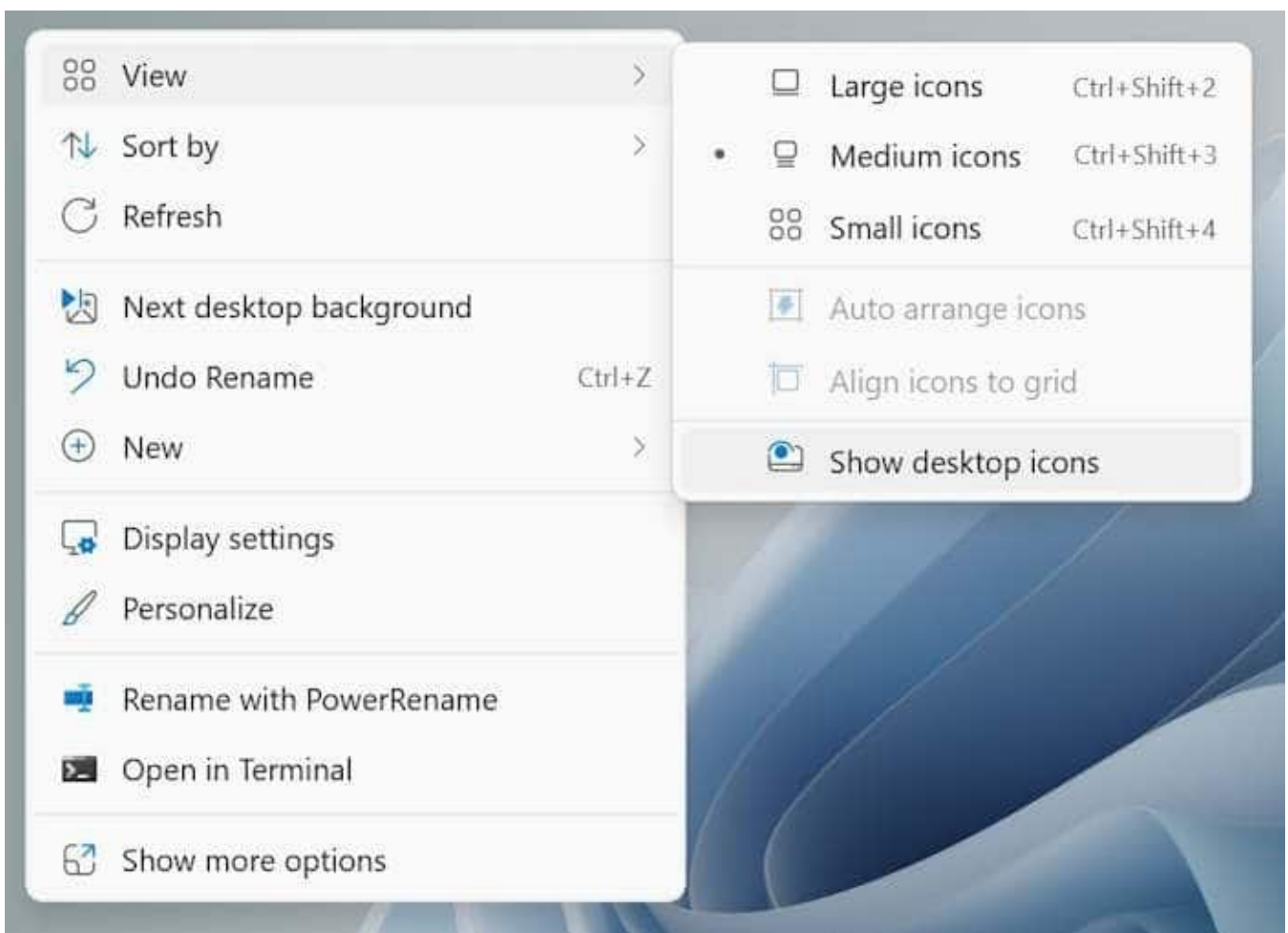
On Windows 10 and Windows 11, hiding desktop icons is easy. This guide shows you how to hide the desktop icons in Windows 10/11.

Tip: Did you know that you can view files and folders on the Windows 10/11 desktop even when they are hidden? Yes, you can view all files and folders on the desktop by visiting the Desktop folder.

In the File Explorer left pane, click on the Desktop folder or type **shell:desktop** in the File Explorer address bar to open the Desktops folder.

Hide icons and files on the desktop in Windows 10/11

Step 1: Perform a **right-click** on an empty area on the desktop, click **View**, and then deselect **Show desktop icons**.



The icons on the desktop should be hidden now.

Show files and icons on the desktop in Windows 10/11

Step 1: Right-click anywhere on the desktop, click **View**, and then select the **Show desktop icons** option.

All icons on the desktop will appear now.

Keyboard shortcut to show/hide desktop icons in Windows 10/11

While the Windows operating system offers keyboard shortcuts for multiple functions, it does not offer a dedicated keyboard shortcut to show/hide desktop icons.

That said, when you are on the desktop, use the Shift + F10 keys to show the context menu and then use the arrow keys to show/hide the desktop icons.

If you do not mind installing a third-party program, you can refer to our [how to create keyboard shortcut to show/hide desktop icons in Windows 10/11](#) guide for directions.

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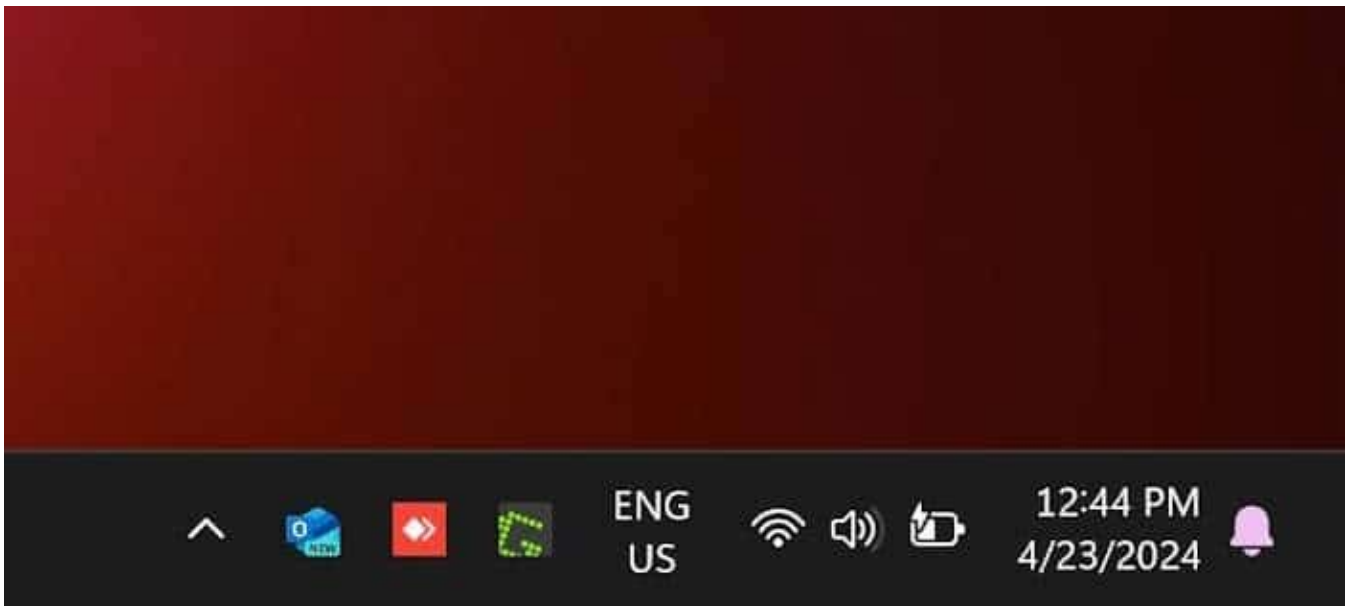
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With default settings, the Windows 11 taskbar shows ethernet/Wi-Fi, volume, and battery icons in the taskbar system tray. In addition to these icons, some installed apps might also show their icons in the system tray area. For instance, the popular Kaspersky Internet Security always shows an icon in the system tray.

The taskbar system tray also has a hidden icons area where you can move not so important app icons or apps you do not use regularly to declutter the system tray.



If you have installed several apps on your Windows 11 PC, you might have some app icons in the hidden icons area of the taskbar. The hidden icons area of the taskbar can be accessed by clicking the small up arrow icon on the taskbar.

Although Windows 11 lets you move app icons between the hidden and system tray areas, it's not straightforward unless you know how to do it.

This guide shows you how to show the hidden icons on the Windows 11 taskbar.

Add hidden icons to the taskbar system tray in Windows 11

Step 1: On your Windows 11 taskbar, click the small up arrow icon to see all hidden icons.

Step 2: Select, drag, and drop the icon (from the hidden icons area) right onto the up-arrow icon to add the hidden icon to the taskbar system tray area.

NOTE: Unlike Windows 10, Windows 11 does not let you **hide/remove the volume, network, and battery icons from the taskbar**, which is a good move as many users complain about missing these icons from the taskbar.

Taskbar system tray keyboard shortcut in Windows 11

Step 1: Press the Windows logo and B keys simultaneously and then press the Enter key to see the hidden icons.

Our [how to hide app icons from taskbar system tray in Windows 11](#) guide might also interest you.

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[Microsoft Edge browser](#) is installed by default in Windows 11. It's automatically installed when you install/reinstall and set up Windows 11 on your computer.

Naturally, Microsoft Edge is the default web browser in Microsoft's Windows operating system. Although Edge is the default web browser in Windows 11, some users prefer other web browsers such as [Google Chrome](#) and Firefox.

While users can install a browser of their choice and set it as the default web browser, Windows 11, until a few weeks ago, did not allow users to uninstall the Edge browser, at least via the Settings app.



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The good news is that Windows 11 now allows users to uninstall the Edge browser right from the Settings app. This means that you no longer need to use the PowerShell route or third-party tools to [remove Edge from Windows 11](#). That said, there is a catch.

Only computers in the European Union allow you to uninstall the Edge browser, thanks to the EU's Digital Market Act. If you live outside the EU territory, you can use our other workarounds to uninstall Edge from Windows 11.

Uninstall Edge via Settings in Windows 11

Here is how to uninstall Edge from Windows 11 via the Settings app.

Step 1: Open the Settings app. Go to **Apps > Installed apps** page.

Step 2: Here, look for the **Microsoft Edge** entry. Click the three dots next to it and then click the **Uninstall** option.

If the Uninstall option does not appear, it's likely because you do not live in the EU region. In that case, you can try out the alternative methods mentioned in our [how to uninstall Edge from Windows 11](#) guide.

Step 3: Finally, click the **Uninstall** button again when you see the confirmation prompt to uninstall and remove Edge from your Windows 11 installation.

If you ever want to install Edge again, download the Edge installer from Microsoft and then run the same to install it.

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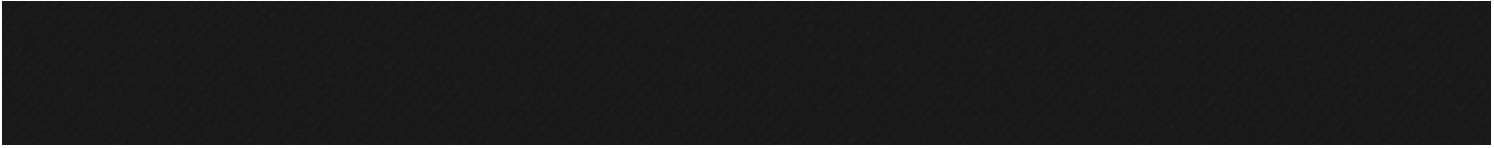
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