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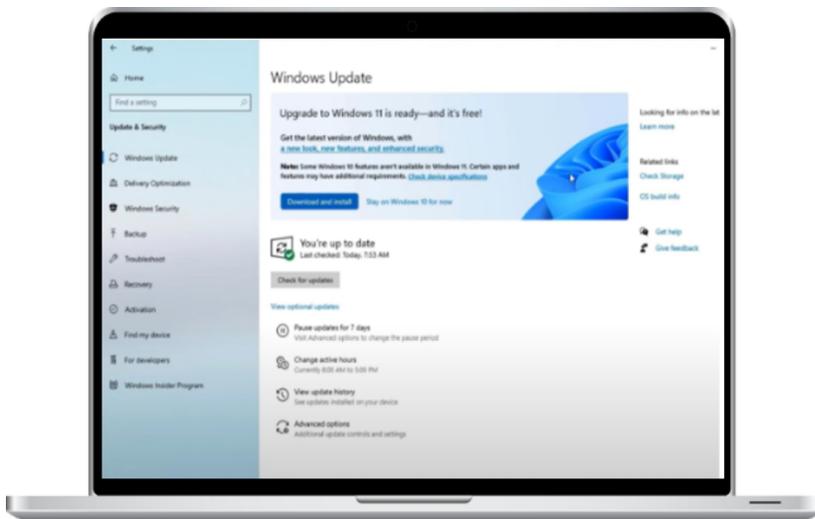
WINDOWS 11 DOWNLOAD AND INSTALLATION ON YOUR PC

Even though Windows 11 has been out for a while, Windows 10 users may still update to the new operating system for free via Microsoft. Compared to Windows 10, Windows 11 has a ton of new features that make it worthwhile to acquire. It's also not a little version. However, if you run into trouble and are unsure how to download Windows 11, we have you covered.

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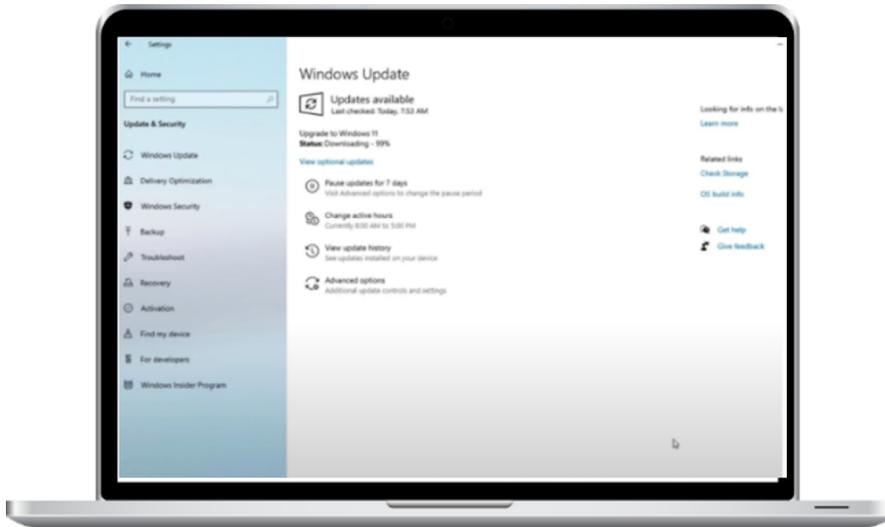
TIME ALLOWED: 15 MINUTES

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: A Windows 10 PC, internet access, and an optional USB drive.



Windows 11 may now be downloaded and installed using five main ways. The best course of action is to wait for your computer's Windows Update to make it accessible for free. The second way is to use the Installation Assistant to force your PC to download it. Utilizing the Windows Insider Program is the third option. There is no file or data loss with

these three ways. The media creation tool is your fourth choice. Alternatively, you may utilize an ISO file of Windows 11 to manually clean install the operating system on your computer as your fifth option. You will lose files with these two procedures since they need a clean install. They serve as a last option.



Just remember that in order to get Windows 11, your system specs must match. If not, you may modify your installation to make it work, but doing so can stop Microsoft updates from coming to your computer. We advise use the PC Health Check tool to make sure your machine is Windows 11 compatible before moving forward.

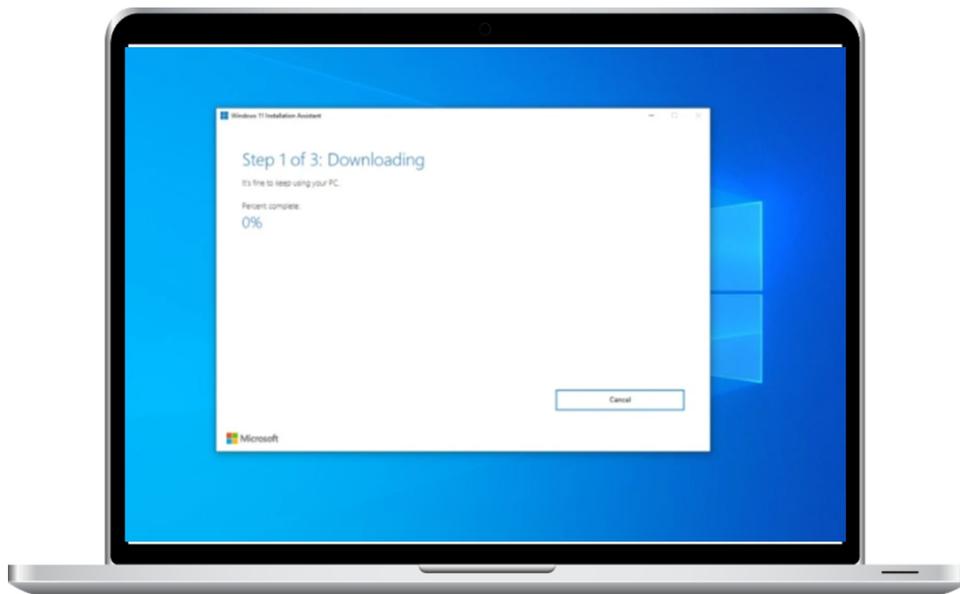
How to Install via Windows Update

The easiest method to get Windows 11 is via Windows Update. You will get a Windows update notification when it is prepared for your computer. Proceed with the installation by

completing these steps. You will not lose any files or data on your computer if you choose this option.

Step 1: Go to Settings > Security and updates. Choose Check for updates after that.

Step 2: A prompt to update to Windows 11, which is free, ought to appear. To accept the conditions, click the Accept and install button after selecting the blue "Download and install" option.



Step 3: Now that Windows Update is open, the Upgrade to Windows 11 should show up with a download progress bar and percentage. Please give it time to end.

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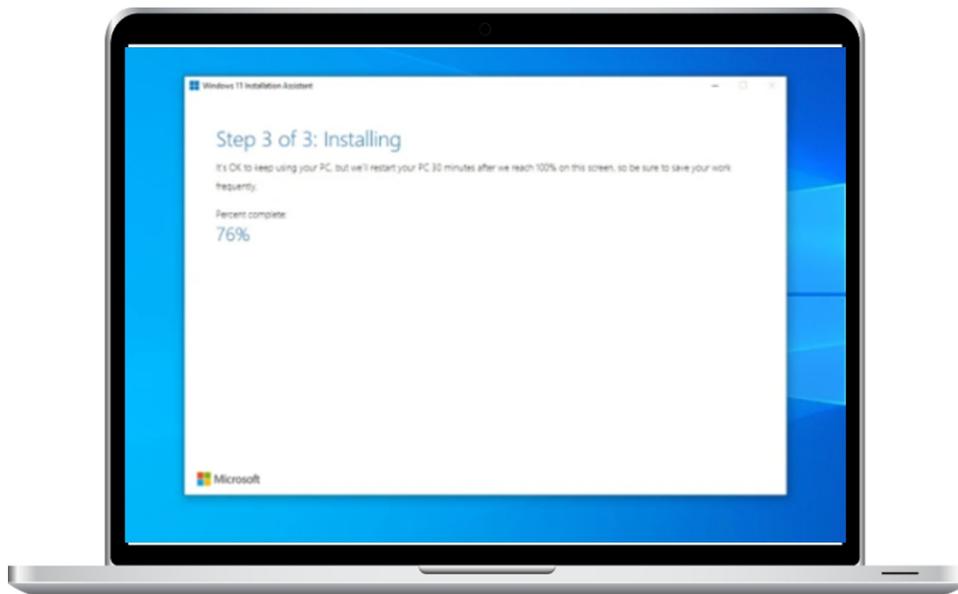
How to Use the Installation Assistant to Install

Use the Windows 11 Installation Assistant if Windows Update isn't able to install Windows 11. By doing this, you may manually update from Windows 10 to the most recent version of the OS. Once again, you have to make sure that your computer meets Microsoft's minimum requirements

before using this approach. Additionally, no data will be lost. That's how.

Step 1: Visit the Windows 11 download page from Microsoft. Locate the Windows 11 Installation Assistant option from the menu bar and choose it by clicking the blue "Download now" button.

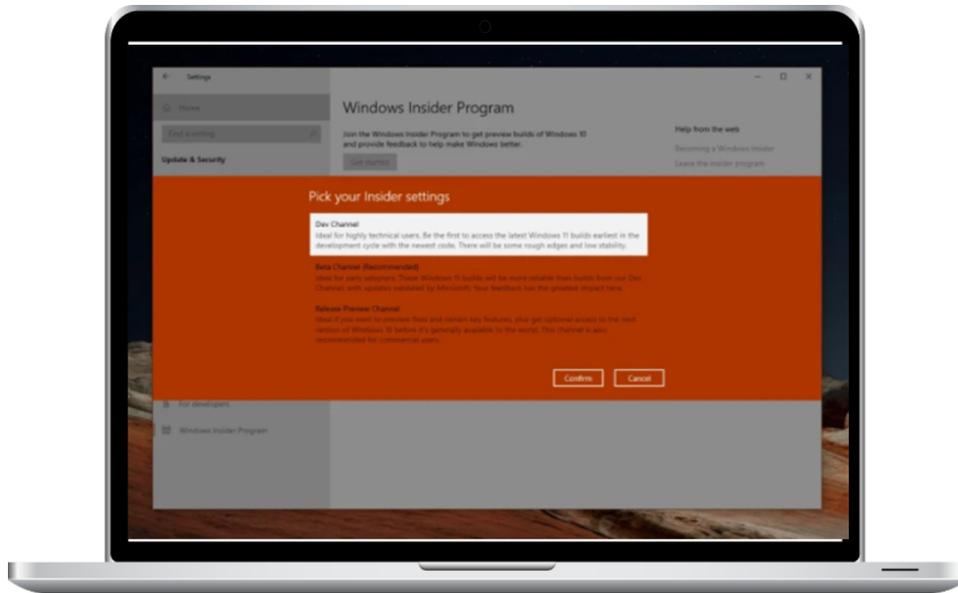
Step 2: Wait for the program to finish downloading. Run it when you're done. When asked, answer "yes."



Step 3: Accept and install should be selected in the pop-up box. From now on, there will be three steps in the procedure. First, you'll need to wait for Windows 11 to download. Your internet speed may determine how long it takes. It can ask you to agree to the terms of service provided by Microsoft.

phase 4: Windows 11 will check the integrity of the download in the second phase. It ought to take only a little while.

stage 5: You will be requested to install Windows 11 in the background in the third stage. After letting it install, just wait. Depending on your PC's speed, it can take a while, but no more than 30 minutes.



Step 6: When the third stage is finished, choose Restart immediately. Notification of your impending unsigned will be sent to you. When your machine restarts, wait for Windows 11 to install. It may take as long as thirty minutes or an hour, depending on the age and performance of your CPU and computer.

Step 7: The notification "Working on updates" will appear while Windows 11 is installed. A percentage of the progress will be shown. Your computer will restart itself multiple times; please be patient. After it's done, the Windows 11 desktop will appear, then the sign-in screen.

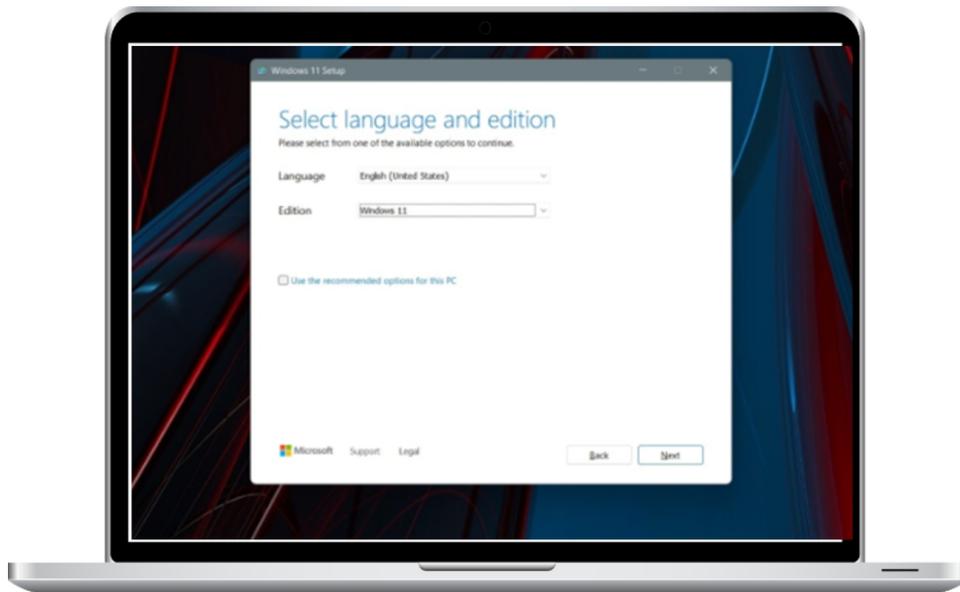
Using Windows Insider Program to Install

If the previous two ways don't work, you may install Windows 11 via the Windows Insider Program. This is a last-ditch attempt since the Windows Insider Program will install unstable, still-in-preview versions of Windows 11 on your computer.

Step 1: Select Windows Insider Program under Update & Security under Settings. Connect your Microsoft Account after that.

If you're new to the Windows Insider Program, you'll see that there are three channels: development, beta, and release preview. Windows 11 is currently being tested in the Dev and Beta channels. Decide which is best for you.

Step 2: One of the most reliable testing settings for Windows 11 is the beta channel. If you decide to subscribe to this channel, you will experience fewer glitches and issues. But keep in mind that the beta channel will only be made available on rare occasion.



You'll need to subscribe to the dev channel in order to get Microsoft's latest versions of Windows 11, which include weekly updates and all of the new features. In the meanwhile, you may get a first look at the next Windows 10 release by using the Release Preview.

Step 3: Verify your choice of channel once you've selected one that seems reliable. You will be prompted to check in with a Microsoft account if you haven't already. After that, your computer will restart.

Step 4: Go to Settings > Update and security when your machine has rebooted. Return later to see any changes. There will be a list for Windows 11. Choose "Download and

install," then watch as the operating system installs on your device!

How to Perform a Clean Installation with Windows 11 Installation Media

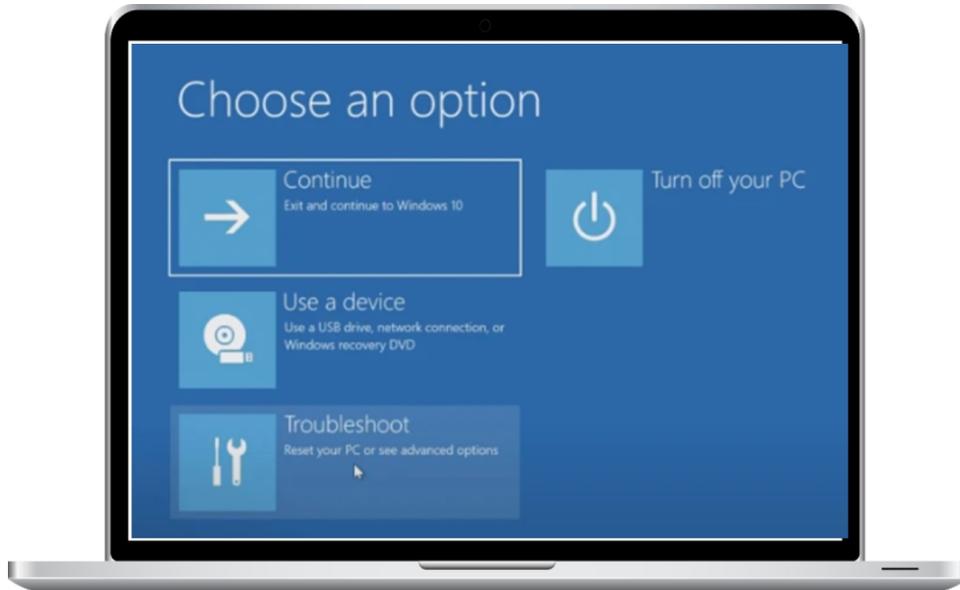
Windows 11 may also be installed via Installation Media. This tutorial will show you how to create a bootable USB stick that you can use to securely install Windows 11 on a different device or your existing Windows 10 computer. Because this method will erase all of your data, we strongly discourage doing it. To get this option, visit the Windows 11 Download Page if you understand the danger. Select the Windows 11 installation media creation option. then adhere to the guidelines listed below.



Step 1: To accept the conditions, click Accept. After letting the Setup process finish, choose Use the suggested settings for this PC. It allows you to choose a USB flash drive by choosing Next.

Step 2: Click Next after choosing your USB flash drive from the list. Windows 11 will start to download upon request. The installer will proceed to the next stage, which is making Windows 11 installation disks, when the installation is complete. You'll get an alert when the drive is prepared.

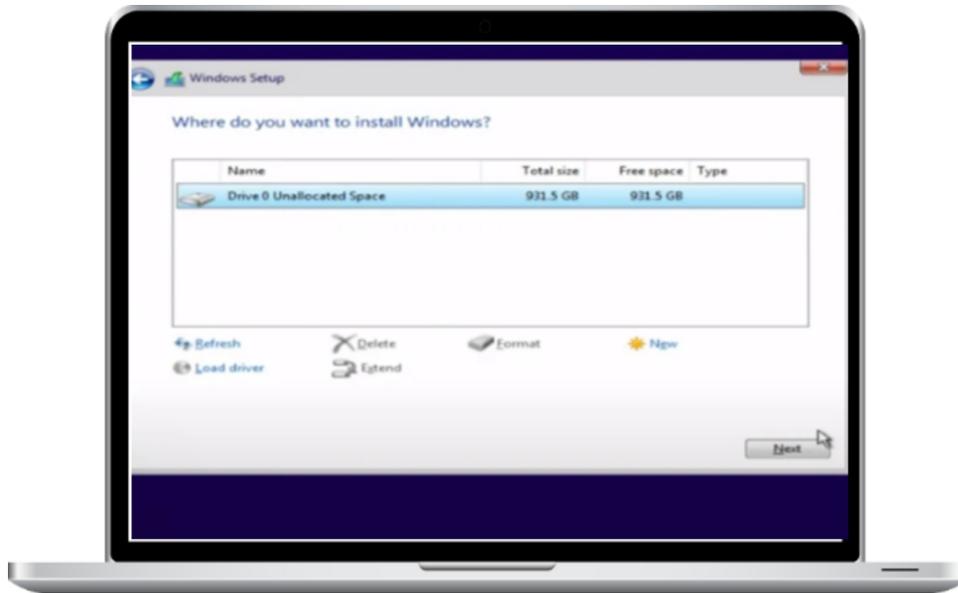
Step 3: Select Finish to close the program when your USB device is ready. Maintain the connection between the USB drive and your PC.



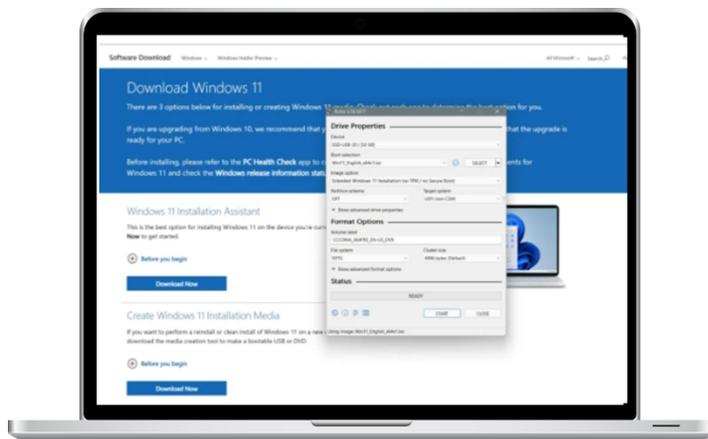
Step 4: Go back to the Windows 10 settings app, then choose Security and Update. Then choose Recovery from the menu on the left. Under Advanced startup, choose Restart immediately.

Step 5: Choose Select a gadget from the pop-up menu. You should see your USB flash drive listed. Windows will restart your USB drive and the Windows 11 installation when you choose it. If your BIOS or UEFI does not include this option, you will need to manually boot from the USB disk. Occasionally, you may do this by hitting F12 as soon as your computer turns on. For further information, speak with your computer's manufacturer or refer to the online manual.

Step 6: Select a language once you're within the Windows 11 setup, then click Next. Choose the Windows 11 version that matches the Windows 10 version on your PC. and after that select Next.



Step 7: Choose the drive to install Windows 11 and the Custom option. To remove all of the files from the device, you might need to utilize the Format button. Click Next after selecting the drive once again when you're done.



Step 8: Your PC will install Windows 11, at which point you may unwind. After that, you'll be sent back to Windows' first setup screen and asked to restart it.

How to Undertake a Manual Clean Install of Windows 11 ISO File (not recommended)

The third, and most drastic, way to install Windows 11 is by using an ISO file. This is for methods when the procedures in the previous section don't work. But be aware that utilizing this file will need you to reinstall Windows 11 and wipe your hard drive. Make a backup of everything as a result. This ISO may also be used to install Windows 11 in a virtual machine. It is addressed in a different guide.

Step 1: Click the Download Windows 11 Disk Image button after navigating to the Windows 11 download page. Once you've chosen Windows 11 multi-edition ISO from the list, click the blue Download button. After selecting English as your language, click the blue "Confirm" button.

Step 2: After downloading the package, you'll need to download a few more files to finish installing Windows 11 completely. We suggest Rufus, a fantastic tool for creating a Windows 11 installation disk that can be booted.

Step 3: Visit the Rufus website to get the download. Open the file, then click Yes. Next, select an empty USB drive by inserting it under Device. Verify whether the smartphone's storage capacity exceeds 8GB.

Step 4: Choose an ISO image or a disk from the Boot menu. After that, to make your choice, click the Select button. Click Open once you've found the location where you saved the Windows 11 ISO file.

Step 5: Choose the Windows 11 Standard installation or the Windows 11 Extended installation. If your computer meets the criteria, the Standard Windows 11 Installation is your best bet. You can attempt the extended option if it doesn't work to get over Microsoft's restrictions. After leaving everything else alone, select Create Drive.

Step 6: The USB disk will be prepared in a little while. When



Rufus is done, restart your computer and install Windows 11 by following the instructions in the preceding section.

SHOULD YOU RUN WINDOWS 11?

Since Windows 11 is the most latest version, it is generally the best option for most users. Its new capabilities do, however, have some serious limitations that make some upgrades more challenging, especially on older PCs.

Cycle of support and updates

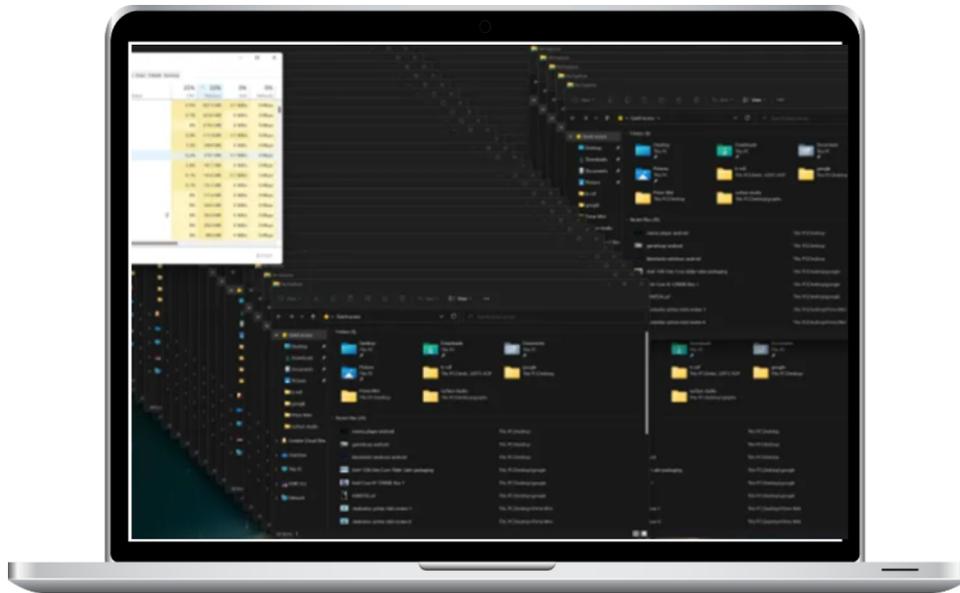
Windows 11 abandoned Windows 10's semi-annual update schedule in favor of a single annual release. That's exactly how macOS operates. Microsoft has said that it would only provide upgrades for Windows 10 once a year and that it will maintain the operating system until 2025. Beyond the big annual release, Windows 11 gets incremental feature rollouts throughout the year.

The latest Windows 11 2022 Update sets the standard for these yearly updates. It has an abundance of capabilities, particularly when compared to the sluggish pace of Windows 10 improvements.

This update contains everything from brand-new applications like Clipchamp to little tweaks to the Start menu. Several users need accessibility features, and Windows 11 finally includes several essential Windows 10 features like Start menu folders. It seems to be the Windows 11 version that ought to have been launched last year in many respects.

Bugs

While Windows 10 is significantly older and more reliable than Windows 11, Windows 11 has had its share of issues. On the other hand, Microsoft has responded swiftly to issues with its present operating system. We've discovered two



issues with File Explorer: one that causes hundreds of empty folders to be created, and the other that noticeably reduces SSD performance.

Microsoft already issued a warning about installing one of its Windows 11 upgrades, and AMD CPUs have frequently caused issues for the operating system. Even though Microsoft has fixed every issue, it is reasonable to assume that Windows 11 will still have more bugs than Windows 10, even if Microsoft fixes them quickly.

However, there is now a memory leak problem with Windows 11. Running several File Explorer instances in Windows 11 may require more Memory. When the File Explorer is closed, the RAM is never released, resulting in increased system resource utilization. This is a notable issue even if it isn't a common one and has also been present in Windows 10 for some time.

Even though we've previously discussed a few Windows 11 problems, there's a fantastic method to monitor bugs in this edition of the operating system. Users of Windows may always report new flaws by using the Feedback Hub application. Sorted by New or Top, you may see every small Windows 11 problem that we were unable to fix in one

article. If you really want to know what's going on, search for Windows 11 feedback in the app on your Windows 10 computer.

Is upgrading to Windows 11 worth it?

The majority of people ought to switch to Windows 11. It offers a ton of updated designs, performance improvements, and new features. It usually gets more attention than Windows 10 because it's the most recent version of the Windows operating system.

There is some risk involved with upgrading to Windows 11. You may easily remove Windows 11 and go back to Windows 10 with a little planning. Furthermore, now that the most recent update is accessible, there has never been a better opportunity to give it a try.

WIDGETS ON WINDOWS 11

One of the best things about Windows 11 is its widgets. Widgets allow you to see some of your most critical information in a condensed area on the side of your desktop without ever opening an app or using your phone. You may access it at any time by clicking on the weather symbol by hovering your cursor over the left side of the Taskbar or by hitting the Windows Key and W on your keyboard. Then, you can add additional widgets by using the Add widgets button. Additionally, you will be able to add and rearrange several widgets. Unlike Windows Vista and Windows 7, Microsoft does not presently support third-party widgets in Windows 11. Still accessible, though, are a number of top-notch official Microsoft widgets and a third-party widget choice.

These are a few of the best Windows 11 widgets available for purchase at this time.

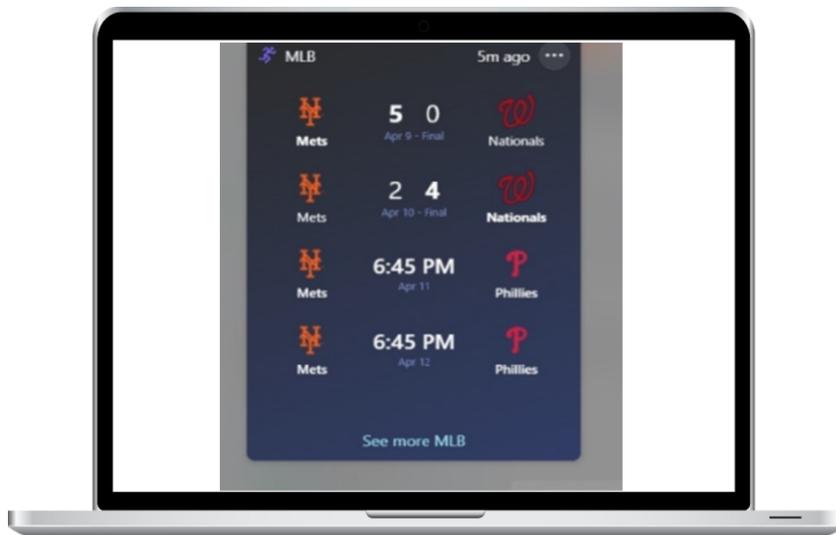


Weather Widget

At the top of our list is Windows 11's weather widget. Because it allows you to choose a specific place to display the weather or use your current location, this is one of the most customizable widgets. The three-dot Customize widget

option makes this feasible. The sizes that are offered include small, medium, and big.

More weather data will be displayed with each size. Little is a little card that just displays the weather at the moment. On top of the existing circumstances, the medium size will provide you with a five-day forecast in the interim. At last, a line graph showing the hourly temperatures and the likelihood of precipitation will be displayed on the huge screen. Because it comes in three sizes, this is a great way to check the weather without opening an app on your phone or opening your web browser.

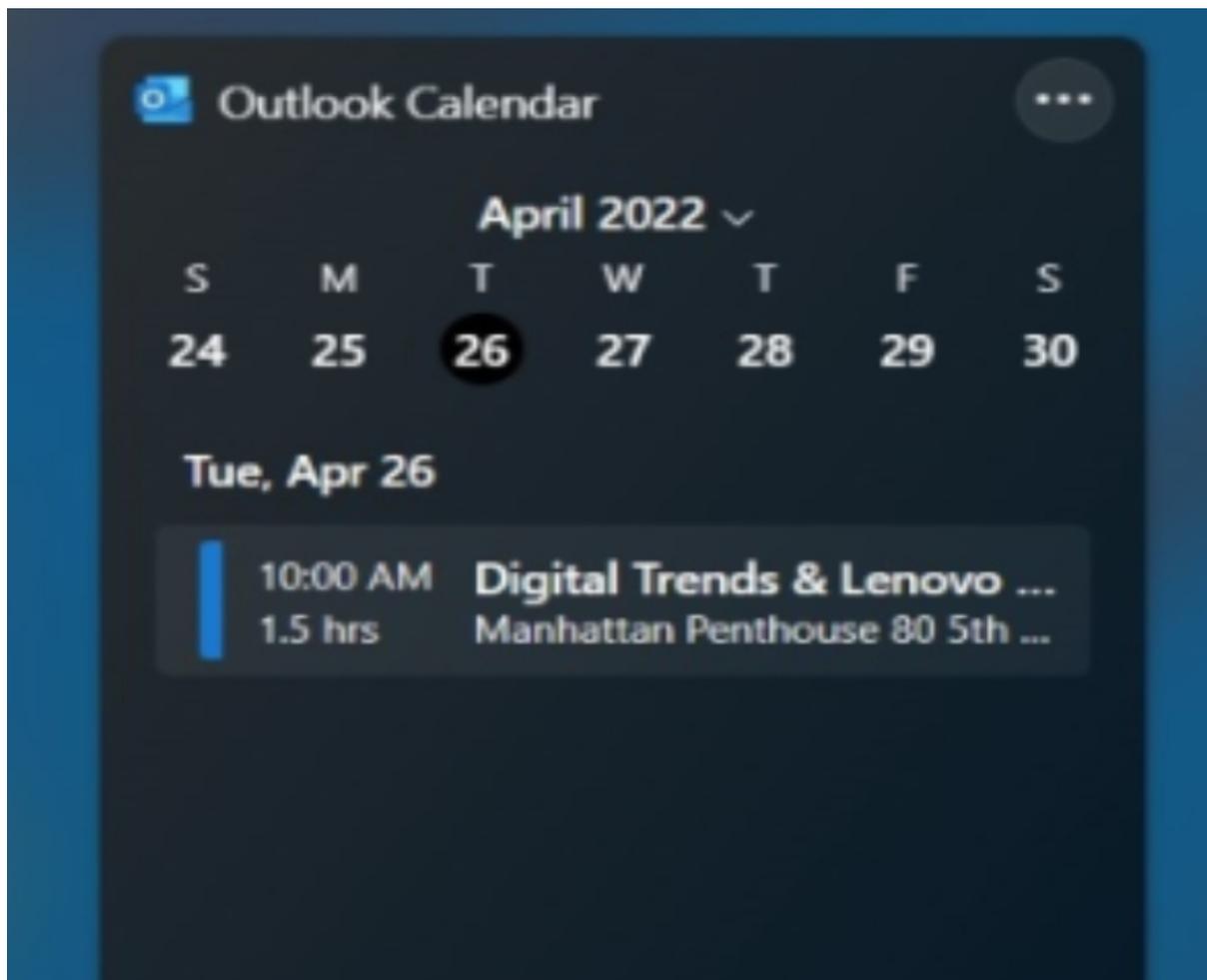


Sports Widget

A sports fan is someone who is always interested in the performance of their team. There is a widget for that in Windows 11, which is aptly named the sports widget. This widget offers a wide range of modification and size options, much like the weather widgets. A range of sports are also available for selection.

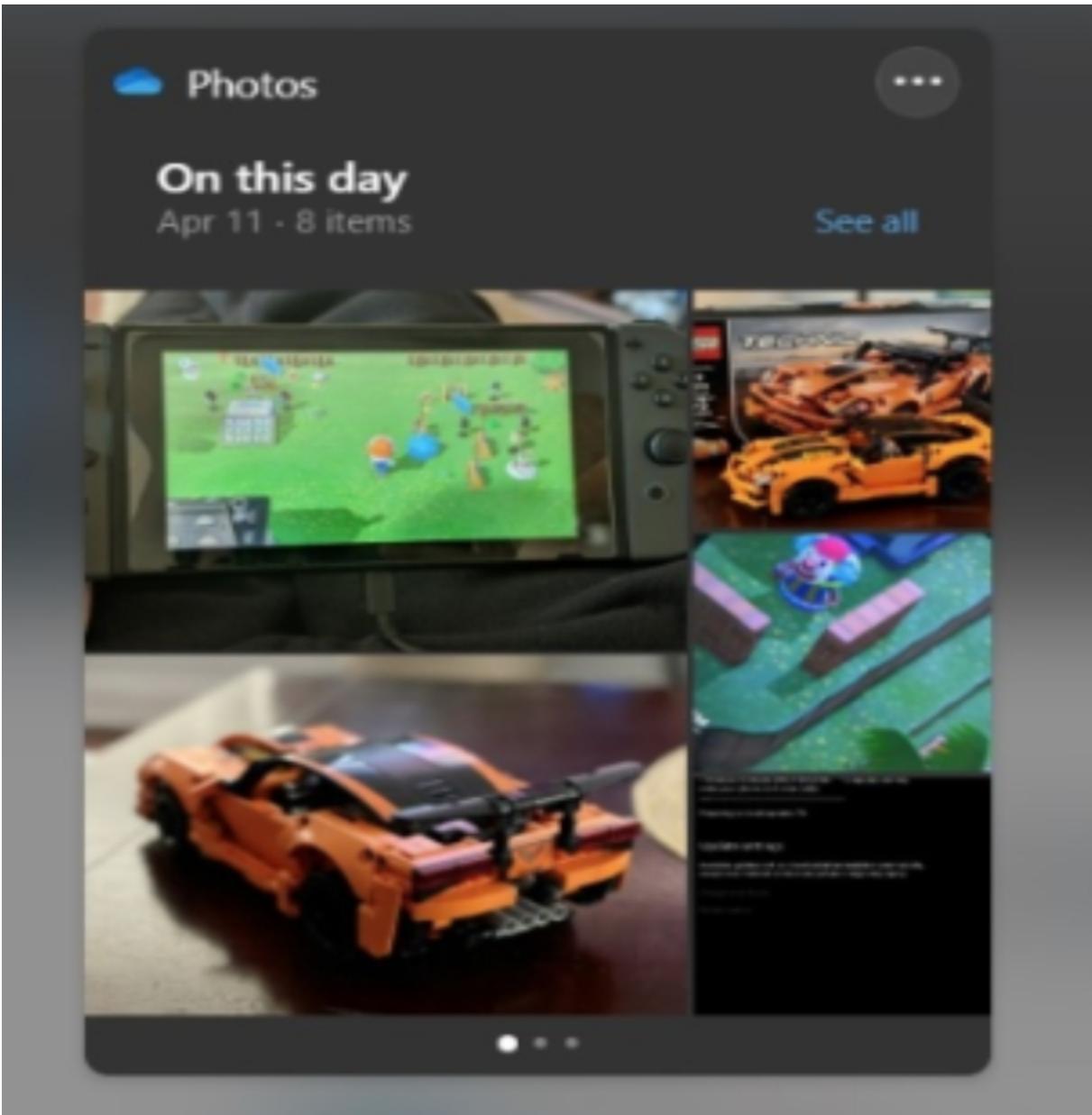
Major sports leagues including the MLB, NHL, NBA, NCAA, and others are supported by this widget. You may add one of these leagues or a single club from the league to the widget by choosing the three-dot customize widget option. When you add a league, the schedule for the league or

team will be shown. The number of results in your widget will rise if you pick Small, Medium, and Large.



Outlook Calendar Widget

Now that working from home is more widespread than ever, you may be hosting more virtual meetings. You will thus need to keep track of meeting times on a calendar. On Windows 11, there's an Outlook widget for that. When added, it shows the month that is currently in effect along with any scheduled daily activities. Additionally, you may use the widget to create an event and link to your web browser. Try experimenting with the different widths; they will give your widget access to more preview days of the week.

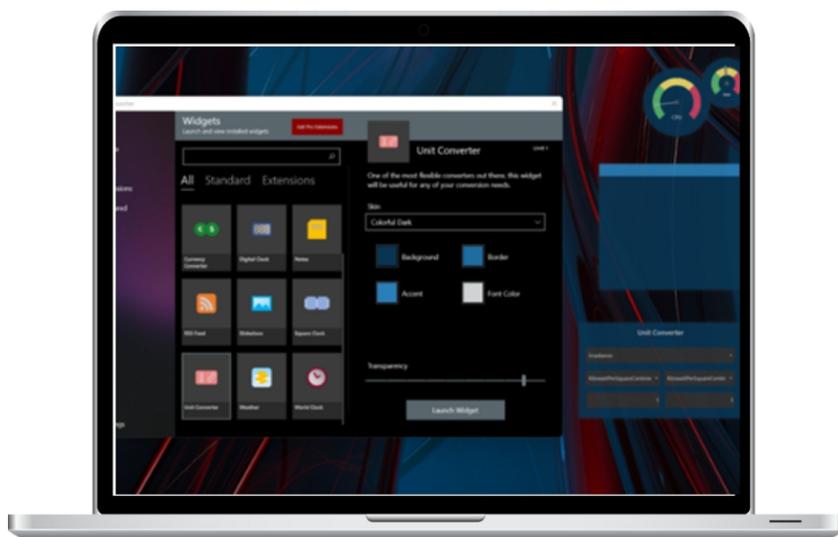


Onedrive Photos Widgets

On our list of the best Windows 11 widgets, the OneDrive Photos widget comes in last. This widget will, as its name suggests, show you a selection of the photos stored in your OneDrive account and then instantly take you to the OneDrive website so you can see the rest. You can see all of your favorite pictures from past years in one easy location.

This one only comes in two sizes, medium and small, unlike the others on our list. Remember this.

Adding Third-Party Widgets



Everything on our list up to this point has been a Microsoft-approved widget that is compatible with Windows 11 widgets. On the other hand, you may expand your options by adding third-party widgets to Windows 11's desktop and other areas.

This can be done with a number of fantastic tools that bring back the original look and feel of Windows Vista or Windows 7, where widgets are shown on the right side of your desktop.

Our number one pick is the Widget Launcher App for Windows 11, which is free. This application will customize your desktop with a conversion widget, sticky notes, and a CPU monitor. You may also adjust the transparency and color of these widgets. Other third-party programs that can add widgets to Windows 11 include CloCX, a clock widget;

Crypto Price Widget, which tracks cryptocurrencies on your desktop; and Desktop Ticker, which adds an RSS feed to your desktop as a scrollable ticker. Just keep in mind that since most of these are legacy programs for previous iterations of Windows, they might not function correctly on Windows 11.

CUSTOMIZING THE LOOK AND FEEL

Windows 11 has a lot of customizable options that allow you to quickly refresh the feel to avoid having the same appearance every day or alter the design and other elements of the desktop to make the experience more unique.

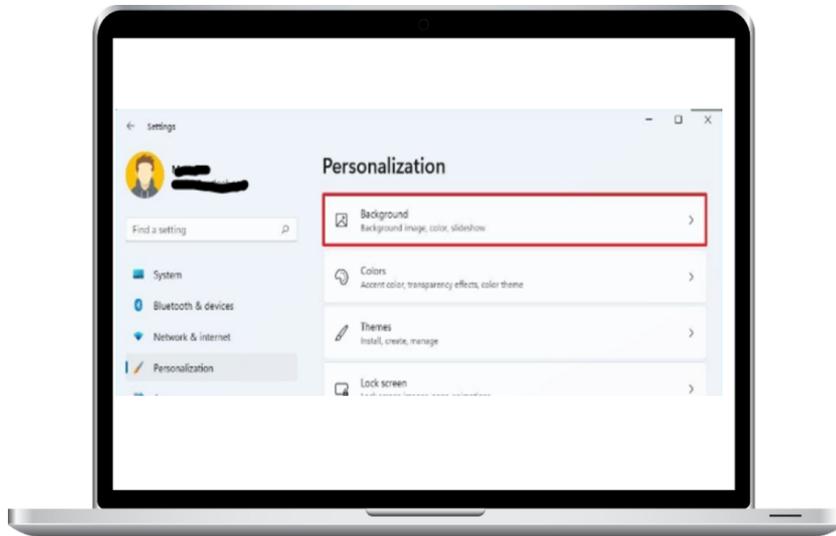
You have the option to switch the desktop background to a Microsoft Store theme or a picture of yourself. You may change the desktop's background color to a personalized accent color or switch between bright and dark color settings. You may organize your favorite apps into folders on the Start menu. Along with many other customization options, you may change the system tray settings, the Taskbar's orientation, and which things show up in the interface.

This following sections will walk you through the several ways to customize your computer's look and feel more like you.

How to Change the Background Color in Windows 11

Making a slideshow, choosing a solid background color, or altering the background picture are the easiest ways to customize the look of your Windows 11 desktop. You may now choose a different backdrop for each desktop if you utilize the virtual desktop feature.

Alter your desktop wallpaper

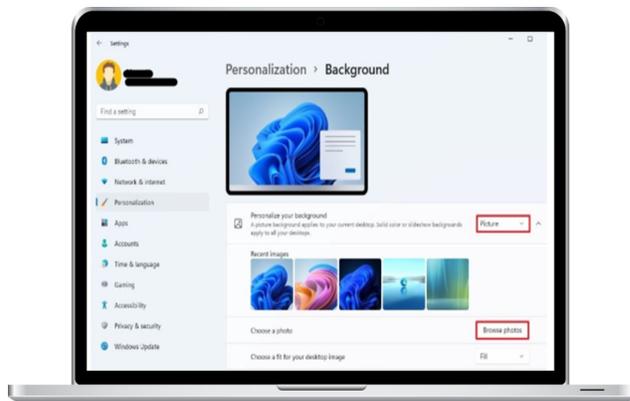


Use these procedures to modify the desktop wallpaper on Windows 11:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click on the Background page on the right.



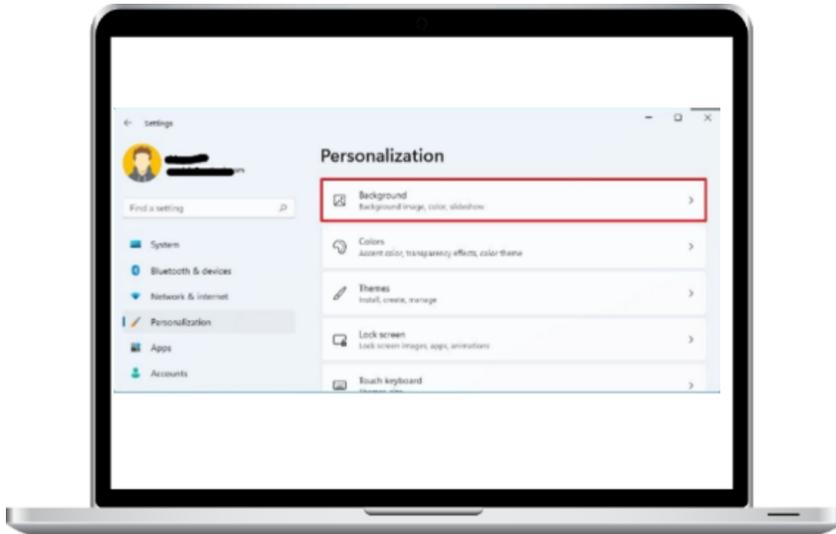
From the "Personalize your backdrop" menu, choose Picture.

Choose the option to Browse photos.

Select a desktop background image.

Click the Choose image button to pick a picture.

(Optional) To ensure that the image fits the screen, choose the Fill option in the Choose a fit for your desktop image selection. Additional choices are Center, Span, Fit, Stretch, and Tile.



As an alternative, you may set an image as your desktop background by right-clicking on it and selecting Set as desktop wallpaper.

Creating a desktop slideshow

Use these methods to make a slideshow on your desktop:

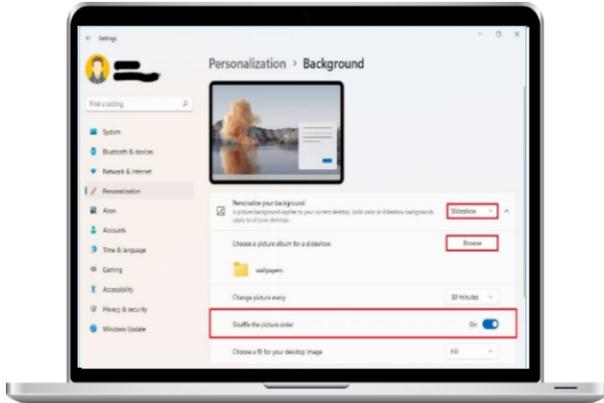
Go to the option that indicates Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click on the Background page on the right.

From the "Personalize your background" menu, choose Slideshow.

Choose the Browse menu item.



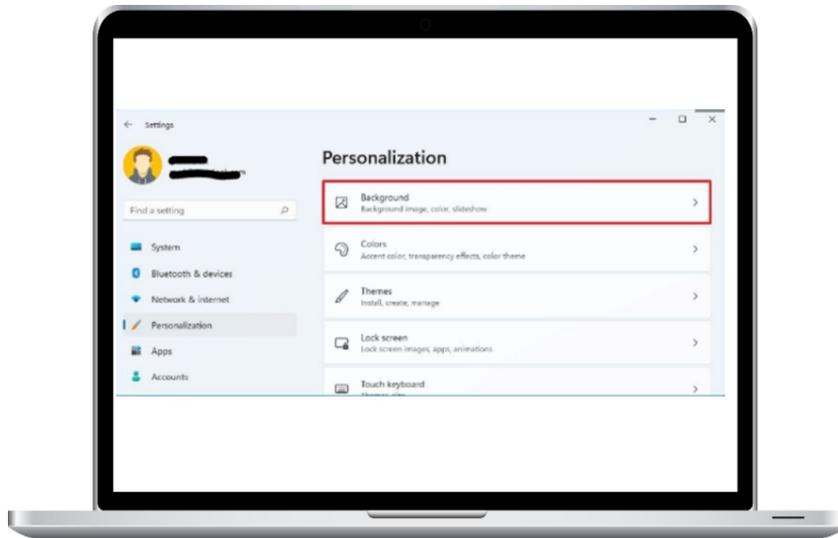
Select which image folder you want to see on your desktop.
Click the button to choose this folder.

Use the Change picture every option to choose how often to rotate photographs. There are one, six, or one day as well as one, ten, or thirty minutes as options.

(Optional) Turn on the toggle for "Shuffle Picture Order."

(Details optional) To ensure that the image fits the screen, choose the Fill option in the Choose a fit for your desktop image setting. Additional choices are Center, Span, Fit, Stretch, and Tile.

Once the steps are complete, the desktop will rotate the backdrop picture collection at the intervals you choose in the preferences.



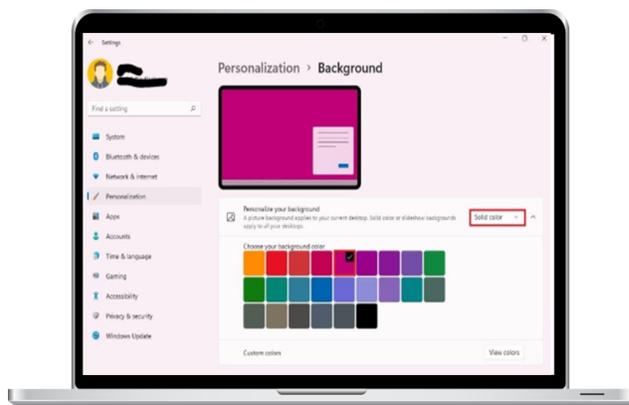
Setting the desktop to a solid color.

To add a solid color to the Windows 11 desktop, follow these steps:

Go to the option that indicates Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click on the Background page on the right.



From the "Personalize your backdrop" menu, choose Solid as your color option.

Select a color for the backdrop.



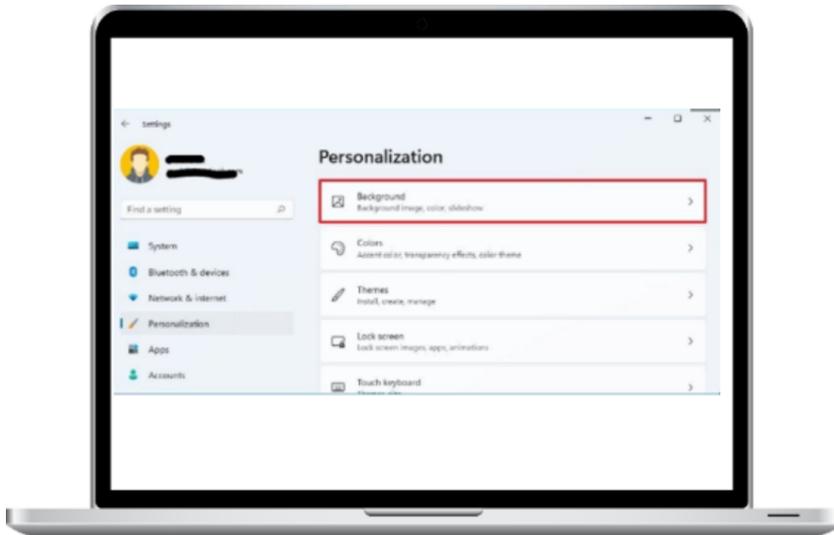
(Optional) Select the View colors button from the "Custom colors" menu.

Make a unique color.

Click the Done button.

When you follow the directions, the desktop backdrop will be a solid color.

Setting the background for each desktop.



With Windows 11, you can now customize the backdrop of each virtual desktop to make it easier for you to tell them apart.

To change the wallpaper on each desktop (not monitor), follow these steps:

Go to the option that says Settings.

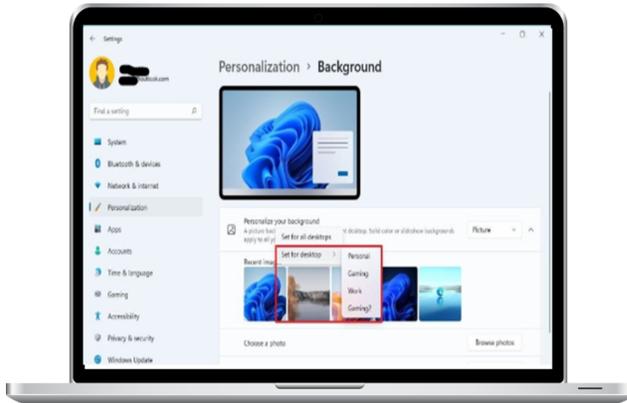
Choose Customization.

Click on the Background page on the right.

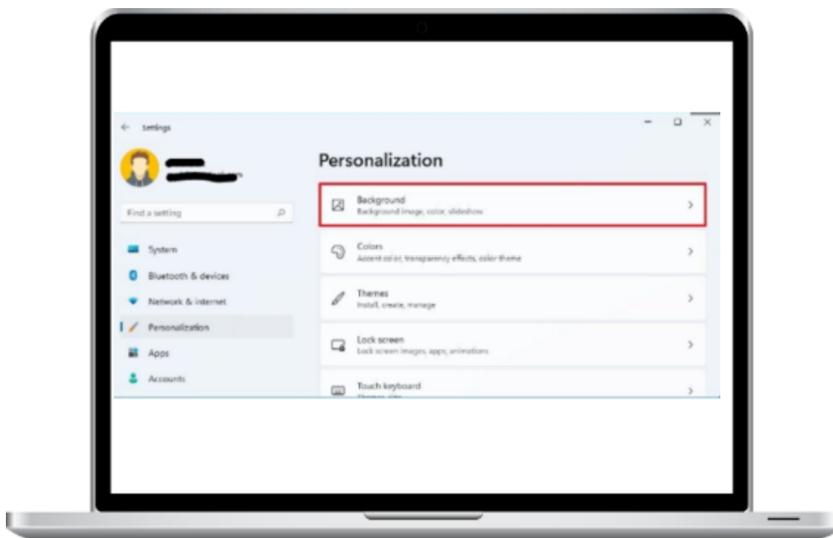
From the "Personalize your backdrop" menu, choose Picture.

Right-click the image and select Set for desktop to apply the backdrop.

Each virtual desktop will have a different desktop wallpaper once you've completed the tasks.



Setting a different background for each display.



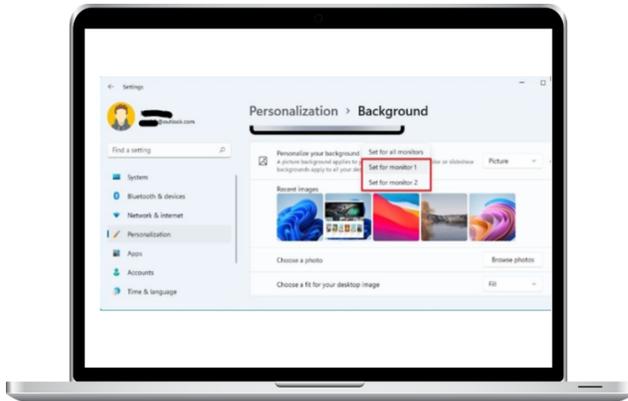
Every monitor's backdrop image may be altered as well. This option won't be available while utilizing virtual desktops, though.

In order to set a unique backdrop for every monitor in Windows 11, take the following actions:

Go to the option that reads Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click the Background page on the right.



From the "Personalize your backdrop" menu, choose Picture.

To set the picture on a monitor (N), right-click on it.

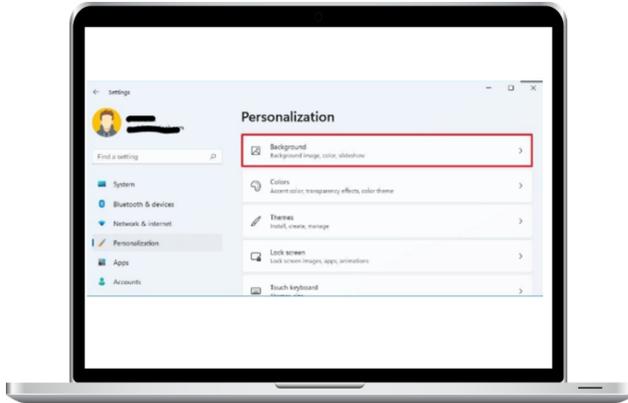
It might be necessary for you to repeat the steps once more in order to apply a different image on the remaining displays.

Changing the colors in Windows 11

With Windows 11, you may change the color of everything on your desktop. You have the option to select a custom accent color that will show up on the Start menu, Taskbar, Notification Center, Quick Settings, title bars, borders, and applications in addition to utilizing the bright or dark modes.

Setting the color mode to light or dark.

Use these procedures to switch between Windows 11's dark

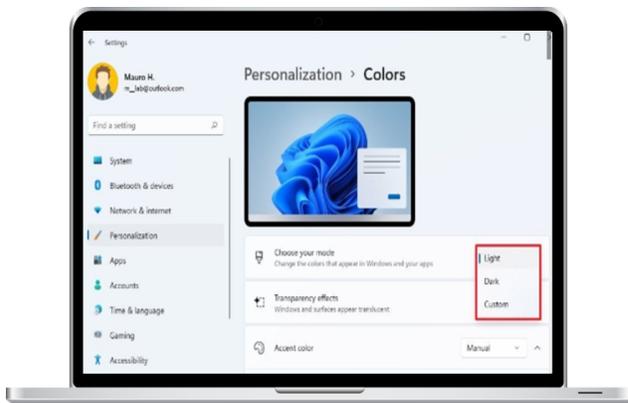


and light themes:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

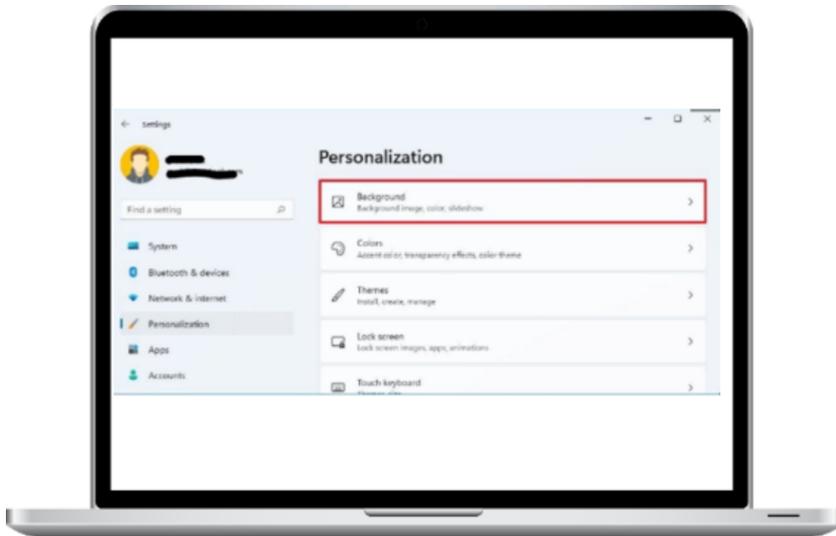
Click on the Background page on the right.



From the "Choose your mode" option, choose between the Light and Dark color modes.

The desktop environment, which includes the Taskbar, Start menu, and applications, will change to the color choice you choose once you've completed the steps.

Adjust the color mode.

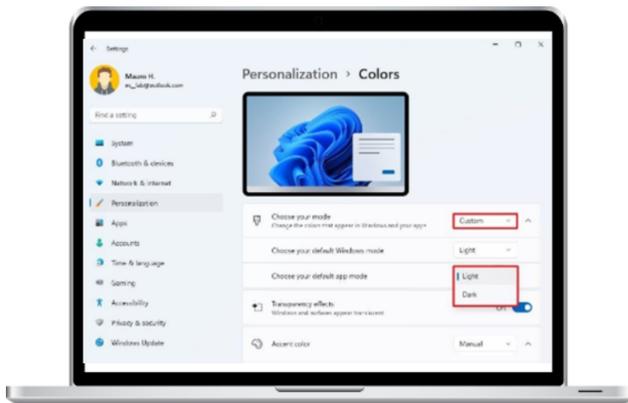


To activate a custom system color mode, take the following actions:

Select the Settings option.

Choose Customization.

Click on the Background page on the right.



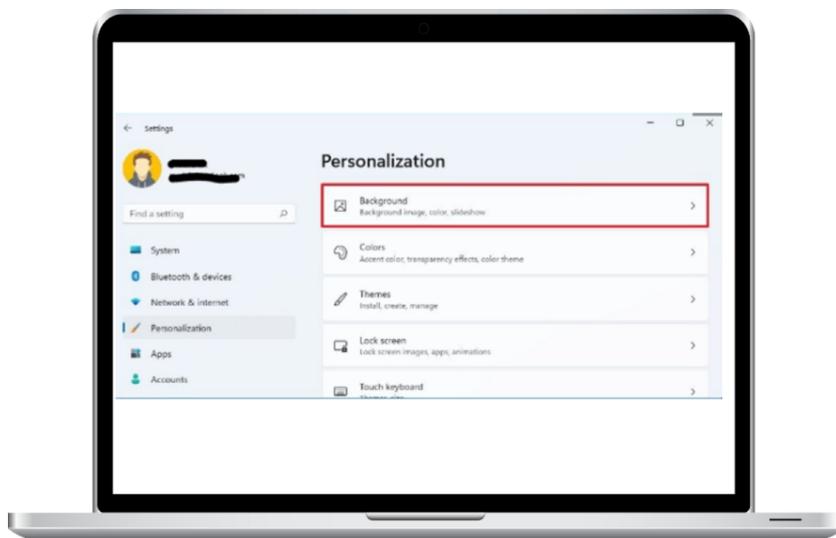
From the Choose your mode menu, choose Custom color mode.

To choose between bright and dark mode for the Start, Taskbar, and other components, select your normal Windows mode.

utilize the Choose your default app mode setting to decide whether applications should utilize the bright or dark color choice.

Depending on your selections, Windows 11 will use the custom color mode when the procedures are finished.

Enabling or disabling the Transparency effect.



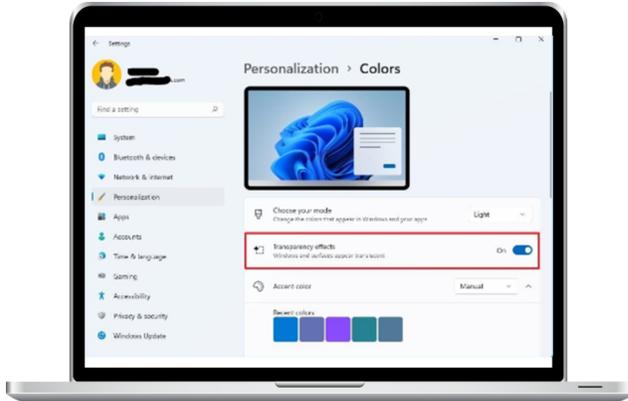
Semi-transparency effects can be shown by several features, such as the Taskbar, Notification Center, Start menu, Quick Settings, and apps. You can utilize or disable these effects under the "Colors" tab.

In Windows 11, do the following actions to activate the transparent effect:

Go to the option that says Settings.

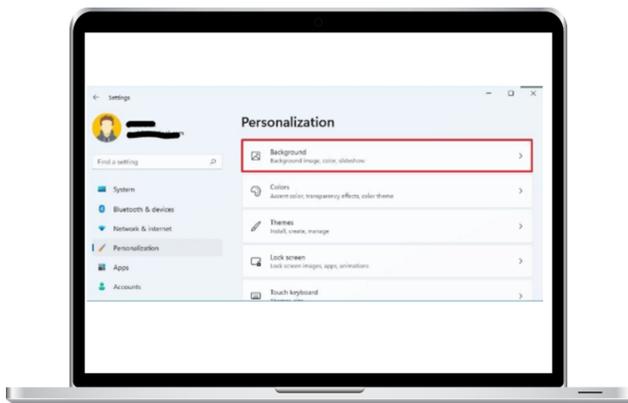
Choose Customization.

Open the Colors page by navigating to the right.



Toggle the Transparency effects toggle switch on or off after selecting your mode.

After completing the procedures, you will be able to use the selected transparency effects.



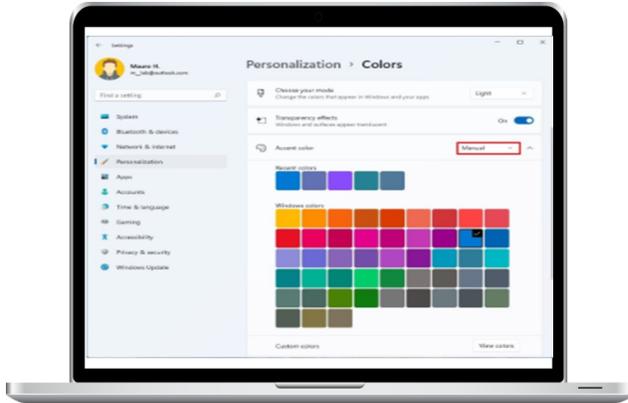
Setting a custom color accent

To customize the color accent in Windows 11, take the following actions:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Open the Colors page by navigating to the right.

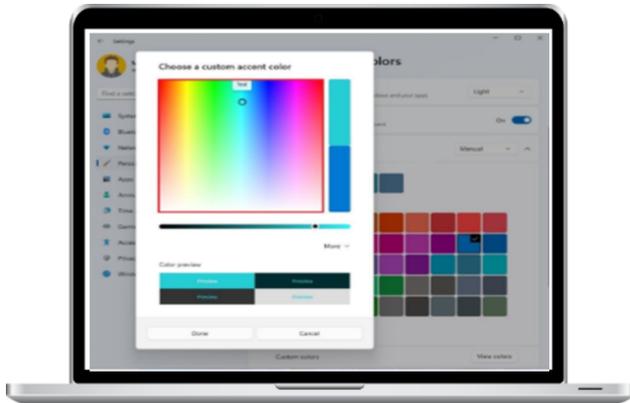


Under the "Accent color" setting, choose Manual.

Select a unique accent color.

(Details optional) Click the View colors button to see the Custom colors option.

Create your own hue.



Click the Done option.

(Optional) Use the "Accent color" setting and choose the Automatic option to let the system choose a color based on the colors of the desktop backdrop that is now shown.

The system icons, buttons, links, and many other components will instantly change color when you follow the instructions.

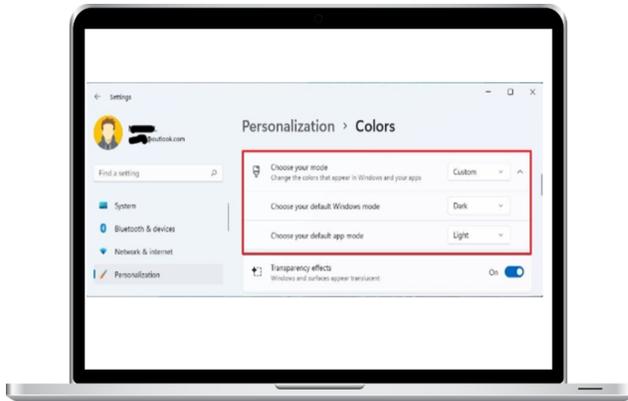
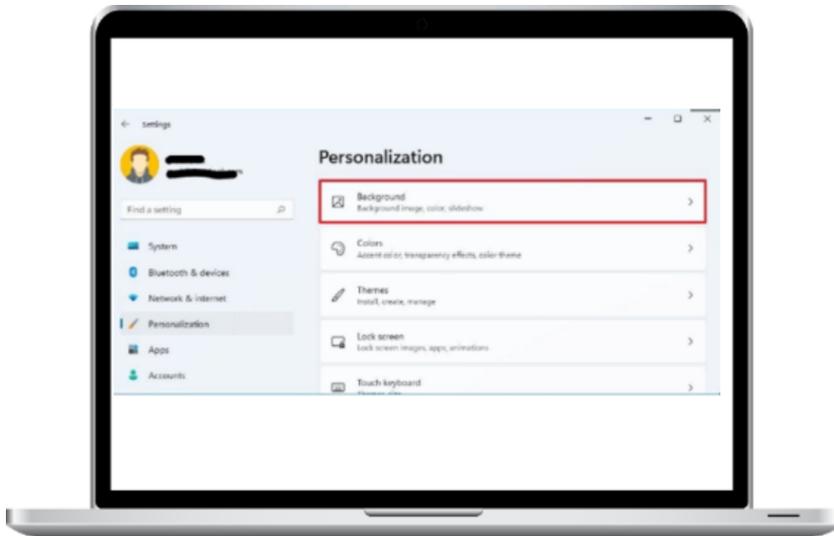
Displaying accent color in the Start menu and Taskbar

To make sure that the Start menu, Taskbar, Notification Center, Quick Settings, and other components all have the same color scheme, take the following actions:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Open the Colors page by navigating to the right.

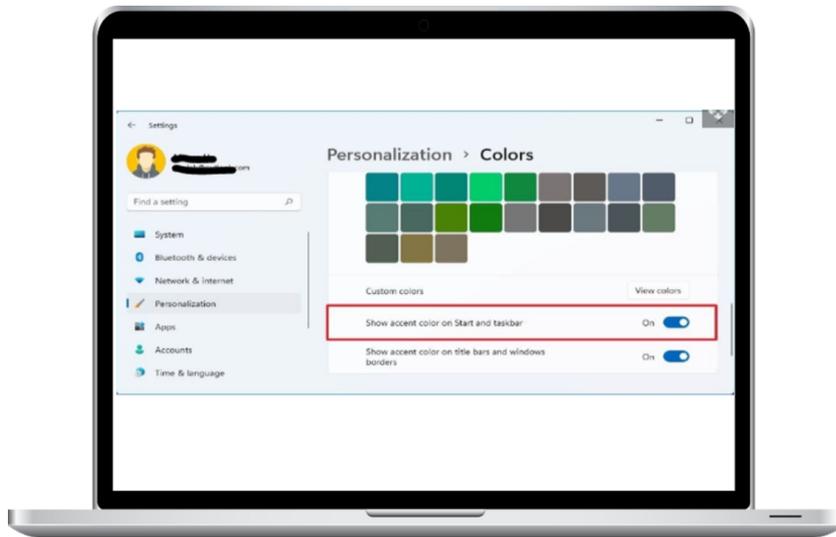


Under the "Accent color" setting, choose Manual. A quick tip: Selecting Automatic is another option.

Select a unique accent color.

Click the "Choose your mode" menu and choose either Dark or Custom.

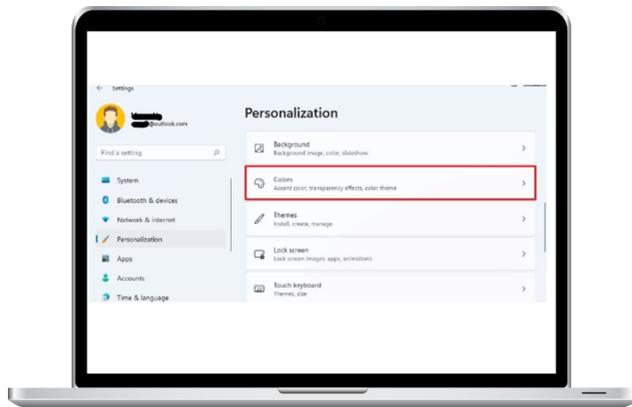
A little tip: Ensure that Dark is selected under "Choose your default Windows mode" if you choose the custom option.



Make sure that the "Accent color" setting is turned on for the taskbar and start screen.

(Optional) Turn on the Show accent color on title bars and windows borders toggle switch (except in File Explorer) to make the accent color visible in borders and title bars.

Once you're done, the color accent you select in the settings will be applied to the Start menu, Taskbar, and other visual components.



Displaying the accent color on title bars and

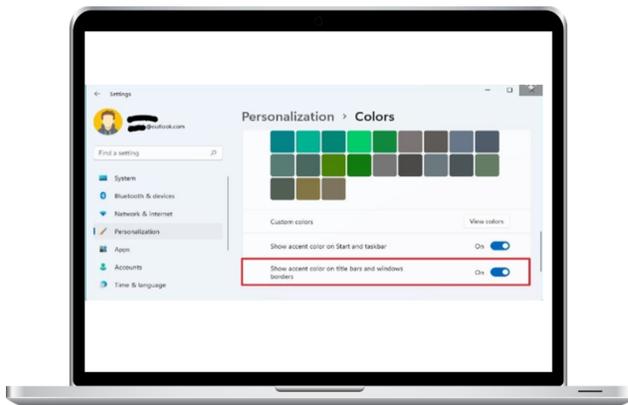
borders.

To make accent color for title bars and borders visible, follow these steps:

Go to the option that shows Settings.

Choose Customization.

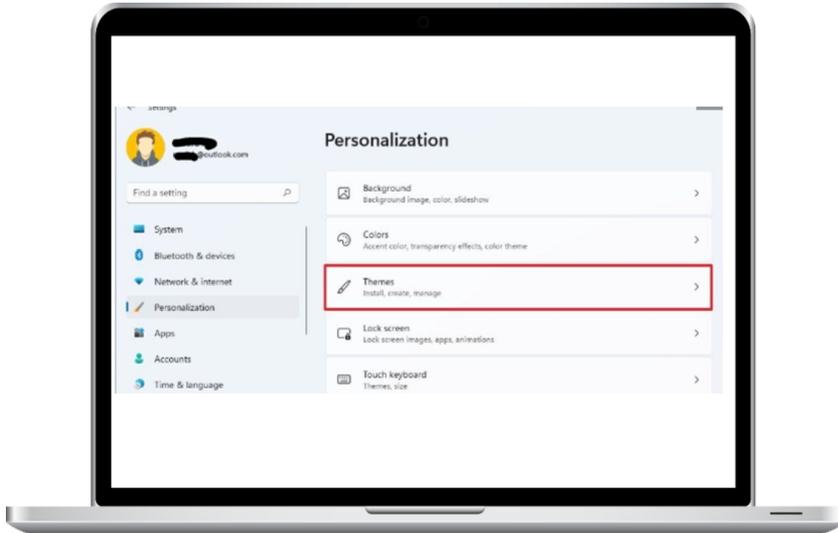
Open the Colors page by navigating to the right.



To make the accent color visible in borders and title bars, click on the Show accent color on title bars as well as windows borders toggle switch.

Once the steps are completed, the accent color will show up in the program's title bars and border frames (not in File Explorer).

How to Change Windows 11 Themes



An assortment of one or more background pictures, accent hues, mouse pointer adjustments, and occasionally even noises that may be obtained through the Microsoft Store is called a theme (some are charged, others are free).

Altering the themes

To change the desktop theme, follow these steps:

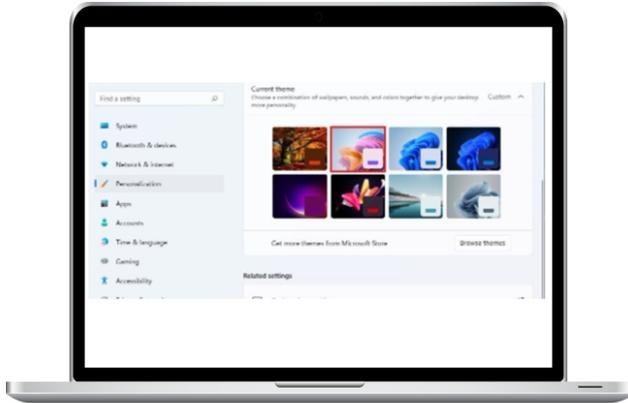
Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

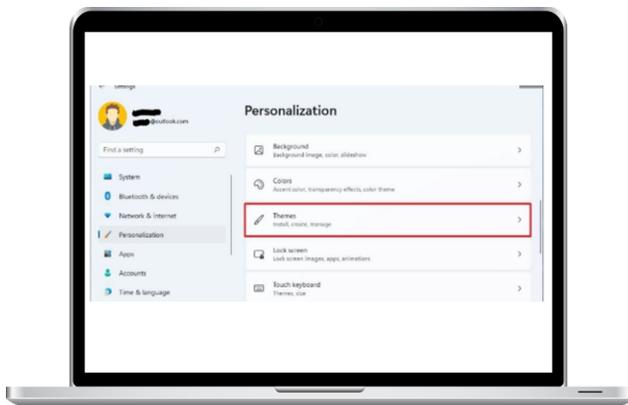
Navigate to the Themes page on the right.

Under the "Current theme" setting, choose a theme from the options.

Note: Windows 11 comes with six default themes: Windows (light), Windows (dark), Glow, Sunrise, and Flow. Each theme has a unique combination of wallpapers and settings.



To apply the theme to your computer, you need to follow the instructions.



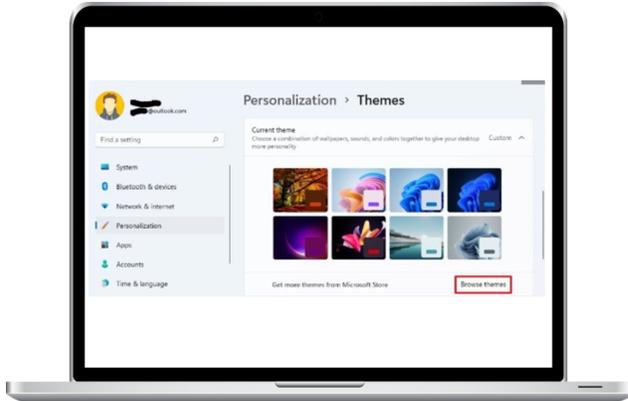
Download themes

To obtain fresh themes for your Windows 11 desktop, follow these steps:

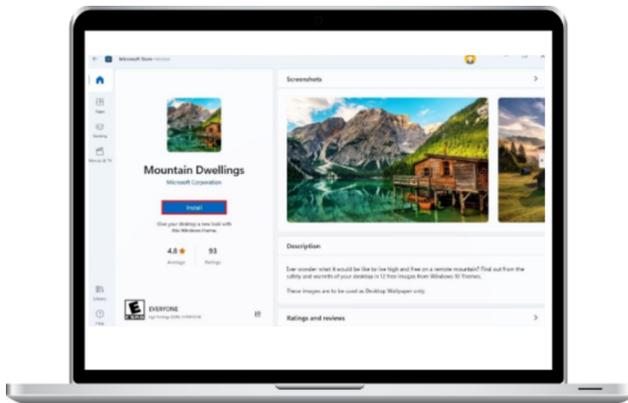
Go to the option that indicates Settings.

Choose Customization.

Go towards the Themes page on the right.



Under the "Current theme" option, click the Browse themes icon.



Select the Windows 11 theme from the Microsoft Store.

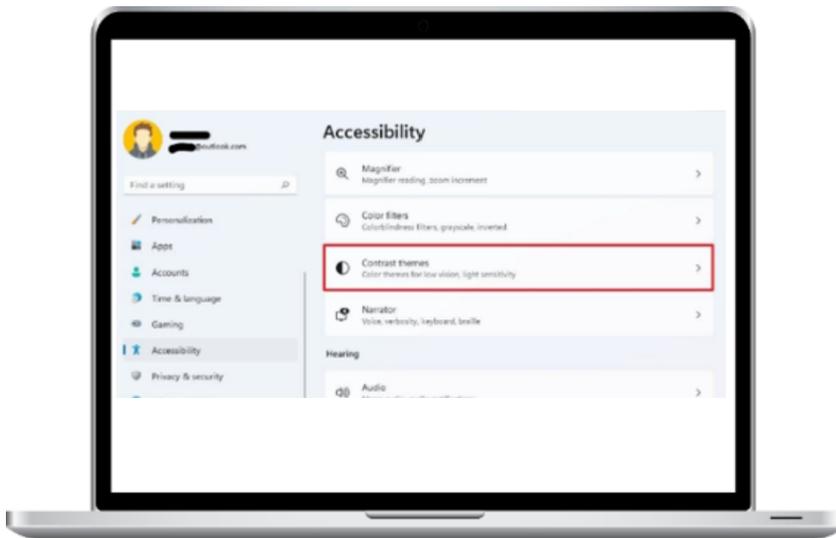
Select the option to "Get (or Install)."

Choose the Open option.

Choose the recently installed theme to utilize it.

The freshly downloaded theme will show up on the desktop and throughout the experience once you've completed the instructions.

Contrast themes



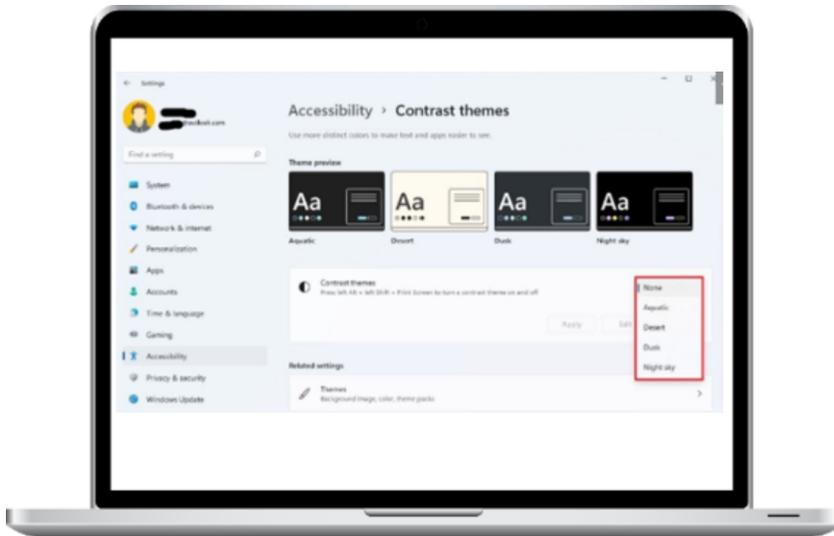
Four distinct high contrast themes are included in Windows 11 as part of its accessibility features. These themes are meant for those with low vision, although anybody can use them.

Follow these procedures to use one of the contrast-themed Windows 11 versions:

Navigate to the Settings option.

Select the option for accessibility.

Go to the page with contrast themes on the right.



Select a theme (such as "Aquatic") from the list of possible themes under "Contrast themes."

Desert.

Dusk.

Night sky.

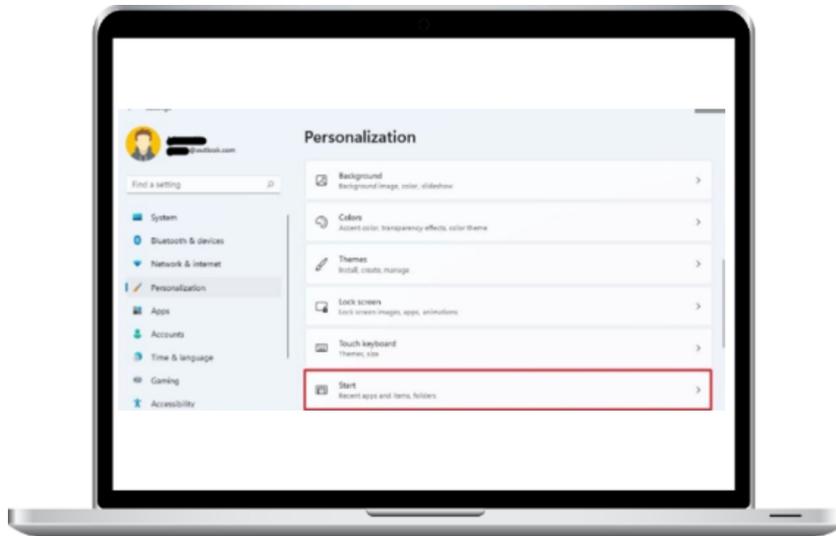
(Details optional) Press the keyboard combination Left Alt + Left Shift + Print screen to enable or disable the contrast theme.

After following the steps, Windows will launch with high contrast.

How to Modify Windows 11's Start Menu

The Start menu, which is customizable in many ways and is used to find and run applications as well as locate nearly anything on your computer, including files, settings, and programs, is a key component of Windows 11.

Changing the Start configuration

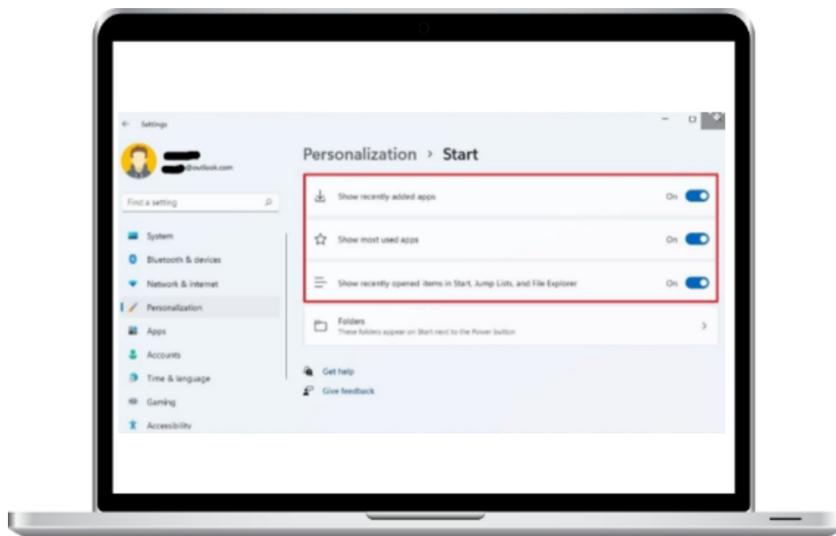


To modify the Windows 11 Start menu settings, take the following actions:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click the Start page icon on the right.



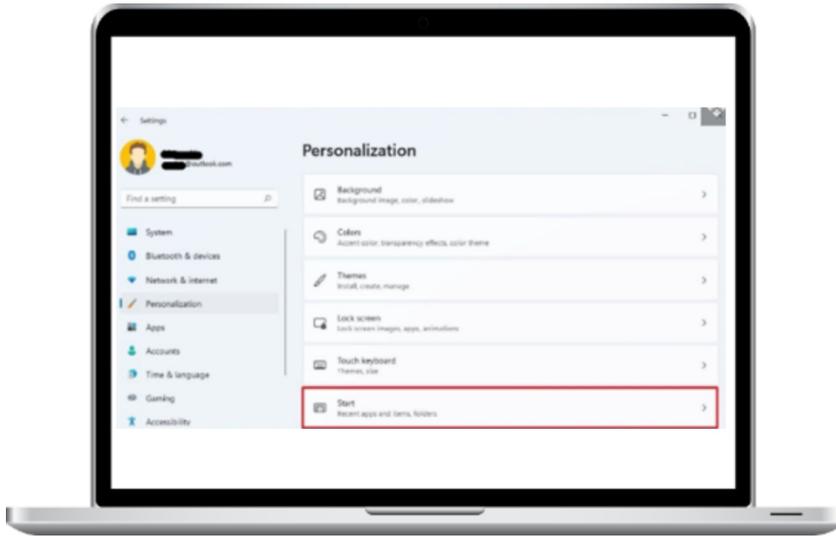
Turn on or off the "Show recently added apps" toggle.

Turn the toggle switch for "Show most used apps" on or off.

Turn on or off the option to display recently opened objects in File Explorer, Jump Lists, and Start.

The items in the "Recommended" section and the "All apps" list will appear in the Start menu when you activate the

recently added or most used applications selections.



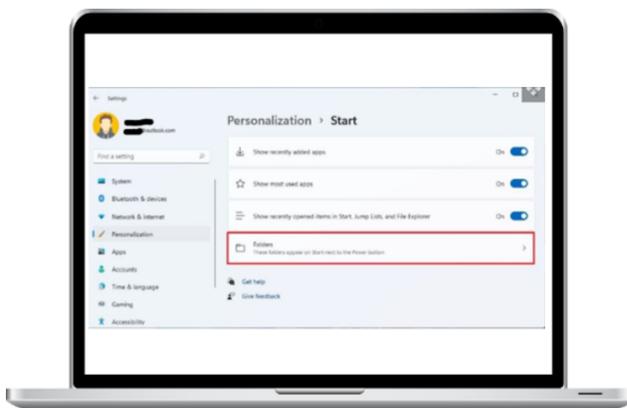
Adding or removing Folders from the Start menu.

To add or delete quick access from the Start menu to other destinations, such Documents, Downloads, and so forth, use the following procedures:

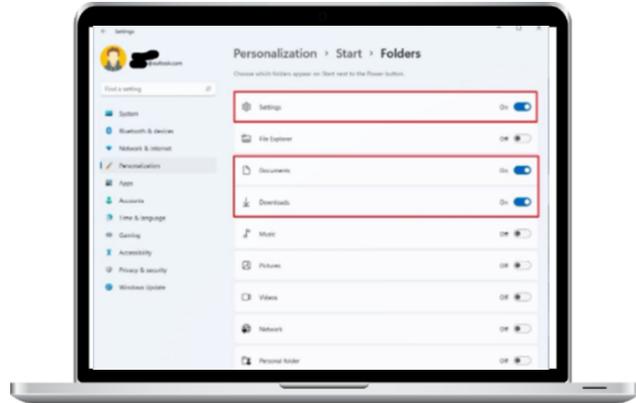
Go to the option that indicates Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click the Start page icon on the right.

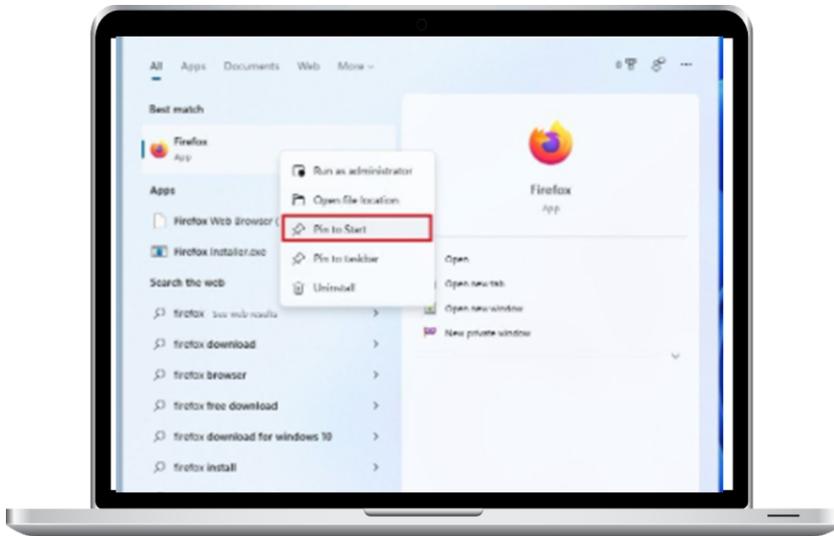


Select the Folders setting.



Turn on and off the things that show up next to the power button in Start.

The fast access buttons will show up in the Start menu next to the power button once you've completed the instructions.



Pin apps to the Start menu

To control the Pinned section of the Start menu, take the following actions:

Launch the software.

Find the name of the application in Windows Search.

Right-click the application to choose Pin to Start.



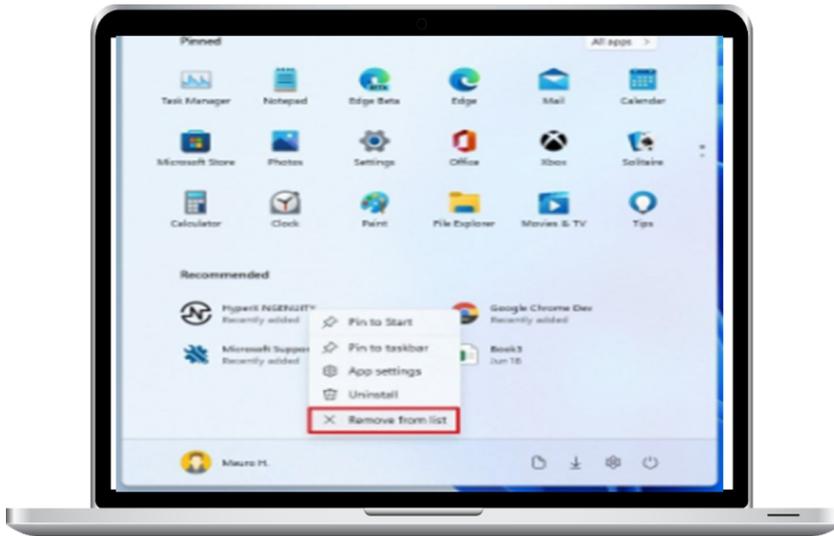
(Optional) To move the app to the top-left corner, right-click on it in the "Pinned" section and select Move to top.

(Optional) Drag the object within the "Pinned" area to the appropriate location.

Right-click the program and select Unpin from Start or Uninstall if you wish to remove it from the Pinned area.

Should the application originate from the Microsoft Store, it will be removed without any more steps.

Should this be a classic software, you might have to follow the prompts displayed on the screen in order to finish the removal.



Customizing Recommended section on Start

The "Recommended" section displays suggestions for previously visited files and installed programs. This section may hold up to six items, but you can add more by clicking the More button (if appropriate). Although this function cannot be disabled, it can be made more pleasant.

Items that have been suggested for removal should be deleted.

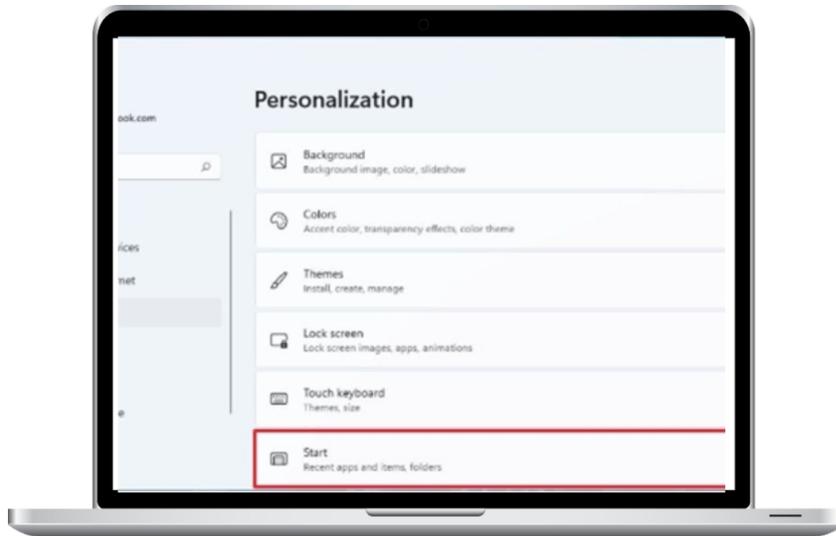
Follow these procedures to remove items from the Recommended section one at a time:

Begin the program.

Right-click the item in the "Recommended" column and select the Remove from list option.

The item you selected will be removed from the Start menu after the steps are complete.

Disable the part marked "Recommended."

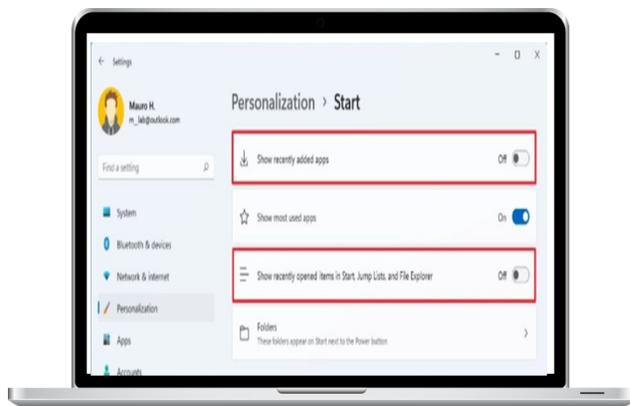


To stop material from showing up in the Recommended section, do the following actions:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click the Start page icon on the right.



Disable the toggle option for "Show recently added apps."

Turn off the toggle for Show recently opened items in File Explorer, Jump Lists, and Start.

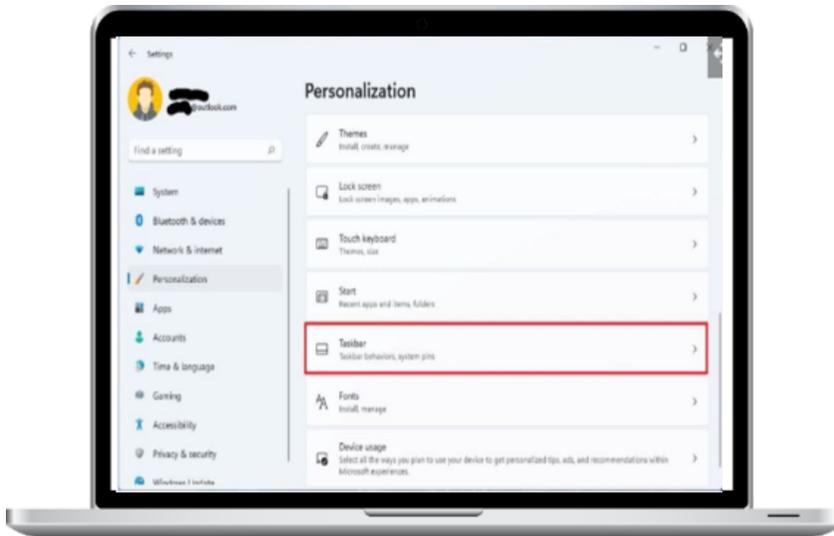
Nothing will appear in the Recommended section after you've finished the procedures. However, because you disabled recently added applications and opened items, the list of recently added programs will no longer be shown in

the File Explorer Quick access page, the Taskbar's Jump Lists for apps, or the All apps list.

How to Personalize the Taskbar in Windows 11

Although Windows 11's Taskbar isn't as customizable as previous iterations, you can still modify a number of settings to alter its appearance and feel. From the system tray, you may change various settings, uninstall unnecessary system components, and position things in different directions.

Modify the icons' orientation.

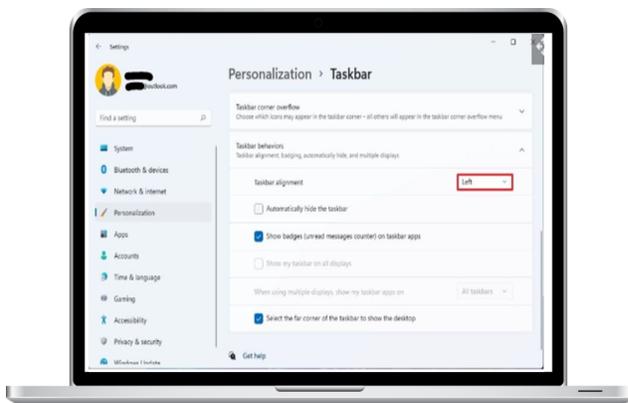


Follow these instructions to align the Taskbar buttons and Start menu to the left:

Go to the option that indicates Settings.

Choose Customization.

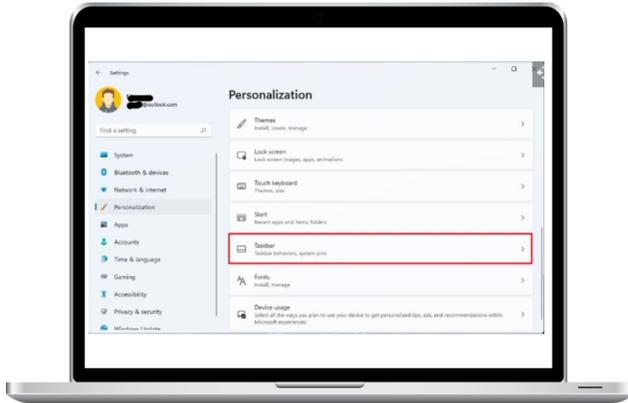
Choose Taskbar page from the menu on the right.



Select Taskbar Behaviors from the menu.

Choose the Left option under "Taskbar alignment" in the options.

When you complete the steps, the Taskbar items, including the Start menu, will be oriented to the left. If you want the items to be centered, repeat the steps above, but on step 5, pick the Center option.



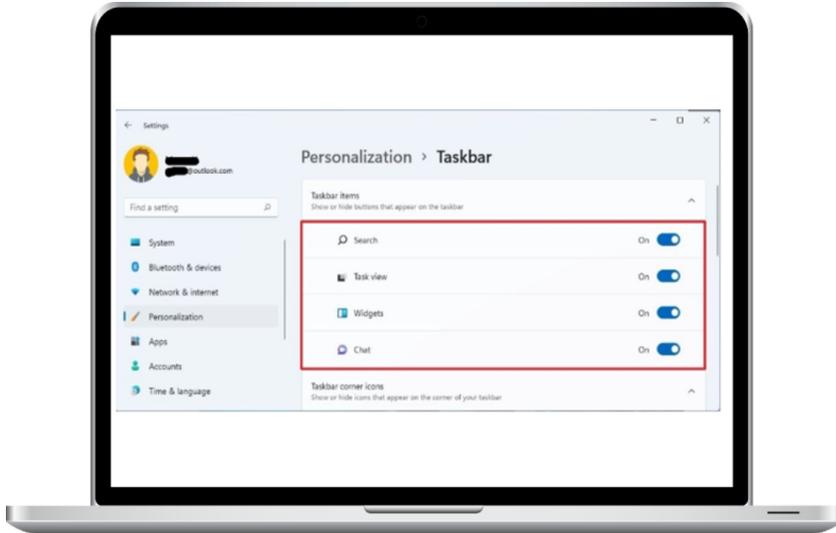
Add or remove system app icons

To modify the system app icons that show up next to the Start menu, follow these steps:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Choose Taskbar page from the menu on the right.



The system app icons that you deactivated will no longer be visible in the Taskbar when the actions are complete.

You can turn off

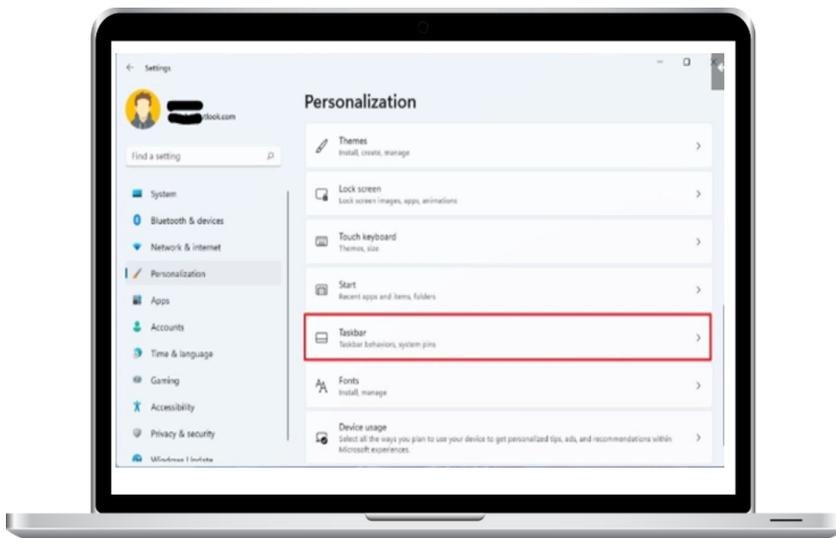
Search

Task view

Widgets

Chat

The system app icons that you deactivated will no longer be visible in the Taskbar when the actions are complete.



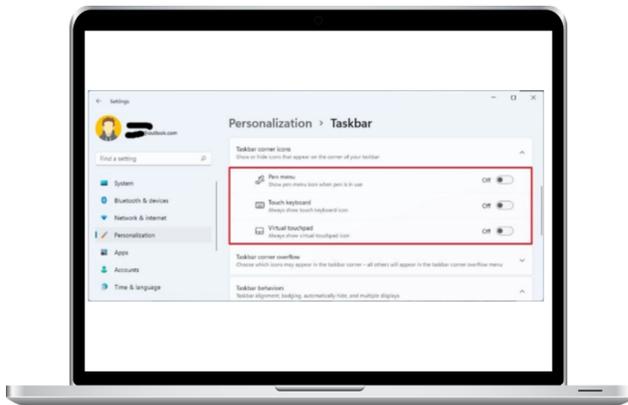
Insert or delete corner icons

To alter the icons that show up on the system tray, use the following actions:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Choose Taskbar page from the menu on the right.

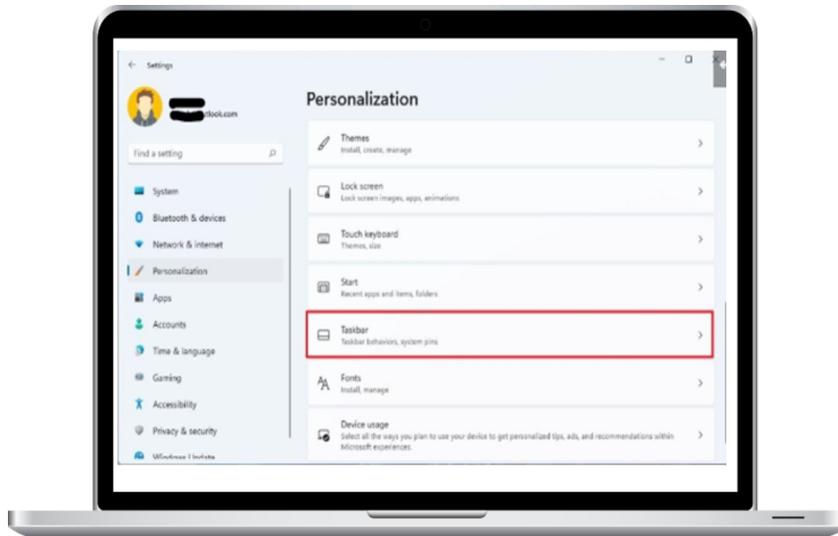


Modify the "Taskbar corner icons" option to disable any components—like the Pen menu—that you do not want to see in the system tray.

Use the touch keyboard.

Touchpad visualization.

Once the steps are complete, the system tray of the Taskbar will display just the icons that you have enabled.



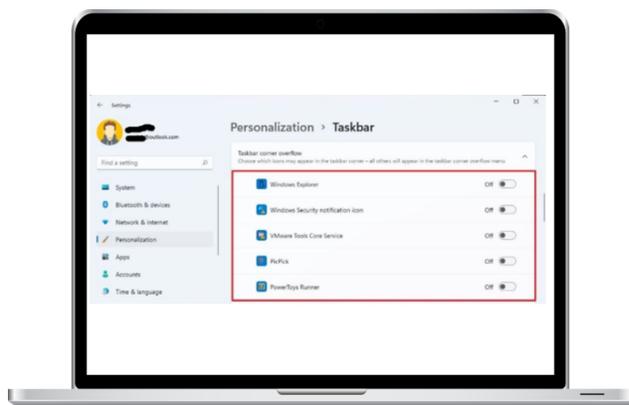
Modifying the corner overflow settings

To show or hide objects from the Taskbar overflow, use these steps:

Go to the option that says Settings.

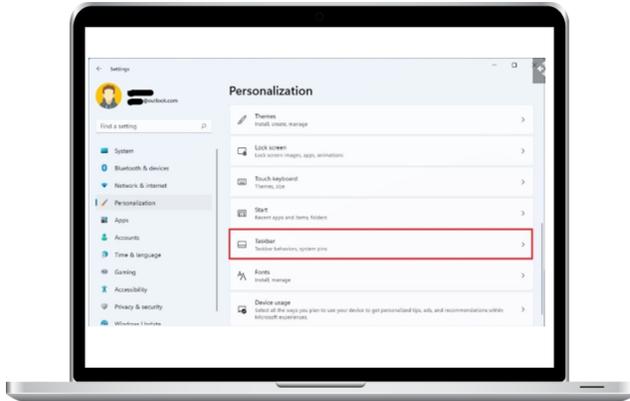
Choose Customization.

Choose Taskbar page from the menu on the right.



Use the "Taskbar corner overflow" option to disable the application icons that you do not want to see in the system tray, such as OneDrive, Microsoft Teams, and Windows Update Status.

Only the things that have been enabled will show up outside of the overflow flyout after the processes are complete.



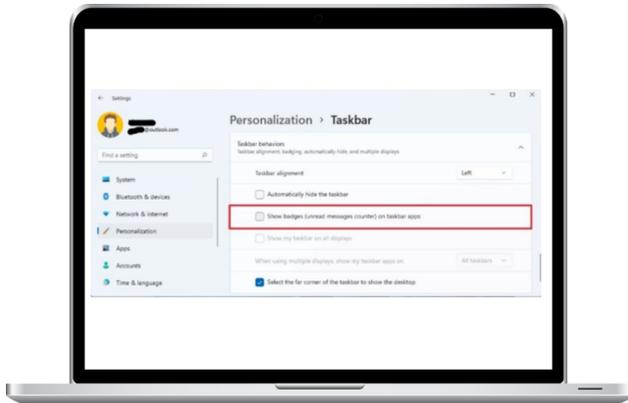
Display Or Conceal App Badges

To find out whether applications should provide badge counts for unseen messages, follow these steps:

Go to the option that says Settings.

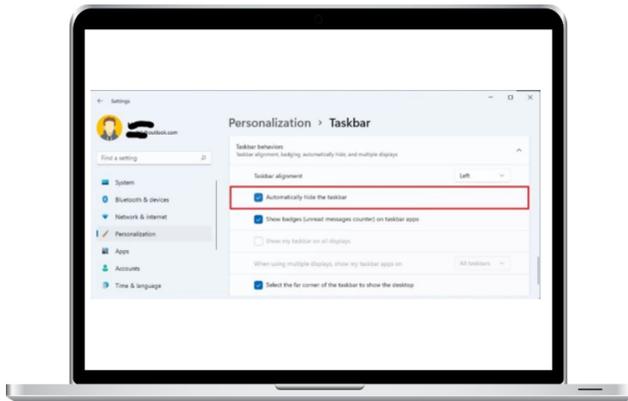
Choose Customization.

Choose Taskbar page from the menu on the right.



Click on the Taskbar Behaviors menu item.

To enable or deactivate the unseen messages counter, check or delete the Show badges (unread messages counter) on taskbar programs option.

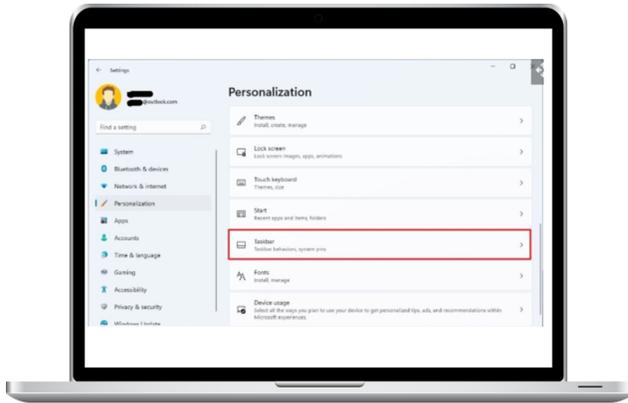


Click on the Taskbar Behaviors menu item.

Check or remove the Show badges (unread messages counter) on taskbar applications option to activate or disable the unseen messages counter.

As you move the mouse cursor away after completing the instructions, the Taskbar will automatically disappear.

Display the Taskbar on all



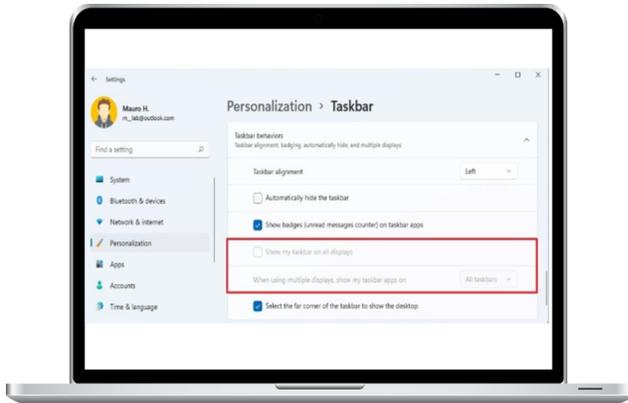
monitors

To have the Taskbar appear on every monitor, follow these steps:

Go to the option that reads Settings.

Choose Customization.

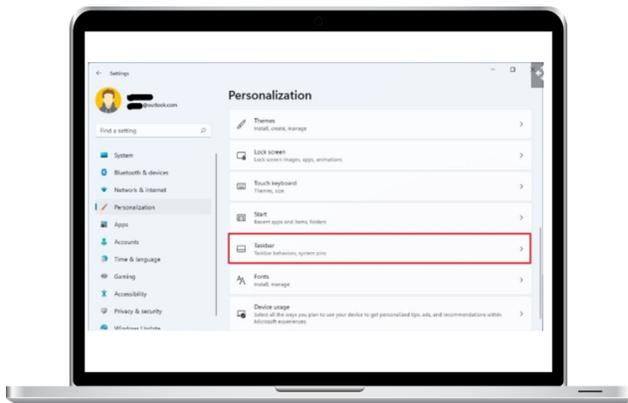
Choose Taskbar page from the menu on the right.



Click on the Taskbar Behaviors menu item.

Check the option to show my taskbar on all monitors.

This option is limited to situations when your computer is linked to many displays.



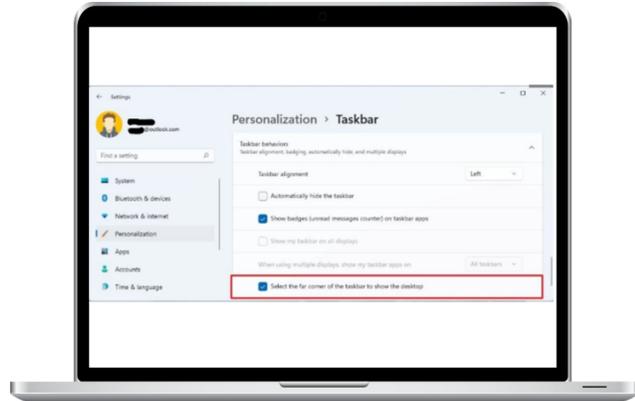
Turn on or off the desktop button.

Use these methods to activate or disable Windows 11's desktop display feature:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

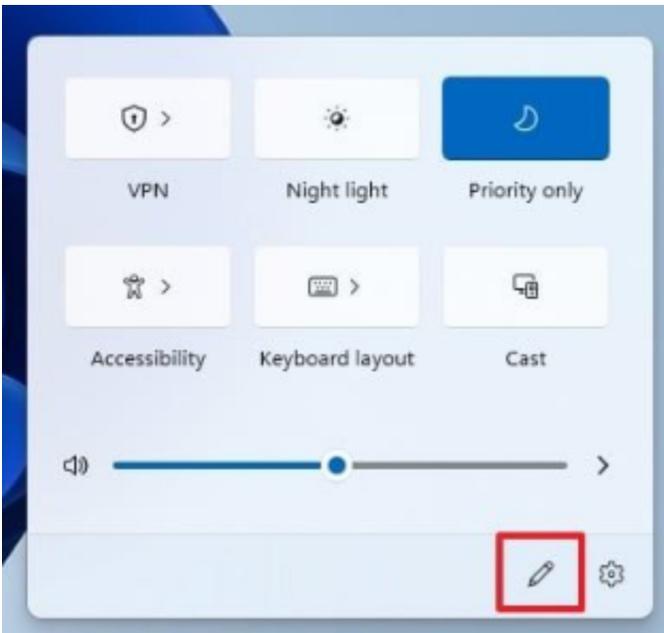
Choose Taskbar page from the menu on the right.



Click on the Taskbar Behaviors menu item.

Verify or disregard the selection Display the desktop at the taskbar's far corner.

Once you've completed the instructions, the desktop show and hide button in the Taskbar will no longer function.



Customizing

Quick

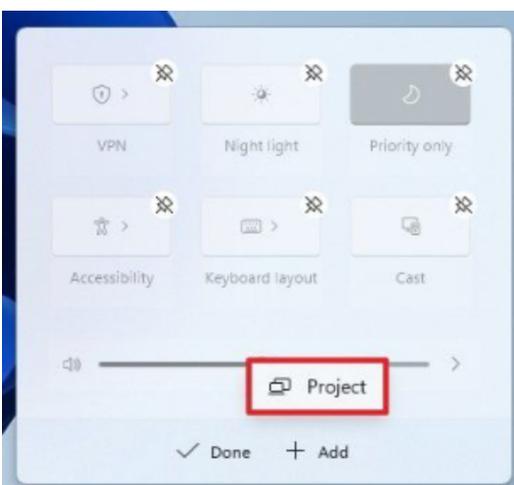
Settings flyout

To add or delete items from the Quick Settings flyout, use the following actions:

Choose the volume and network settings.

Quick tip: Press the Windows key + A keyboard shortcut to launch the flyout.

Choose the pencil-shaped Edit Quick Settings option.



Click the Add button.

Select the item that has to be added.

Use the Unpin symbol to take an item off of the list.

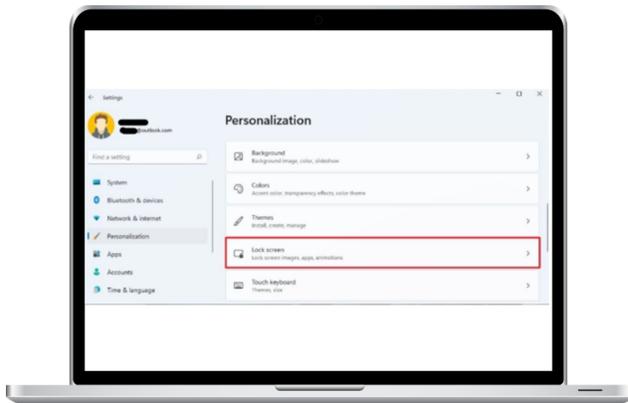
Click and drag an object to move it to the desired location.

Click the Done button.

Once the steps are complete, Quick Settings will show the available choices in the order that you choose.

How to Change the Lock Screen in Windows 11

In Windows 11, you may now customize the Lock screen, which shows up anytime you need to access the Sign-in page.



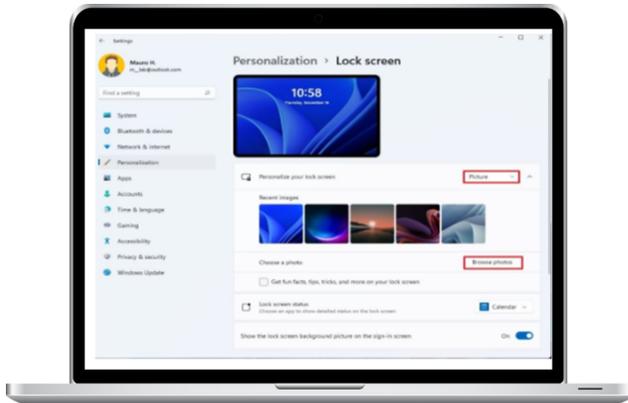
Setting custom image on Lock screen

To utilize a custom picture on the Lock screen, do the following actions:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click on the Lock screen page on the right.



From the "Personalize your lock screen" settings, choose the Picture option.

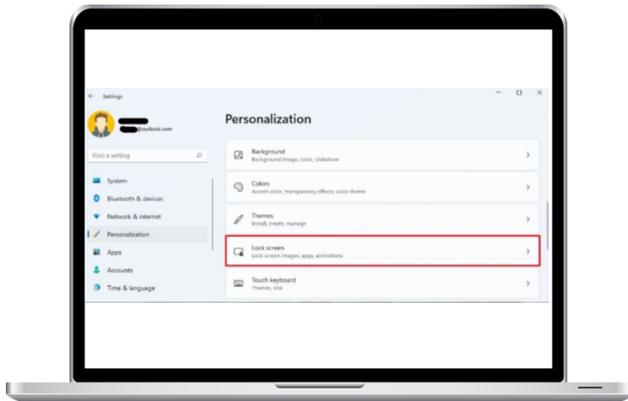
Choose the option to Browse photos.

Select the personalized picture.

Click the Choose image button to choose a picture.

(Details optional) Take out the View engaging content, shortcuts, and more on your lock screen.

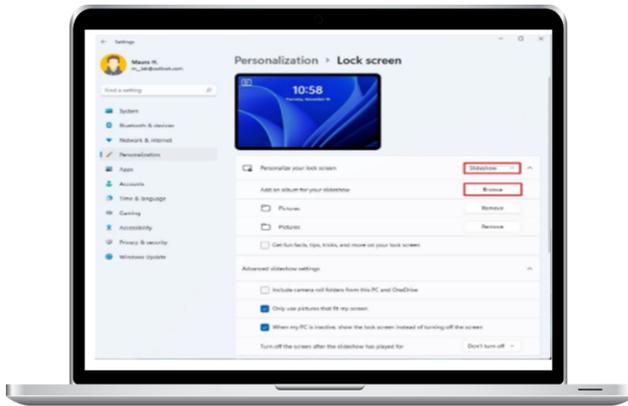
The picture you choose in the settings will appear on the lock screen after you've completed the steps.



Setting slideshow on Lock screen

To use a custom slideshow on the Windows 11 lock screen, do the following actions:

Go to the option that shows Settings.
Choose Customization.
Click on the Lock screen page on the right.



From the "Personalize your lock screen" settings, choose Slideshow.

Choose the Browse menu item.

A little note: Windows 11 includes both the local and OneDrive Pictures folders by default. To add new directories, you may use these locations or remove them.

Select the folder that has every picture in it.

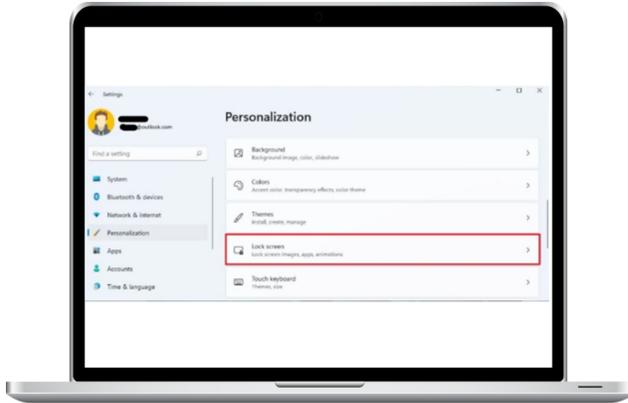
Click the Choose image button to choose a picture.

Click the button to choose this folder.

(Details optional) Take out the View engaging content, shortcuts, and more on your lock screen.

Once the steps are completed, each time you start the computer, the lock screen will rotate the photographs from the folder you choose in the settings.

Configuring Windows Spotlight on the lock



screen

The default Lock screen experience is Windows Spotlight; however, if you were using anything other, or if you want to reverse the changes, do these actions:

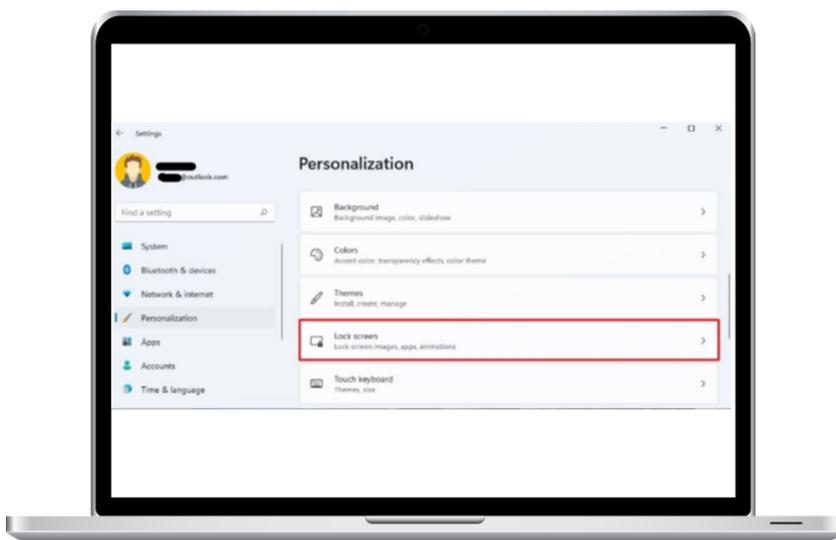
Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click on the Lock screen page on the right.

From the "Personalize your lock screen" options, choose Windows Spotlight.

After completing the instructions, each time you access the Lock screen, you will see fresh images from Microsoft Bing.



Setting up app notifications on the lock screen.

To see app alerts on the Lock screen, adhere to following instructions:

Go to the option that indicates Settings.

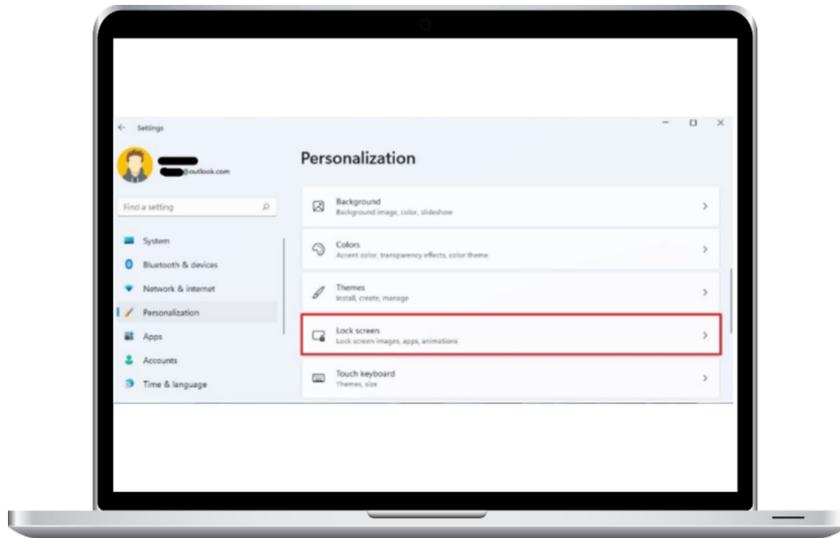
Choose Customization.

Click on the Lock screen page on the right.

To view the information you want to see, such the calendar, mail, or weather, use the "Lock screen status" option.

Options to lock the current state of the screen

Upon completion of the steps, notifications from the selected app will appear on the lock screen.



Disable background on Sign-in screen

In Windows 11, the Lock and Sign-in panels have the same backdrop; however, if you want a solid color background, you may disable this functionality.

To remove the backdrop of the Sign-in screen, follow these steps:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Customization.

Click on the Lock screen page on the right.

Deselect the Show the lock screen background image toggle button on the sign-in screen.

The Sign-in screen will have a single-colored backdrop after you've completed the steps.

Things in Windows 11 you can't customize

Despite the fact that Windows 11 still allows you to personalize its look and feel, many of the options from the

previous edition are no longer accessible.

Microsoft has taken out a number of useful and cosmetic customization features from Windows 11.

Taskbar

It is no longer possible to move the Taskbar to the top or to either side of the screen since it is now locked at the bottom.

eliminates the ability to distinguish between different app instances and show labels.

Removes the ability to drag and drop files for the currently open program to open them.

The ability to enlarge or reduce the size of icons is gone.

There is no longer a way to change the Taskbar's height.

Startup menu

Live tiles are no longer supported by the Start menu.

Resizing of the Drops menu is supported.

There is no longer a full-screen mode.

App groups can no longer be created.

It is no longer possible to arrange apps into folders.

WINDOWS 11 CUSTOMIZATION TOOLS

These days, Windows 11 is widely accessible and preloaded on new computers. The updated user interface, with the Taskbar centered on the screen, is the first thing you'll notice when updating or installing it, even if it increases security:

What happens if you decide against wanting a new UI? What happens if you wish Windows 10 had looked more retro?

What happens if you prefer that the Start button be located on the taskbar's left side? What happens if you only want to tweak a few things?

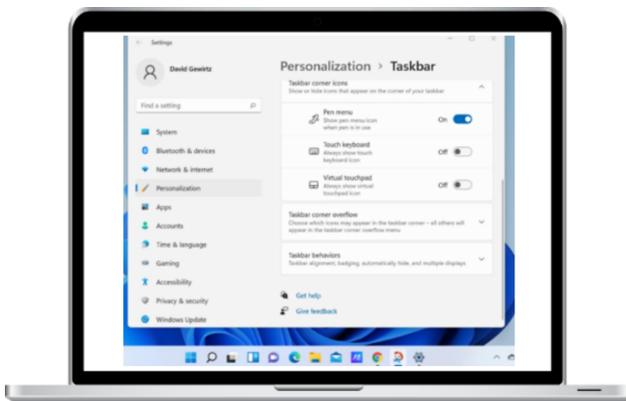
This section will focus on six methods and tools for personalizing Windows 11's appearance and feel. We'll include a change toward the end to make Windows 10 seem more like Windows 11 for folks who haven't updated yet.

1: Taskbar Configuration

Just right-click anywhere on the Taskbar and choose Taskbar Settings to move the Start button back to its appropriate place and move the Taskbar as a whole to the left.



You'll see the taskbar personalization screen:



After you adjust the Taskbar's alignment to the left and scroll down to observe Taskbar activities, you may enjoy the previously comfortable Taskbar position.

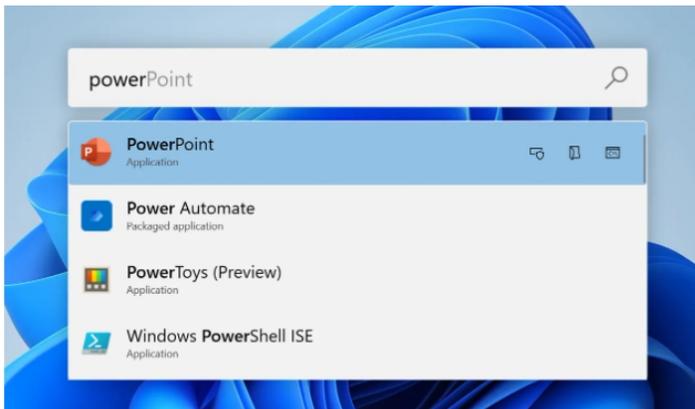
2: PowerToys Operation

One of my favorite features is the ability to launch a search window by pressing a key combination. I can now quickly launch apps without having to go through menus thanks to this.

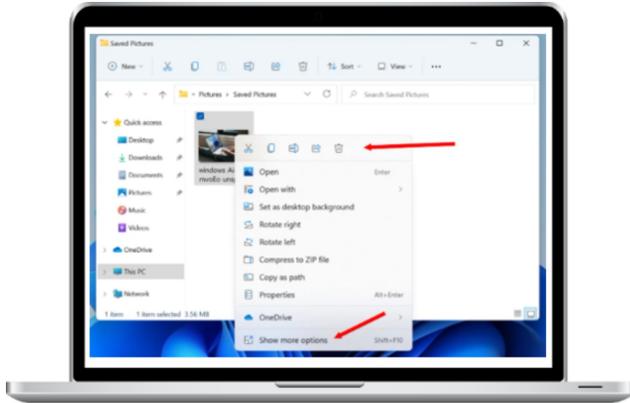
Users of Windows 11 are eligible to get this feature for free. It comes with the original PowerToys set. All you have to do is press Alt and Space simultaneously once it is installed. What you'll witness looks like this:



Let's say you then want to launch PowerShell or PowerPoint. Simply enter "power":

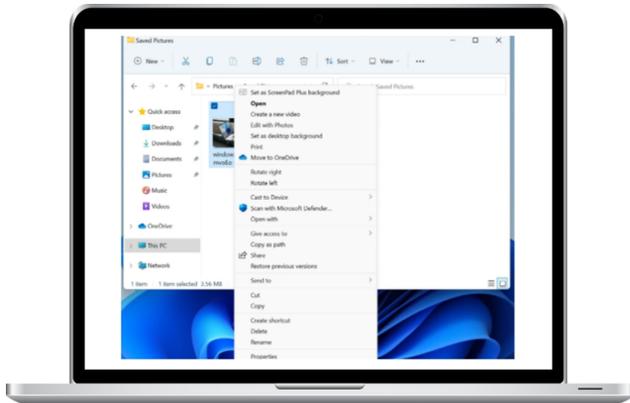


That's it. It is both simple and sophisticated. At first, I didn't notice the omnipresent search box on the taskbar of Windows 10. But this is a much quicker and more efficient way to get to the apps you want to launch. It's a really easy add-on that makes a big difference in the user experience.



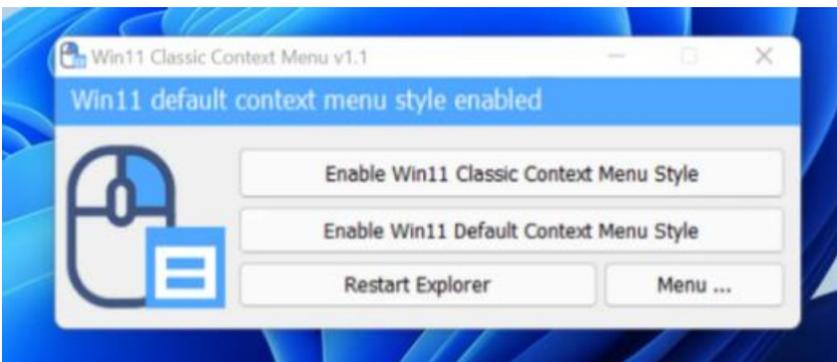
3: Classic Context Menu in Windows 11

In Windows 11, the default context menu has been simplified. The menu is arranged as follows: an icon bar at the top and an item labeled "Show more options" at the bottom.

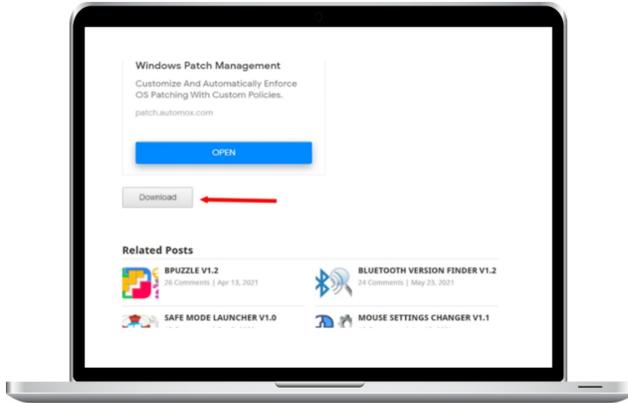


But with Windows 10, you might get a lot more information by right-clicking on a picture. The Windows 11 Classic Context Menu is useful in this situation. Your context menu gets altered to show everything it used to, as shown below:

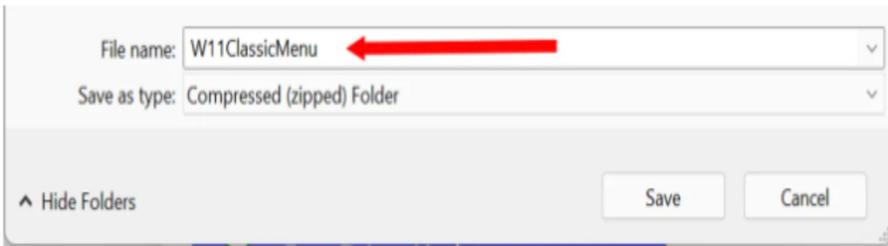
While there are certain Registry hacks that may bring back the traditional context menu, messing with the Registry is usually not advised. The person who created this modification has included a little program that performs the Registry changes on your behalf:



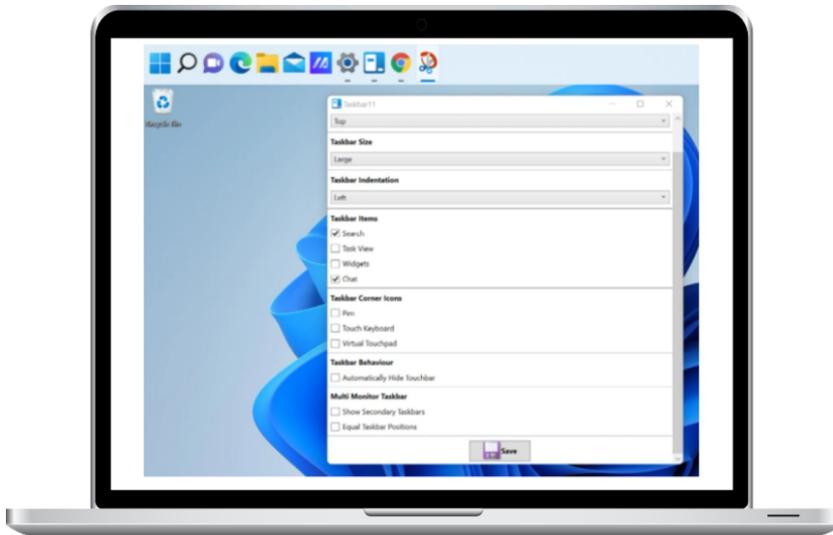
One problem exists. The first thing you see when you go to the developer's website is a page full with what seems to be spam. There are many of links and download buttons, however most of them go to unidentified places due to advertising. All you have to do is scroll down to the download option, which is situated just above the Related Posts section:



Afterward, confirm that you are getting W11ClassicMenu:



Lastly, you may have to tell Windows to bypass a few of its security features so that you can install from an unidentified publisher. Think about this carefully. How much do you really desire that classic menu? Considering that you are going to trust an unsigned executable with your life. I tried it, and there were no unfavorable side effects; nonetheless, we make no guarantees. You alone are in charge when it comes to installing software downloaded from the Internet.



4: Taskbar11

What comes next is a pretty simple software that lets you customize the Windows 11 taskbar in a number of ways. As you can see, in addition to allowing you to left-align the taskbar, you can also adjust the size of the icons and move it to the top of the screen—a feature that doesn't seem to be included in Windows 11:

You may get the executable file from this Github repository.

5: Start11

We've concentrated on free methods of personalizing Windows 11 so far. We are going to introduce you to two tools that most Windows users will be familiar with.

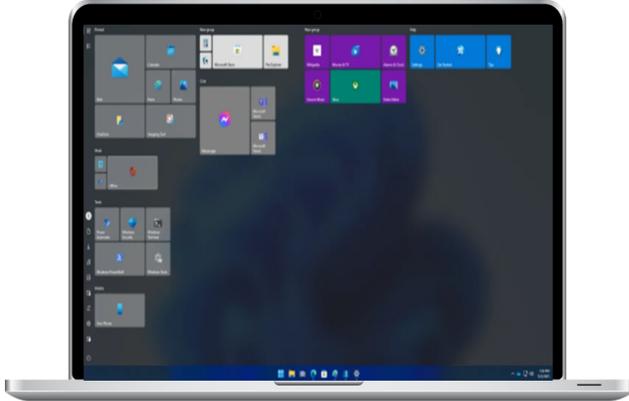
Stardock began operations in 1991. Before switching to Windows utilities in the late 1990s, when Windows emerged as the most popular PC operating system, they started with IBM's OS/2 platform.

For much of that time, they have been tweaking and customizing Windows, but when Windows 8 changed everyone's Start menu by deleting it, they began marketing the required Start8 application. It turns out that, while not as seriously, they also performed a Start 10.

While Start11 performs most of what the previous applications did, it does it in a more user-friendly way by integrating all of the features. It may, for instance, move your Taskbar to the left and return the menu to how it was before:



You may try the following to get your Windows 11 PC to display the previous version of the full-page, crowded Windows Start menu:



Additionally, Start11 will enable Windows 10 users who want the appearance of Windows 11 but aren't ready to give up Windows 10 access to that future user interface:



Start11 is not free; Stardock charges \$5.99 for it. Before making a purchase, I advise you to download and test the 30-day trial version.

6: Fences

Fences is not a brand-new Windows 11 tool, in contrast to everything else I've showed you. But when I want to change mine, one of the first things I install is Fences since we're changing the appearance and feel of your most recent operating system.



It seems like fences were an easy notion. You may use it to create frames on your desktop by grouping desktop icons together. Every frame serves as a mini-window that you may reposition and arrange. Here's an example:

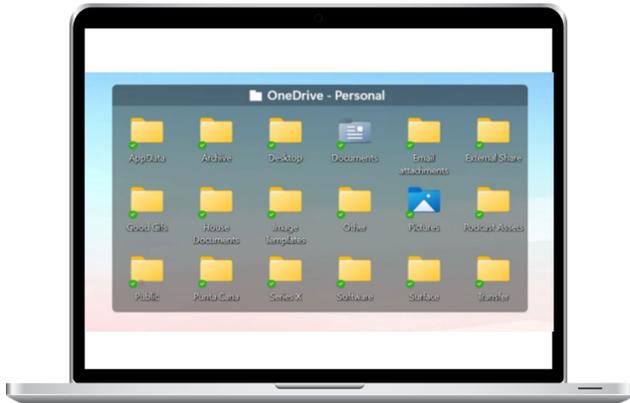


The feature that lets you roll up the mini-windows to quickly access your icons while maintaining a neat desktop is what I find most enjoyable:

Creating folder gateways with Fences is another one of my favorite features.

This is an illustration of a OneDrive link, but I like to utilize this feature for projects. I can see every project file on my desktop even though I can keep them all sorted in a deep folder on my NAS. It blends the best aspects of both worlds.

The most recent version, Fences 4, is in beta right now. It is



available for a 30-day trial period or may be bought for \$9.99.

There will be more to come.

Windows 11 will last a long time if previous major versions are any guide (and there's no reason to think they aren't). There will undoubtedly be an increasing number of Windows 11-specific tools available that provide for some very intriguing customization.

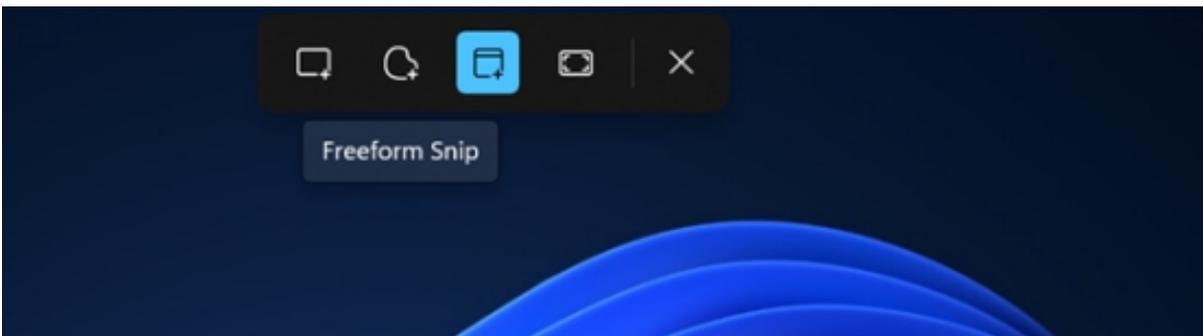
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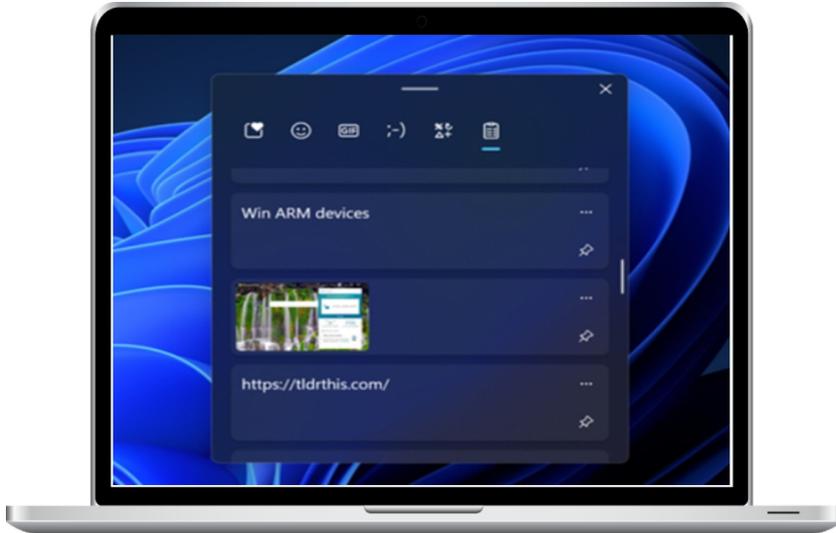
With Windows 11, you may spend all day navigating menus or quickly get things done by pressing two or more keys at once.

Although voice-to-text, touch displays, and other PC input options are available, the keyboard remains the main interface through which we interact with our computers. It goes without saying that the majority of PCMag readers are familiar with typical keyboard shortcuts, such as Alt-Tab for window switching, Ctrl-C for copying, and Ctrl-V for pasting. However, Windows 11 has a variety of powerful, little-known key combinations, some of which involve the Windows key. Throughout the day, I utilize a number of them rather regularly.

Additionally, Windows special-function keys (which differ based on the keyboard) may be used. Particularly useful are the media keys, which provide mute, play/pause, and volume. Apart from that, let's look at the most widely used Windows 11 keyboard shortcuts.

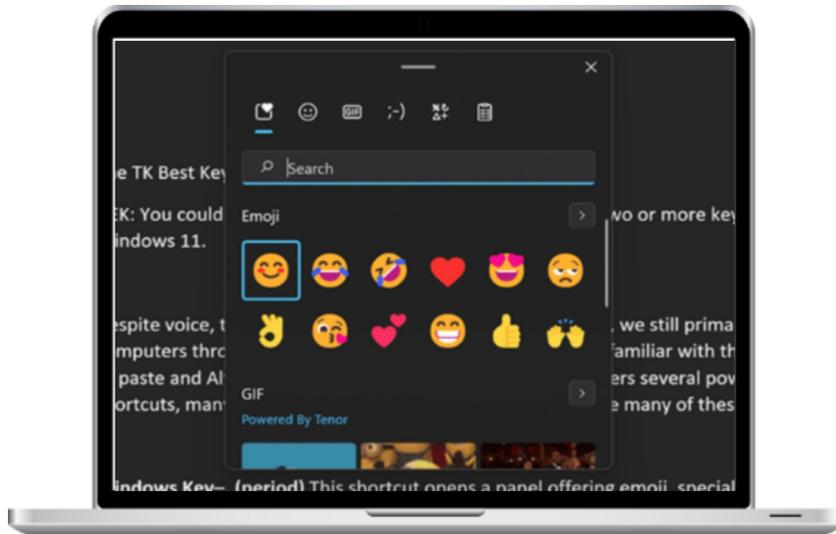
The newly updated top 13 Windows 10 shortcuts will be shown first, then the brand-new Windows 11 shortcuts. (Pages 14-20).





1. Take Screenshots with Windows Key-Shift-S

Pressing Windows Key-Shift-S will open the Snipping Tool screen capture interface. It takes a screenshot of the full screen, a window, or a drawn rectangle or freeform shape. The option to alter and share the screenshot via an editing window is shown in a notification panel. I use this method to capture screenshots with Windows 11 at least twenty times a day, but it's not the only one.



2. Paste History with Windows Key-V

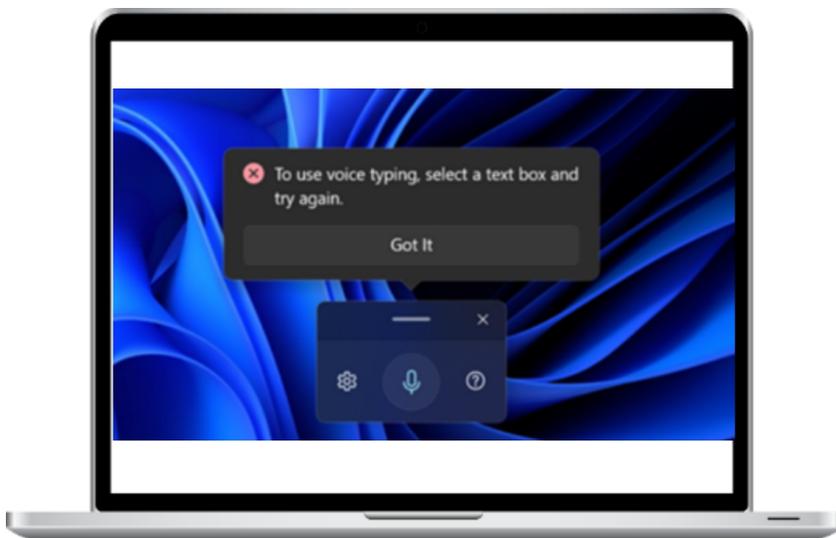
One of Windows' greatest features in the last 20 years, Clipboard History, is launched with this key combination. You may copy many things from a website or document and paste them into another without having to travel back and forth for each item by using the Clipboard History function. It allows pictures and text to be copied to the clipboard. It's important to note that in Windows 11, the resulting panel is integrated with the keyboard shortcut I'll discuss next.



3. Special Characters (Windows Key-.)

Emoji, special characters, symbols, and even GIFs that may be typed with the cursor are shown in a panel via this shortcut. I use it all the time to put en dashes and em dashes. Greek letters, accented characters, and other symbols not found on a standard US keyboard may also be entered with its help. The most practical aspect of this tool is that it makes your most often used symbols easily accessible.

4. Windows Key-Tab: Task View



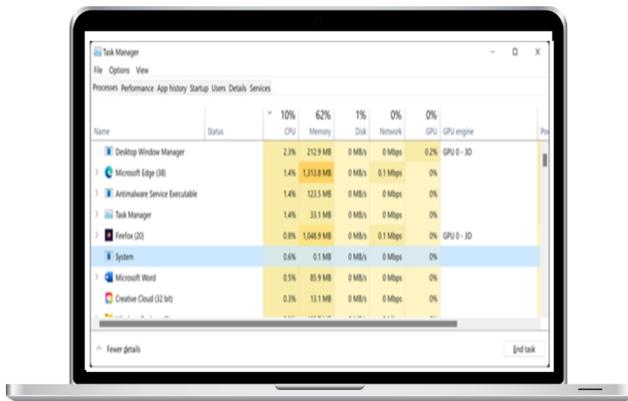
Yes, you can still use Alt-Tab to switch between open programs. After pressing the Alt key once, all active apps will appear on the screen. To display the entire Task view, use the Windows key flavor to expose each of your desktops and the open programs on them. After that, programs may be relocated from one desktop to another. Windows Key-Tab helps me to shift personal programs like WhatsApp to the proper desktop when they accidentally show on my work desktop, which is something I prefer to do.

5. Voice Typing (Windows Key-H)

Voice Typing lets you type text with your voice instead of your fingers by pressing the Windows Key-H. Any setting where you would typically type may be used with voice typing. You'll be shocked at how much better speech recognition has grown if you haven't used it in a while. In Windows 10, the shortcut still works, but the user interface (UI) has been made simpler. Since the H in this shorthand stands for "hear," it is simple to remember.

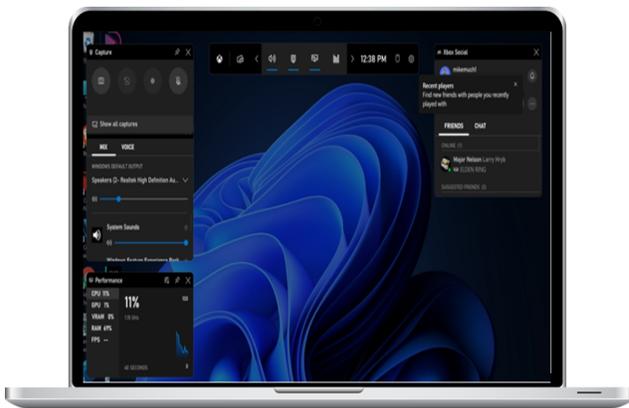
6. Ctrl-Windows-Left/Right Arrow: Switch Desktop

In Windows 11, you may quickly switch between virtual desktops by pressing Ctrl-Windows Key-Left/Right Arrow. On my desktop, I use this one every day. The same may be done with a laptop trackpad by swiping four fingers left or right.



7. Display the Desktop with Windows Key-D

To see the bare desktop, use Windows Key-D. When you wish to start again with a blank slate and your screen is cluttered with program windows, this is helpful. To get the same result, you may also activate desktop peek, which lets you move your cursor to the bottom-right corner of the screen.



8. Task Manager (Ctrl-Shift-Esc)

The Task Manager may be opened using this keyboard shortcut, which dates back to the early days of Windows. When your computer seems slow and you want to discover which program is using up RAM or CPU cycles, it might be helpful. Your greatest friend when it comes to terminating an undesired program or process is Task Manager.

9. Game Bar (Windows Key-G)

To open the Xbox Game Bar, use the Windows Key-G keyboard shortcut. For things like audio settings, performance, friend activity, and screen recording, it has several choices and displays. You, who are not a player, could still find it helpful. For further information on gaming with Windows 11, see Jordan Minor's piece, [With Windows 11, Microsoft Turns Every PC Into an Xbox](#).

10. Windows Key-L (Lock Screen)

To get back to the lock screen, all you have to do is hit Windows Key-L. If you don't want to completely shut down your computer but still don't want anybody to view or use it, this is useful in a public or business situation.

11. Windows Key-I: Configuration

To open the Windows Settings program, use the Windows Key-I. Using the keyboard shortcut may help since this is less noticeable in Windows 11 than it was in Windows 10. It was known as the I for information, if you remember.

12. Start Menu (Separate Windows Key)

Although I have to confess that I don't frequently use this really helpful keyboard shortcut, I want to alter that. After all, I can enter the Start menu with just a single keystroke, and how often do I use it anyway? (Frequently.) Windows Key-S (or Windows Key-Q), which opens the Search panel and allows you to search the internet and your computer, is a close cousin of this key.



13. File Explorer (Windows Key-E)

Another key command I want to use more often is Windows Key-E, which opens the File Explorer. I use that program a lot.



14. Widgets (Windows Key-W)

The Widgets panel may be accessed using the new Windows Key-W keyboard shortcut for Windows 11. Once it is opened, you may navigate between its sections by navigating between items within each area using the Tab and Arrow keys. An outline surrounds the chosen item, as shown in the Weather widget above.



15. Windows Key-A: Quick Access

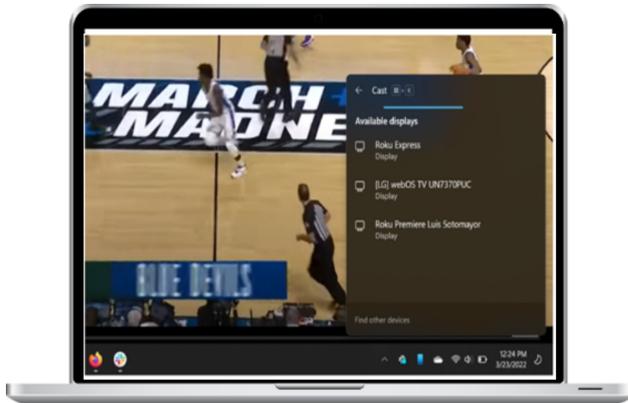
This shortcut opens the new Quick Settings panel (the A stands for Action Centre, because Windows 10 replaces numerous Action Centre features). You may adjust the Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Airplane mode, Focus Assist, Battery Saver, and Accessibility settings when you visit the panel. Additionally, sliders may be utilized to adjust speaker volume and screen brightness. The gear icon opens the full Windows 11 Settings program, while the pencil symbol allows you to customize the options.

16. Notifications (Windows Key-N)

Windows Key-N, like the previous shortcut, opens the Notification panel. In Windows 10, the Notification panel was housed in the Action Centre. As one would anticipate, the bottom of the screen shows any alerts you've received in addition to your schedule. Sadly, when Windows 10 was updated to Windows 11, the calendar lost a lot of its functionality. You are no longer able to view or add events to your agenda.

17. Snap Layouts (Windows Key-Z)

Snap Layouts is enabled by this combo. It works similarly to moving the mouse pointer over the maximize button of a window, except it happens more quickly.



18. Windows Key-Alt-Up Arrow: Half-Screen Resize

The current program gets resized to the top half of the screen using this key combination. Similarly, by pressing Windows Key-Alt-Down Arrow, Windows Key-Alt-Left Arrow, and Windows Key-Alt-Right Arrow, you may have the application occupy precisely half of the screen in those directions.

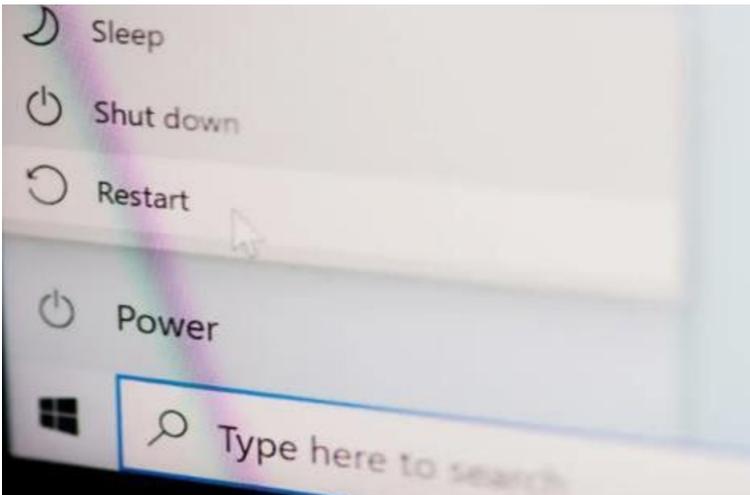
19. Cast Media (Windows Key-K)

Using Windows Key-K, you can cast (Kast?) your screen onto a wireless monitor. The Quick Settings panel has the option to have a button added, however using this shortcut will save you time.

20. Windows Key-C: Team Chat

The new Windows 11 keyboard shortcut C is for discussion, which opens the Microsoft Teams chat personal edition. This personal version is used by very few Windows enthusiasts, so Microsoft, good luck. Its ability to SMS chat with phone users without requiring the creation of an account is one of its main advantages.

SHUTTING DOWN AND RESTARTING A WINDOWS 11 PC



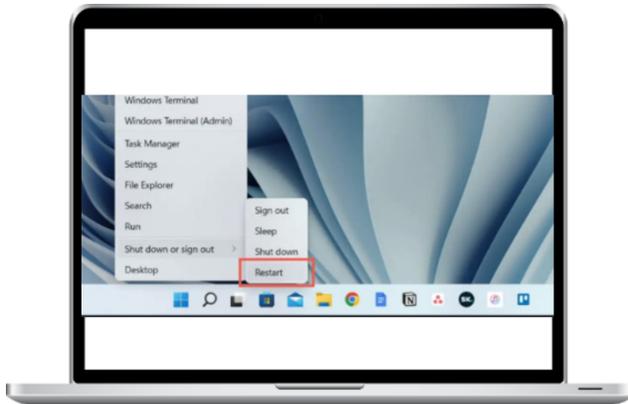
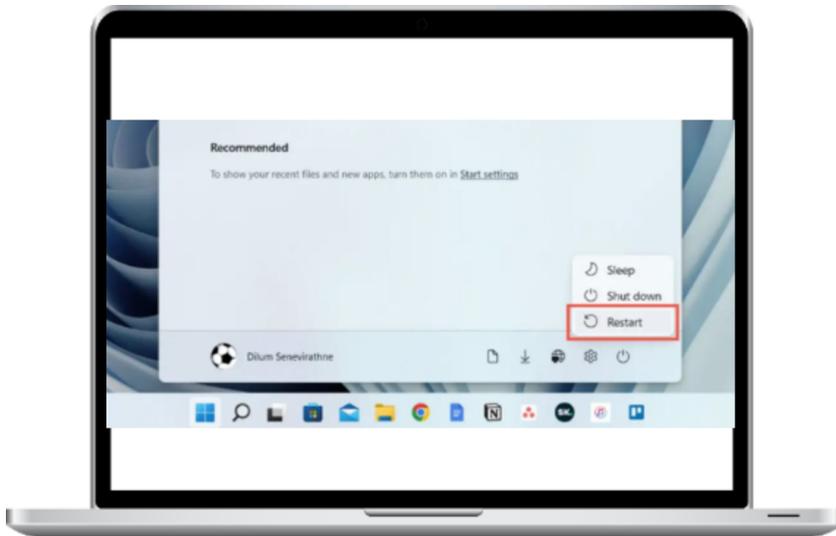
Often, problems that sometimes occur with Windows 11 and the programs that run on it may be resolved with a fast PC restart. In addition to troubleshooting, there may be many times when you'll need to restart your computer after shutting it down, including after a Windows update.

Rebooting a Windows 11 computer may be done in a few different ways. Having emergency supplies on hand is usually a smart idea, even if you won't use them all.

1. Restart Windows 11 from the Start Menu.

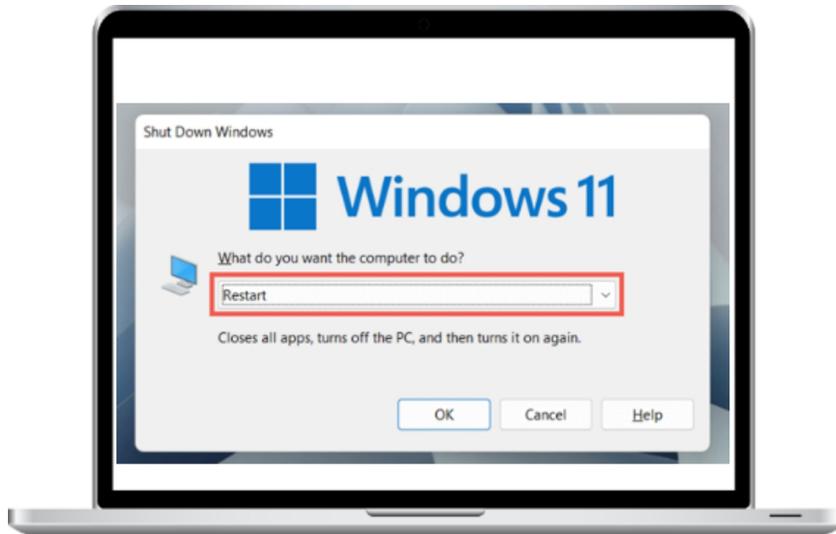
Restarting a Windows 11 computer is as easy as selecting Restart from the Start menu after selecting the Power sign located in the top right corner of the screen.

Let's say you install a Microsoft update and then restart your PC. If so, you'll get a time estimate along with an extra Update and restart option. Choose it if you want to complete the upgrade.



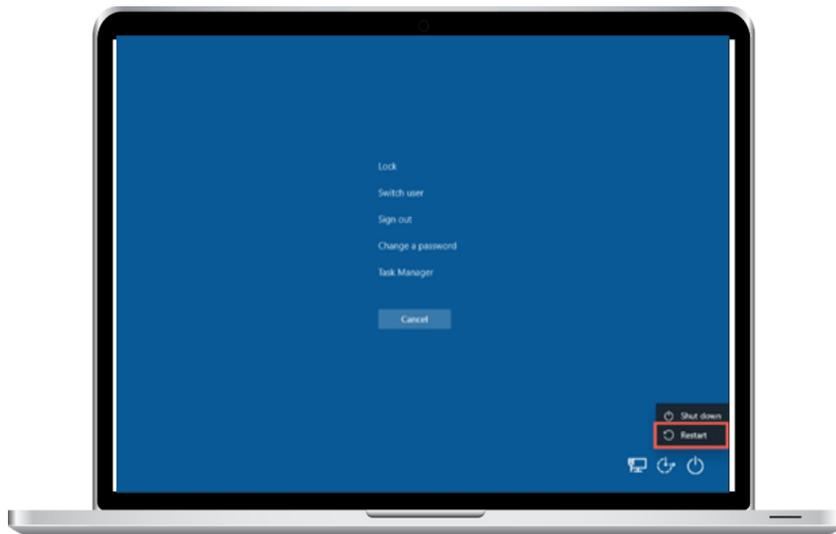
2. Reboot Windows 11 using the Power User Menu.

Another simple method for restarting your computer is via the Power User Menu. Press Windows + X, right-click the Start button on the taskbar, choose Shut down or sign out, and then select Restart.



3. Use the Keyboard Shortcut to Restart Windows 11

Moreover, a keyboard shortcut may be used to restart your computer. Simply go to your desktop and press Alt + F4 (or Fn + Alt + F4 if your keyboard includes a Function key). When the "Shut Down Windows" dialog box appears, select the Restart power option from the drop-down menu and click OK.



4. Restart Windows 11 by pressing Ctrl-Alt-Del.

Alternatively, you may utilize the Ctrl + Alt + Del screen (sometimes called the Windows Security screen) to restart

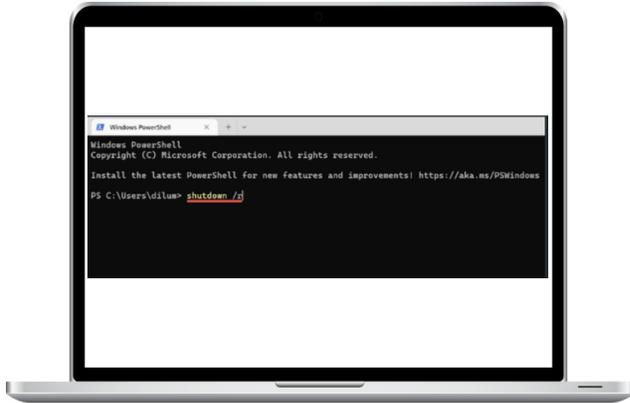
your computer with Windows 11. Press Ctrl + Alt + Delete, then choose Restart by clicking the Power icon in the lower right corner of the screen.

The Ctrl + Alt + Del screen is present even if your system freezes, which makes it a perfect option to restart a frozen PC. You can even enter the Task Manager directly, so before you restart the computer, you may want to terminate any stopped jobs.



5. Reboot Windows 11 from the Lock/Login Screen

Restarting your computer does not need you to be in into your user account. In the event that you need to restart Windows 11 when at the Login or Lock Screen, click the Power icon in the bottom right corner and choose Restart.



6. Restart Windows 11 from the command line.

Restarting your Windows 11 PC using the Command Prompt or Windows PowerShell interface is an option for terminal nerds.

Start by opening Windows PowerShell (choose Windows Terminal on the Power User Menu) or Command Prompt (enter cmd.exe into the Start menu). After entering shutdown /r, press Enter. Your computer will reboot in sixty seconds.

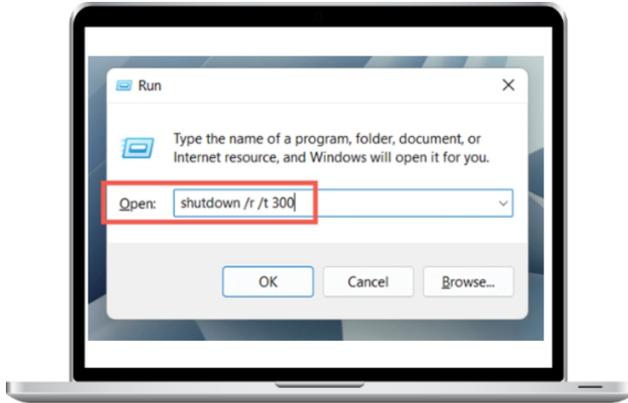
Use the following switches to immediately restart your machine:

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shutdown /r 0
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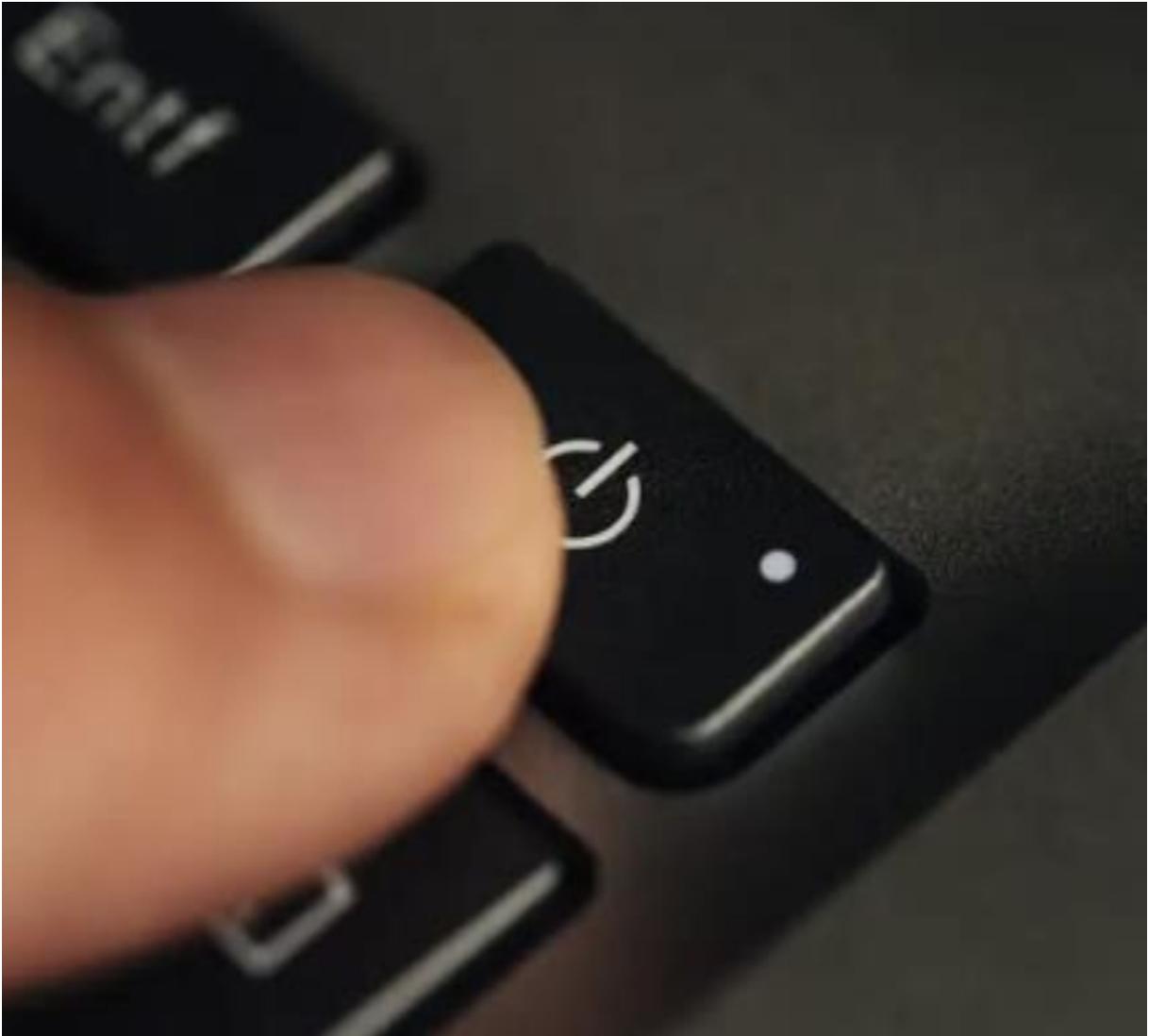
To set the time in seconds that the operating system takes to restart itself, change the number in the command above. For example, you may set the time to 3600 to postpone the restart by one hour.

7. Restart Windows 11 using the Run Box

The commands mentioned above may also be used with



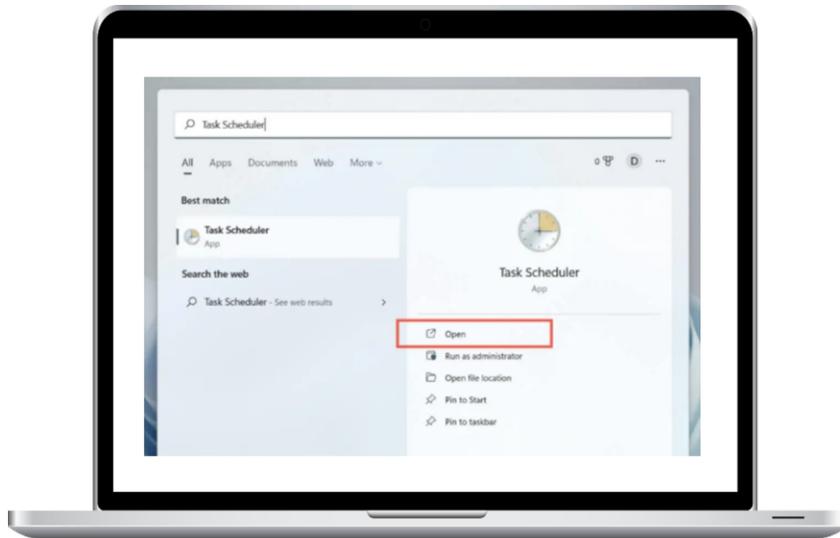
run. Press Windows Key + R to bring up a Run box. Type shutdown /r to restart Windows 11 in 60 seconds, or shutdown /r /t time in seconds to reboot Windows 11 immediately or gradually, and click Enter.



8. Windows 11 Hard Reboot

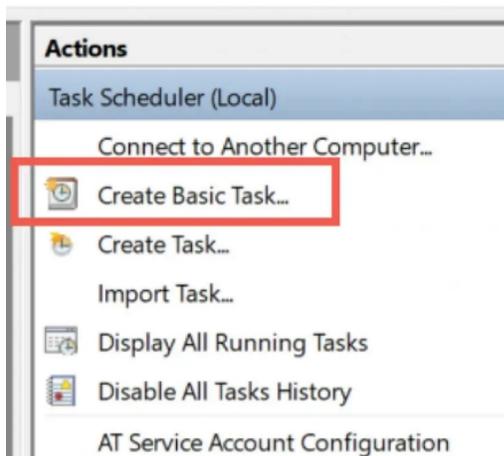
A hard reboot is necessary if the aforementioned fixes don't work and your computer is frozen. We don't suggest it unless absolutely essential since it may result in file damage and data loss. To darken the screen, just hold down the Power button (some laptops may need you to hold down another button). Next, hit the Power button one more to restart your computer.

Use the Restart button on the CPU casing of your desktop PC if there is one to force a hard reboot.

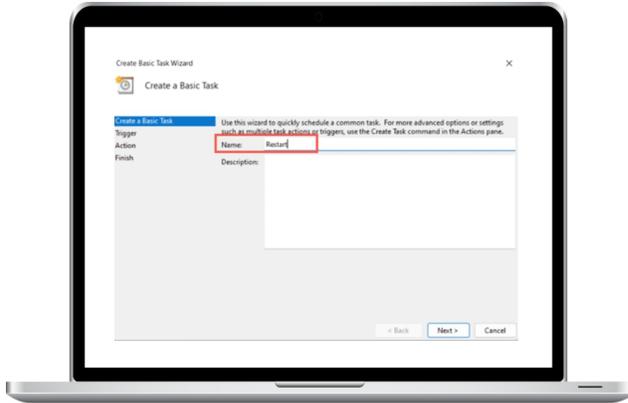


9. Plan a Windows 11 restart

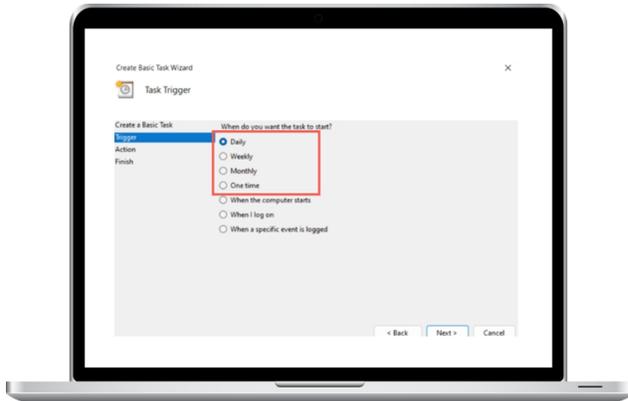
You may plan a restart using Windows' built-in Task Scheduler. Additionally, you may decide whether you want this to be a one-time or ongoing duty. To make this happen: Open Task Scheduler by searching for it in the Start menu.



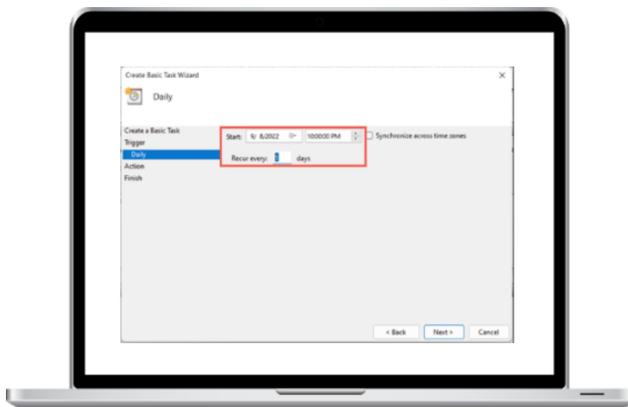
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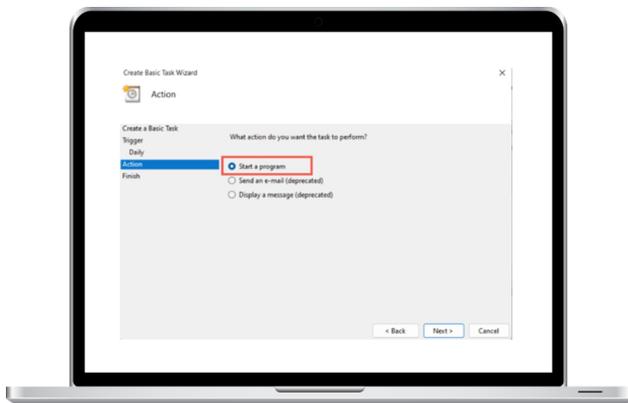
Click Next after giving the task a name (such as Restart).



Select Daily, Weekly, Monthly, or Once, and then click Next.



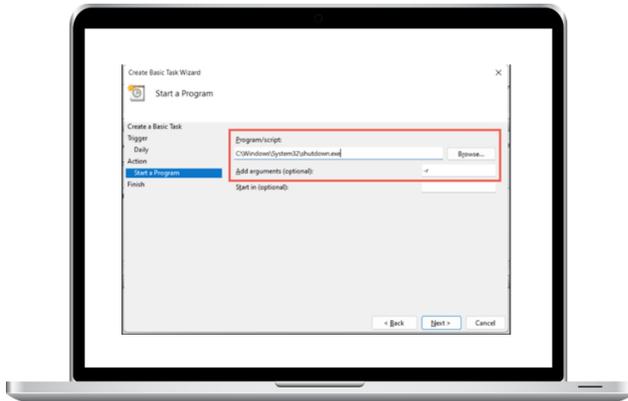
Select Next after specifying the time for the restart.



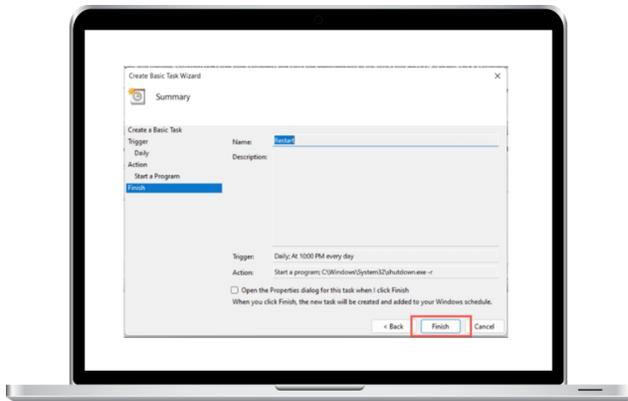
Choose the radio button next to "Start a program" after that.

Input the path as follows in the Program/script field.

C:\Windows\System32\shutdown.exe



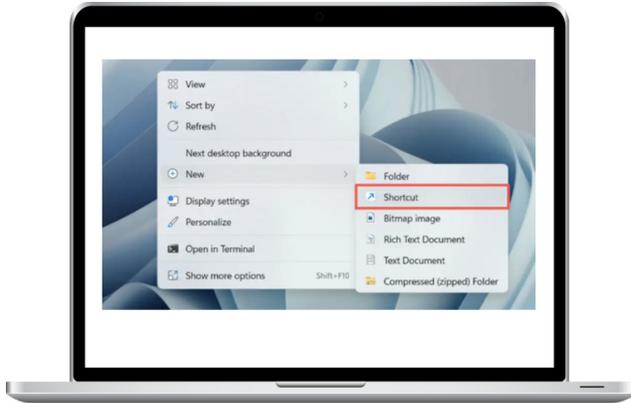
Enter -r (optional) in the area next to Add arguments.



Choose Finish.

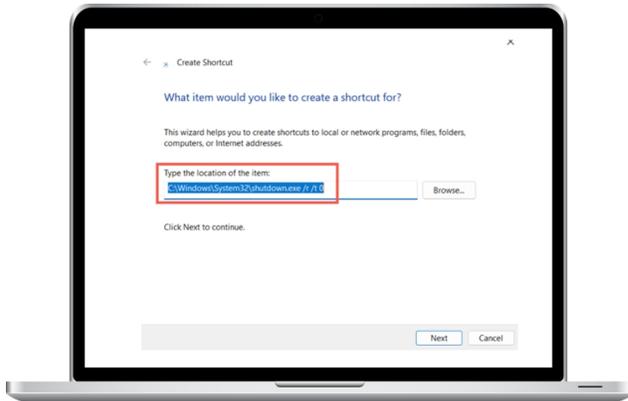
You have sixty seconds to complete the assignment before your computer reboots. Step 8 requires the addition of the -t time-in-seconds option if you want to modify the delay length.

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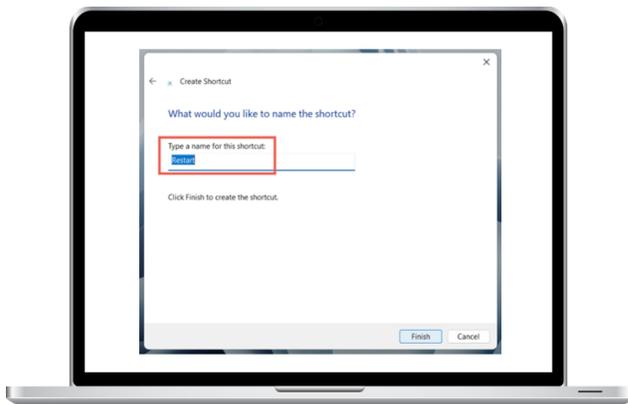


using the Desktop Shortcut

If you would want an extremely fast method to restart Windows, you can always create a desktop shortcut! Right-click on a blank area on your desktop and choose New > Shortcut to do this.



In the command line, type `shutdown /r /t 0` (you may optionally specify a time delay).



To save the shortcut, give it a name, like Restart, and click Finish.

What Is the Difference Between Shutdown and Restart?

It's crucial to understand the difference between manually shutting down your computer and then turning it back on while requesting an automatic reboot before moving forward. Despite the fact that both approaches seem to provide the same outcome, this isn't the case because of a feature called Fast Startup.

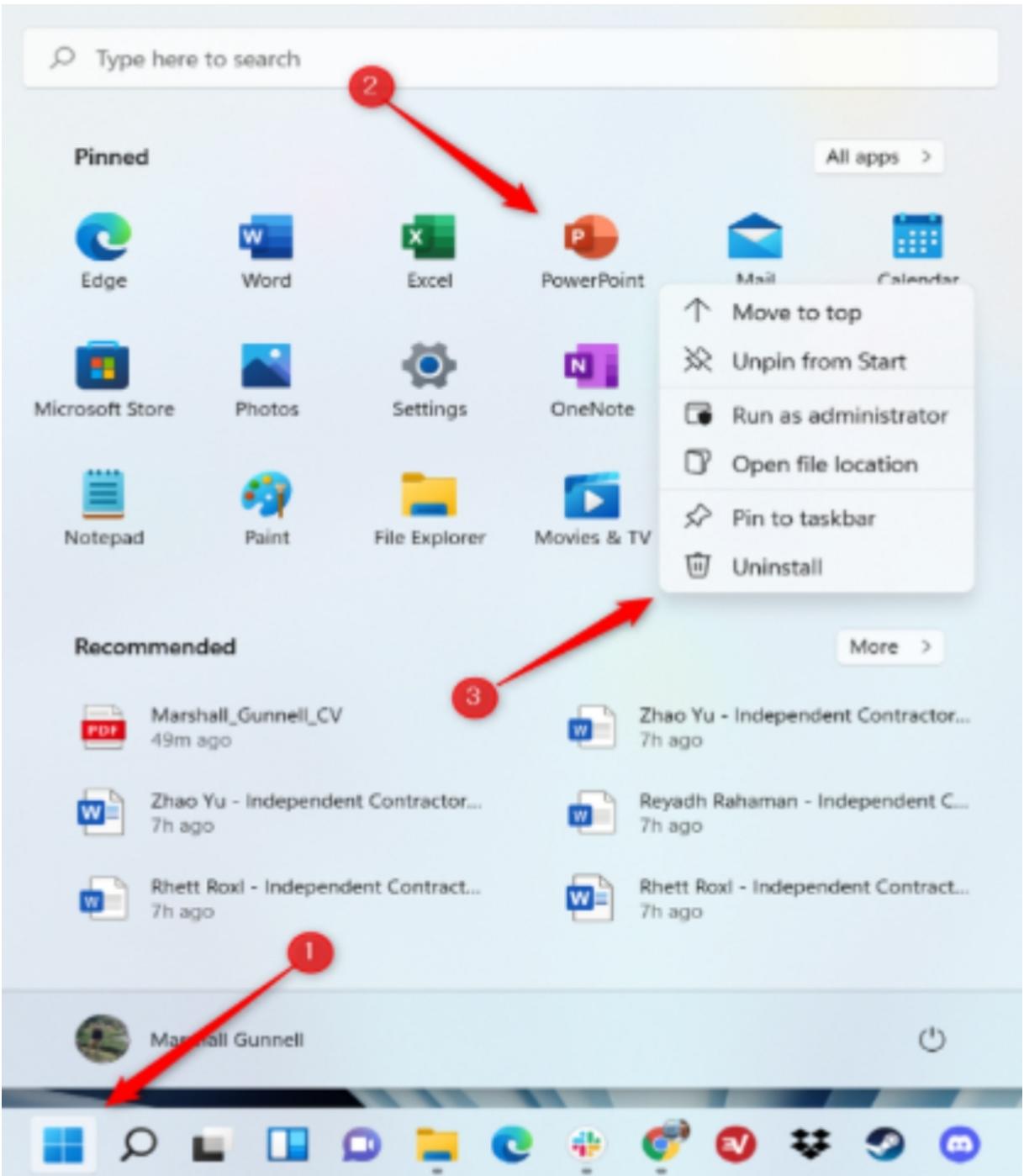
Fast Startup caches several sorts of system data when you choose Shutdown, which is an option in many of the aforementioned strategies. This helps your computer boot up more quickly from a cold start. But when dealing with persistent operating system errors, this might cause issues.

Restart is the better choice if you want to solve issues since it doesn't activate if you choose it. If you don't plan to use your computer very soon, this is also the most convenient solution.

But if you'd want, you may turn off Fast Startup. Go to Hardware and Sound > Power in the Windows Control Panel, open it, and uncheck the box next to Turn on quick startup (recommended).

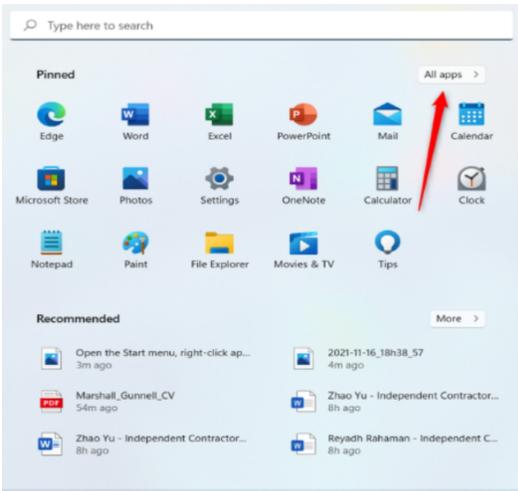
HOW TO UNINSTALL PROGRAMS IN WINDOWS 11

Removing unnecessary applications from your Windows 11 PC is a great way to keep things organized and save up important disk space.

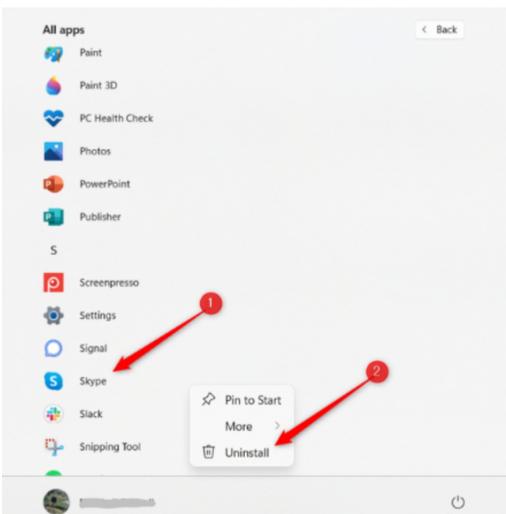


Uninstall apps from the Start Menu

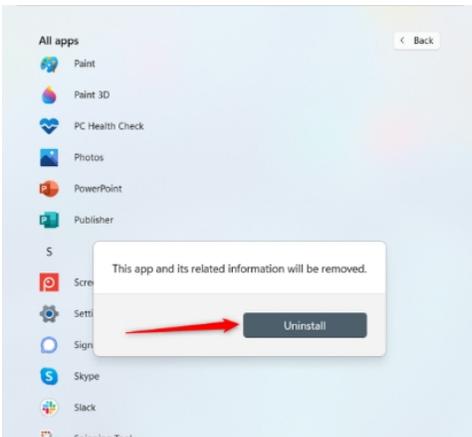
In Windows 11, you may quickly remove an application from the Start menu. Click the Windows symbol on the taskbar to open the Start menu. At the top of the Start menu is a list of pinned applications. If the program that you want to uninstall is listed here, right-click it and choose Uninstall from the context menu that pops up.



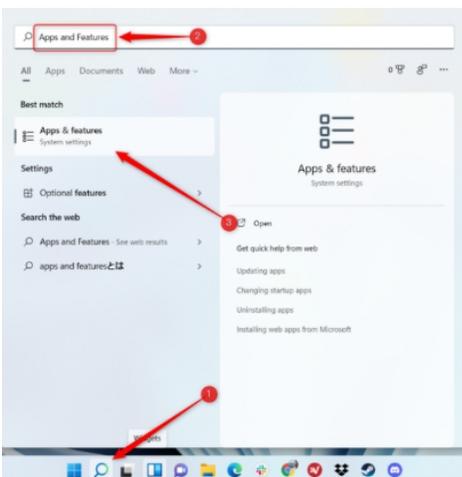
To the right of the pinned apps group, choose All Apps if the app you want to unpin isn't visible among the pinned apps.



The full list of applications will appear on the screen that follows. Find the program that has to be uninstalled, give it a right-click, and choose Uninstall from the context menu.

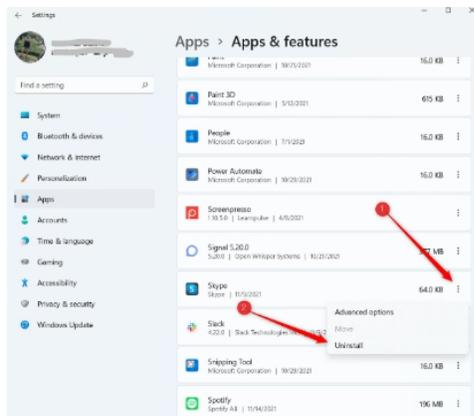


When you do, a pop-up notice will appear. You will be informed by the notice that the app will be removed along with all of its related data. If you're positive, click Uninstall.

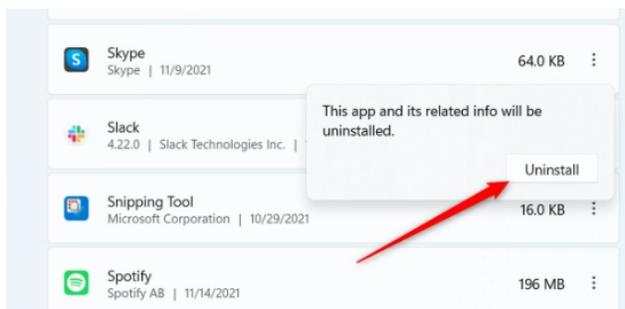


Uninstall programs from the Settings app

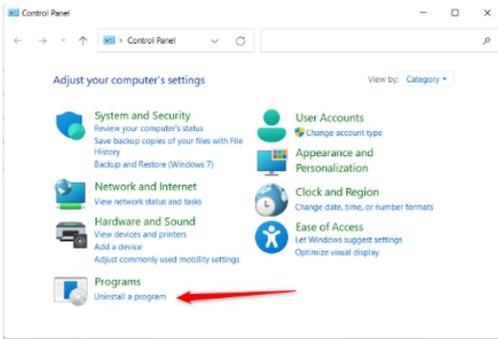
You may utilize the Settings app to remove applications if you like it. To begin, click the Search button located beneath the Windows taskbar, enter "Apps and Features" into the search field, and then choose the Apps & Features item from the list of results.



You are now in the Settings app's Apps and Features area. Find the application that you want to uninstall, click the "menu" button that appears to the right of it, and choose Uninstall from the menu.

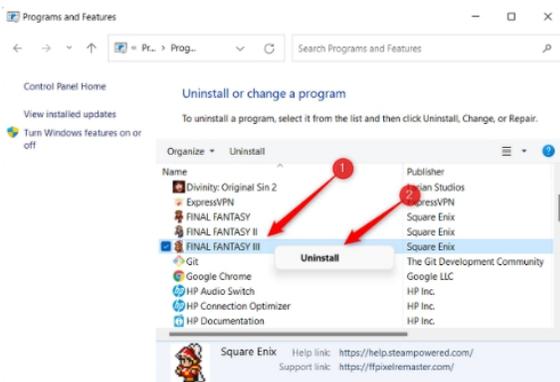


You will be notified via a pop-up dialog box that the software and all related data will be removed. If you're positive, click Uninstall.

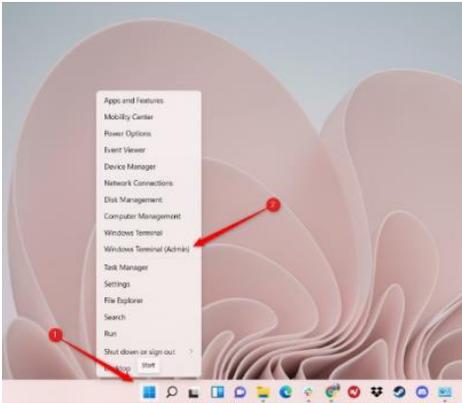


Uninstall apps through the Control Panel

Launch the application, then choose remove a program from the Programs group to remove it via the Control Panel.

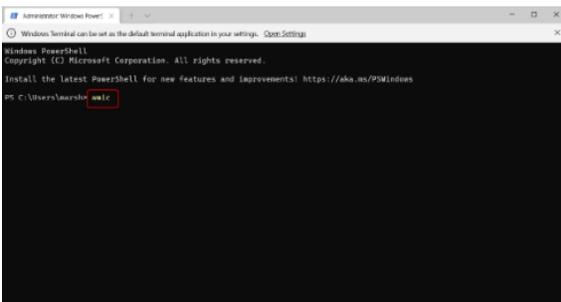


A list of applications will show up. Find the app that has to be uninstalled, give it a right-click, and choose Uninstall.



Using Windows Terminal, uninstall programs

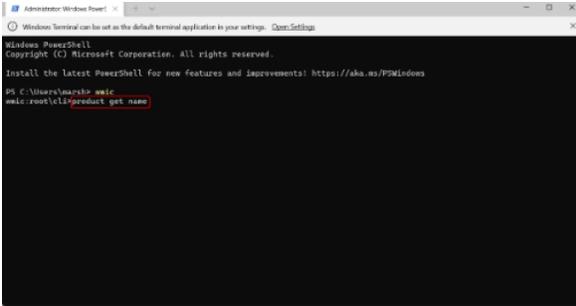
If you want to feel like a hacker, you can delete an app using Windows Terminal. Start by right-clicking the Windows icon on the taskbar, then choose Windows Terminal (Admin) from the Power User menu to open Windows Terminal as an administrator.



You now have to utilize Windows Terminal's WMIC (Windows Management Instrumentation Command-line) program to remove applications. Enter the following command to use WMIC:

Wmic

Right now, you are in `wmic:root\cli`. Now, a list of the apps installed on your Windows 11 computer ought to appear. Don't miss this step since the program name that you need to enter in the next steps to remove the app is precisely as it appears in this list.



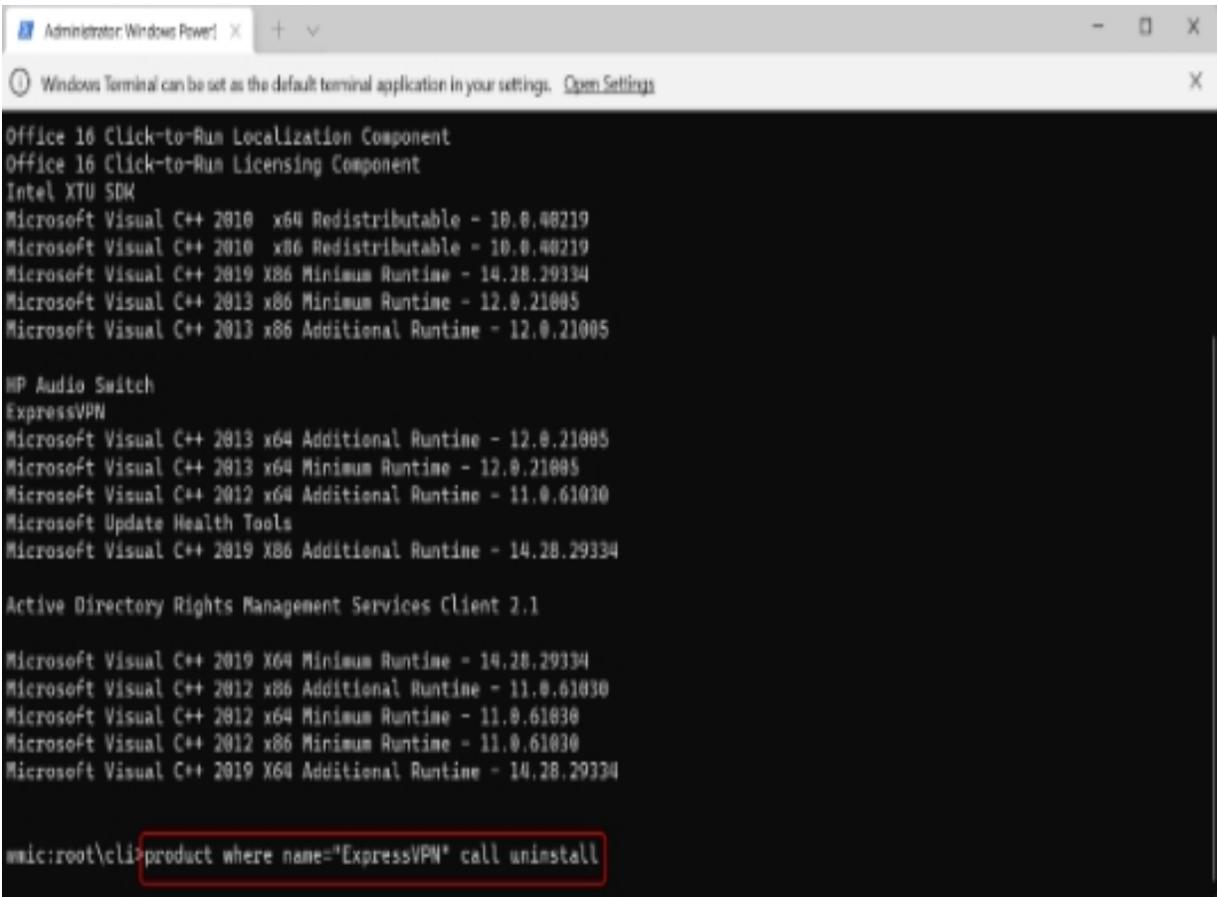
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Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Windows Terminal can be set as the default terminal application in your settings. Open Settings

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PS C:\Users\marck> wmic
wmic root\cimv2\product get name
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Execute this command to get a list of programs:
A product's name is assigned.



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Active Directory Rights Management Services Client 2.1

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msic:root\cli>product where name="ExpressVPN" call uninstall
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Uninstall product where name="program name"

Change "program name" to the name of the software itself. For instance, I would run the following command to remove ExpressVPN:

remove the product where "ExpressVPN" is listed.

When you execute the command, a confirmation screen will appear asking whether you really want to uninstall the program. Type Y to verify.

HOW TO FIX WINDOWS 11 WHEN IT KEEPS RESTARTING

Should Windows 11 restart on its own, there can be a serious issue. It's possible for your gaming session to end abruptly, for your work progress to be reversed, or for online meetings to be interrupted.

When this happens, you know your computer isn't working properly. Numerous factors, such as overheated hardware, malware infestation, or an out-of-date graphics driver, might cause Windows to restart.

If you recognize this, keep reading and we'll walk you through the troubleshooting process.

1. Check the temperatures of your GPU and CPU.

If you use design software on your Windows 11 computer or play intense graphics games often, it might be an indication that your system is overheating. In order to safeguard the hardware, Windows often has to restart the computer when the CPU or GPU temperature becomes too high.

The hardware on your computer often overheats when you use a lot of programs and consume a lot of its resources. Inspect the temperature of the CPU and, if it seems sufficiently cool, the GPU.

Let's say you notice that as soon as your computer turns on, your hardware begins to overheat. If so, it's possible that your cooling system is broken. You should take it to a qualified supplier and get it fixed to prevent permanent harm.

2. Do Not Overclock Your Computer

You understand that you're straining the hardware of your RAM, CPU, or GPU if you've decided to overclock your machine. It will strain your computer and increase the temperature of the hardware even if it could enhance performance overall. This is particularly valid if your cooling system hasn't been updated.

To return your computer to its original condition in the event that it restarts at random, remove any overclocking software. If you're not interested in switching out your hardware, think about whether overclocking is really worthwhile.

3. Examine the Power Supply

Your computer may restart itself if its power supply is broken and unable to provide a steady voltage. Your computer could restart even with an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) if the UPS or battery isn't working properly.

Let's say you put RGB lights and they seem to be flickering. If so, it could be time to replace the power supply in your computer since voltage fluctuations might have an impact on lighting. Examine the power supply's wiring before replacing it to make sure that a malfunctioning wire isn't the cause of Windows 11's sudden restarts.

4. Confirm that Windows updates are not to blame.

You may choose to schedule the update that Windows 11 asks you to perform. Your computer may thus restart in order to install any upgrades.

You may either manually apply the pending updates or disable Windows 11 updates to prevent automated restarts.

5. Scan Your System

You could have malware on your computer if it continually crashing and freezing and restarts by itself. Thankfully, Windows 11 comes with built-in programs that you may use to scan your system. This is the method to follow:

Go to the option that says Settings.

Go to Windows Security > Virus and threat protection under Privacy and Security.

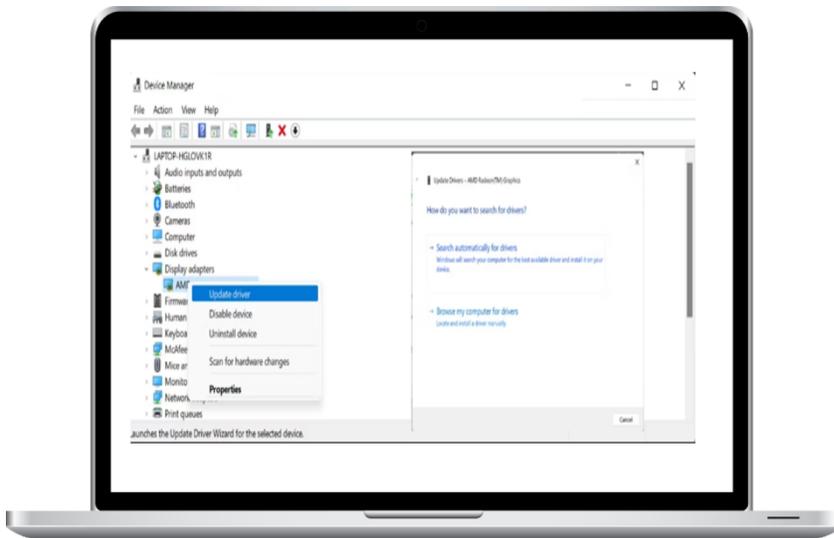
Selections for the scan should be made.

Quick scan is ideal if you're pressed for time, but Full scan will examine every file and running application on your computer.



After Windows has finished scanning, it will inform you of any malware that has been found and if the malicious file has been quarantined or deleted.

6. Download and install the most recent graphics driver.



One of the many problems that might arise from using an outdated graphics driver is your computer restarting itself. Updating Device Manager to the most current version will fix the problem.

To access the Start menu, press Win + X, and then choose Device Manager. When you right-click on the appropriate driver, you may choose Update driver after expanding the list of Display adapters. Windows will search for and install any updates if you choose the option to "Search automatically for drivers" in the pop-up window.

If your computer has both an integrated and a separate graphics processor, there may be more than one driver. To keep your active GPU up to date, you may thus either update the drivers for the GPU you're currently using or update them all at once.

If it still doesn't work, download the graphics processor drivers and contact the manufacturer of your GPU.

7. Run a CHKDSK scan.

Windows 11 may randomly restart due to a failed storage sector that prevents your system from connecting with subcomponents. A CHKDSK scan might be performed to see if it helps.

Press Win + S and enter "Command Prompt" without hitting Enter to do this. Run as Administrator should be selected when you right-click the search result instead.

Enter `chkdsk /r [DriveLetter:]` into the command prompt window when it has opened, changing `[DriveLetter:]` to the drive letter you want to scan. Your failing drive may need to be replaced if the command is unable to fix the issue.

8. Check for Memory Problems

Your computer may restart itself if your RAM dies. To find any problems, you may utilize the Windows Memory Diagnostic tool.

Use the Windows Memory Diagnostic program, choose Restart immediately, and check for errors (recommended) to do this. After that, Windows will check your RAM to see if there are any issues.

9. Turn off Automatic Restart.

If you are unable to identify a computer issue, you may want to consider disabling Windows 11's automatic restart option.

The setup starts.



Select System > About.

Select the Advanced system settings option from the Related links menu.

Click the Advanced tab and then Settings under Startup and recovery in the System Properties box.

Disable Should a system failure occur, restart automatically.

To preserve your recently modified system settings, click OK.

Since you've now stopped your computer from restarting in the case of a system failure, which might result in more serious issues, this is not a long-term solution.

10. Restore a Previous Version of Windows

Let's say you believe that Windows 11 is restarting without warning because of a recent system change. If so, you may fix the problem by returning your computer to its previous state. If you have a system restore point created, you ought to be able to use it.

Disabling Windows 11's automated restart feature.

As stated before, Windows 11 may restart itself for a variety of reasons. Sometimes hardware problems arise even when there is nothing wrong with your machine. Even though it could be difficult to pinpoint the issue, with a little perseverance and the above-mentioned methods, you should be able to resolve it.

ACTIONS TO TAKE AFTER INSTALLING WINDOWS 11

The most current version of Microsoft's operating system is called Windows 11. In comparison to previous iterations, these regions now have a new start menu, notification center, system tray, redesigned taskbar with rounded edges, and other enhancements.

This implies that in order to get the most of your computer, you'll have a lot to study and understand after installing it.

For this reason, we've put up a list of the top 10 things you should do as soon as you install Windows 11. All the information you need to maximize your system's capabilities and have a more enjoyable gaming and working experience is included in the list.

Now that Windows 11 has been installed, let's get started and see what has to be done!

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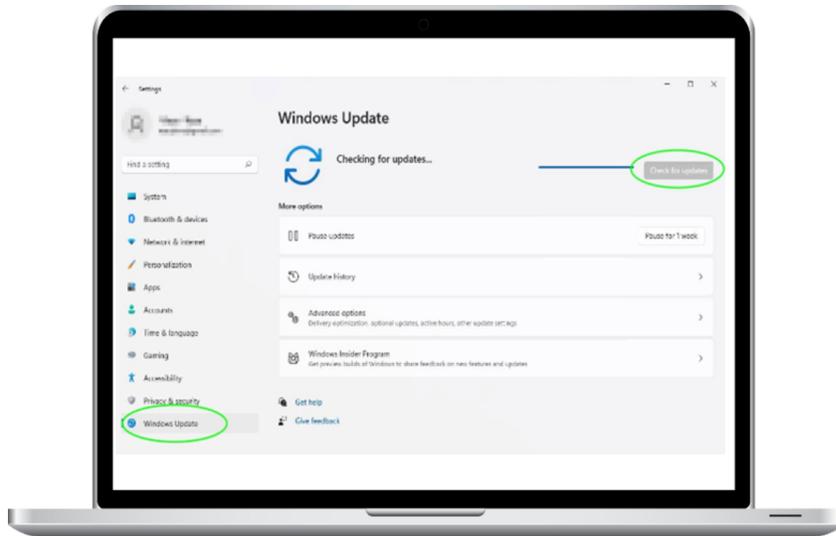
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1. Update drivers

After installing any operating system, you should make sure your computer's hardware drivers are up to date first. It's conceivable that some of your device drivers won't function with Windows 11 since it's a new update.

For instance, it's possible that Windows 11 is incompatible with your printer driver. Therefore, if drivers are available, it's a good idea to look for and install Windows 11 compatible drivers.

With Windows Update, you may quickly install the drivers that are available and necessary.



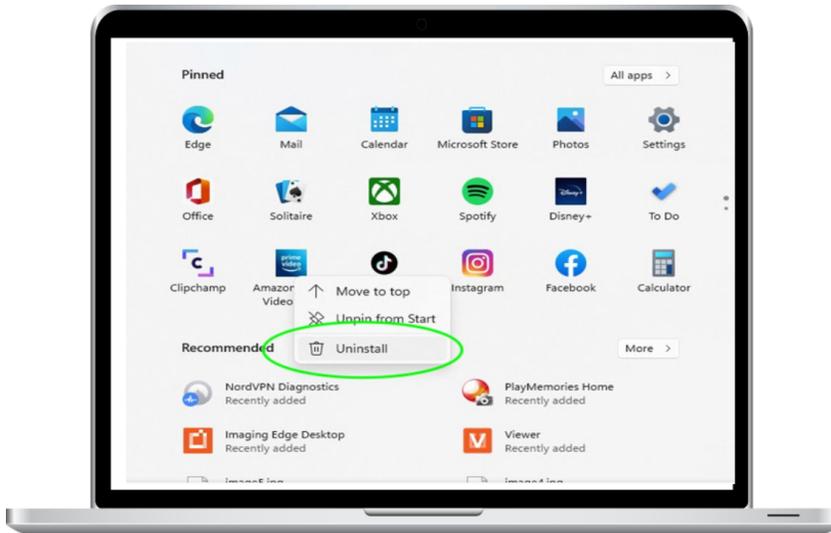
This is how you do it:

To reach the Settings menu, press Windows + I. After selecting "Windows Update" from the Settings sidebar, choose "Advanced Options."

It will display the Advanced Options window. Make the choice "Optional Updates".

Expand the "Driver Updates" section's header under "Optional Updates." Next, choose the drivers you want to update by scrolling down the list and checking the box next to each one. After finished, choose "Download & Install."

2. Remove all superfluous programs



Insiders claim that Microsoft has signed many agreements with other vendors to display product stubs on the upgraded Windows 11 Start Menu. Included are icons from Picsart Pro, WhatsApp Line, and Adobe Lightroom.

Clicking one of these buttons will start the download and installation of the application.

While some of these programs may be worth trying, most of these icons only serve to further complicate things on your Start Menu. To get rid of these things, right-click the icon and choose Uninstall from the menu that shows up.

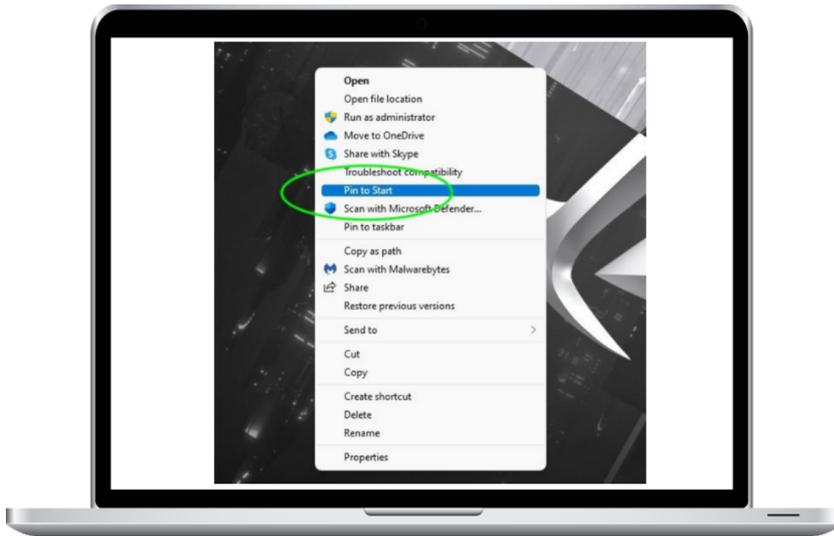
3. Add (misplaced) useful apps

Although they don't by default, there are several programs that could be wanted to appear on the Start Menu.

Now is the moment to find them if any of them are missing. Similar to Windows 10, Windows 11 allows you to pin

programs to the Start menu. But instead of live tiles, the Start menu now has simple icons with explanations.

Users of Windows 11 could still find it difficult to locate an app list on the new system, in which case our guide might be useful.



After selecting the Start button, look for the All applications option in the upper-right corner.

In Windows 11, find the program you want to pin to the Start menu, then right-click on it.

Click Pin to get started.

Programs and folders may also be pinned from the Desktop to the Start menu.

To pin an application or folder, right-click on it and choose Pin to Start from the context menu.

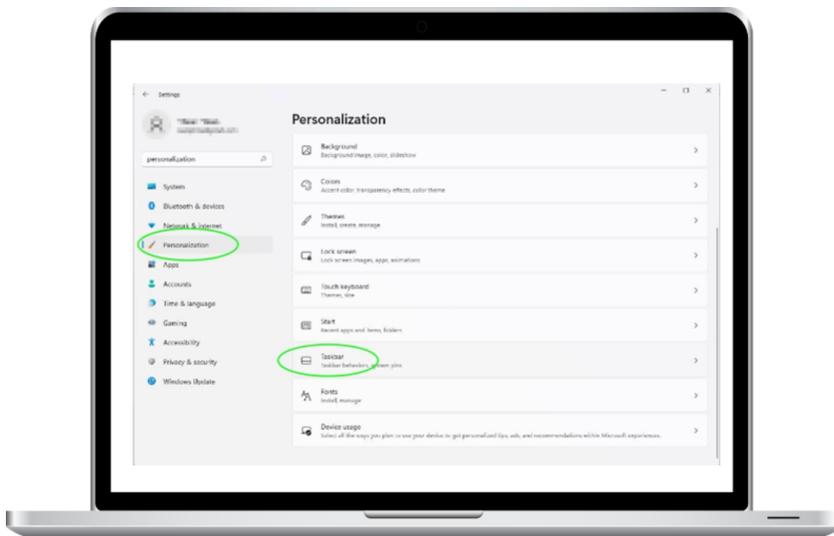
4. Remove any clutter from the Taskbar Menu.

To create room for more significant icons and programs, you may delete unneeded ones from the taskbar. In order to do

this, right-click on a vacant area of the taskbar and choose Taskbar settings from the menu that appears.

Turn off all of the taskbar's unnecessary features now.

This will free up space in the taskbar menu so that the list of your most frequently used apps may appear. Your system will also be optimized to provide a better user experience.



You may see that the taskbar now lists a few extra apps after downloading Windows 11. You may remove all of the unnecessary stuff, such as program icons and suggested applications, if you so want.

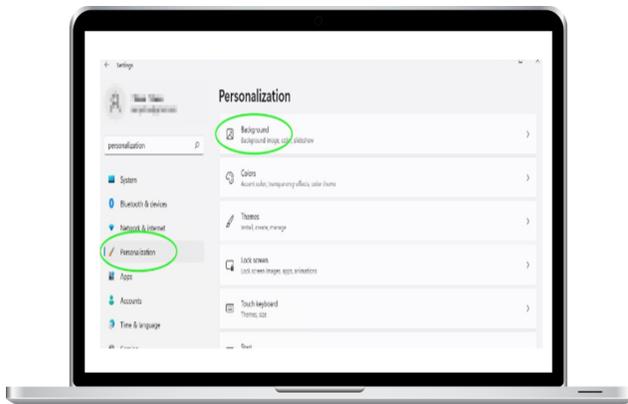
Go to "Settings > Personalization > Taskbar" to change your taskbar.

5. Customize Windows 11

Making Windows 11 more suited to your needs is what comes next: personalization. You may customize the look of your laptop or computer by changing the transparency, adding a background picture, or changing the desktop theme.

Select Personalize from the menu that appears when you right-click on the desktop.

With Windows 11, themes, backgrounds, music, screensavers, mouse pointers, and other elements are now customizable. To do this, choose any of the Personalization options and make the necessary changes.



Simply navigate to Settings > Personalization. Many elements, such as themes, backgrounds, lock screens, colors, fonts, and more, can be customized from here.

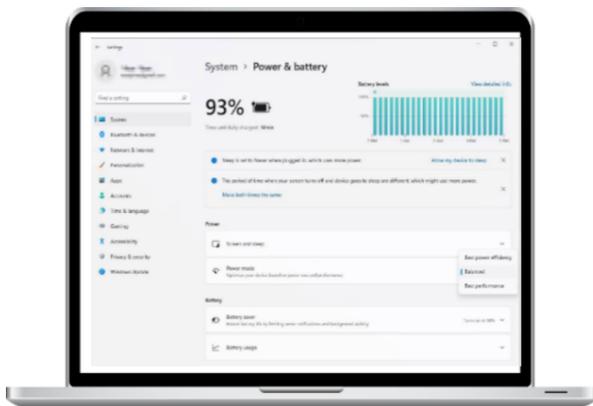
6. Examine the Privacy Settings

After installing Windows 11, you should verify your privacy settings one more time. Within the Settings menu, choose Privacy. This is where you may control the data that Windows 11 and other apps store.

Since there are so many advantages to this information, you should take the time to go over what is being said. Any settings that you do not wish to share or that do not relate to you should be disabled.

7. Examine the Power Settings

Optimise the power settings on your laptop or computer and set up Windows 11 to enhance performance. Options like Sleep Mode, Battery Saver, and others could be accessible.



By default, the power mode is in the balanced position. Go to Settings > System > Power & battery to change the power mode on your computer if you want to maximize its performance. Verify that "Best performance" is selected in the power mode.

8. Backup your computer.

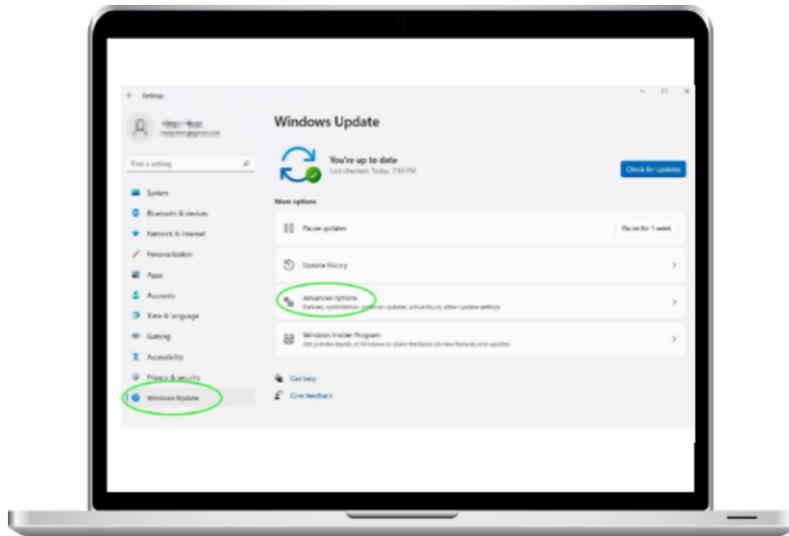
After installing Windows 11, the most important thing you should do is make a backup of your personal stuff. This is the perfect opportunity to put in place a system backup plan if you don't already have one.

Making a backup of your computer is essential before making a mistake. The system restore function in Windows 11 may help you restore the system in case of a problem. Create a system image for recovery rather than restarting the machine.

9. Ensure that your antivirus software is enabled and working.

After installing Windows 11, you should immediately turn on your antivirus software. Even while Windows 10 comes with Microsoft Security Essentials for free, some users prefer third-party apps. As you want to make sure that your computer is protected from viruses and other security concerns, this is a crucial step.

Most viruses are transmitted via rogue websites or email attachments. Using antivirus software is another fantastic way to prevent such files from being on your laptop or computer.



10. Check for updates.

As Microsoft updates its products often, be sure that Windows 11 is the most recent version. To do this, choose "Settings > Windows Update." Select "Check for updates."

When new versions of operating systems or security updates are released, users should always update their computers. It's the best way to maximize Windows 11 performance and safeguard against malware and other security risks.

11. Install OneDrive

A complimentary 5GB of cloud storage in Microsoft OneDrive is yours when you register with a Microsoft account. It may be a bit tricky to configure if you've never used it before, but don't worry. You'll get used to it rather fast.

Windows will launch the application and display a window that looks just like the File Explorer window you normally see, complete with your Desktop, Documents, Downloads, and Pictures folders. The OneDrive service includes these folders, so whatever you save in them will be backed up to

your OneDrive account. This is where things get a little trickier. Turn this off if you have backup storage.

Open OneDrive from your notification area, choose Help & Settings > Settings > Backup> Manage OneDrive backup, and then click OK to change the settings. This will direct you to OneDrive's backup settings page.

12. Sandbox on Windows 11

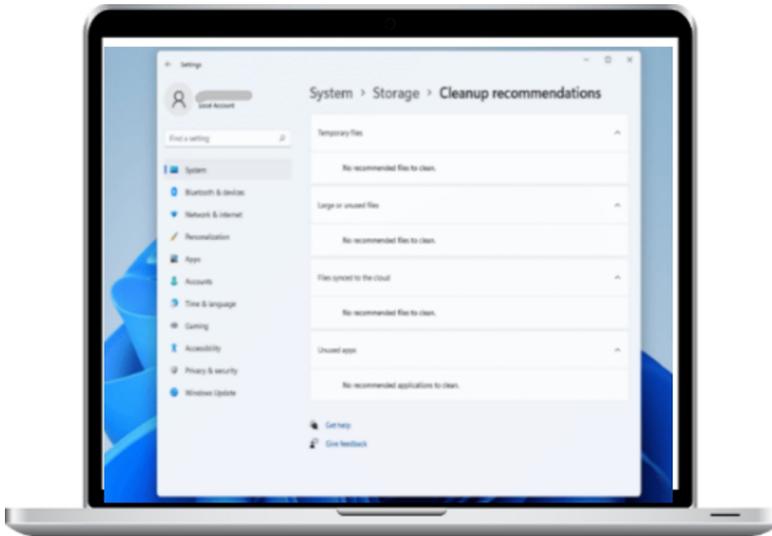
For individuals who have Windows 11 Pro, Enterprise, or Education, this is an essential feature. Without requiring any difficult setup, it enables you to quickly and simply create a secure virtual computer. Because the virtual machine (VM) is totally separate from your primary system, you may safely browse a dubious website or test out new software. The sandbox will completely disappear when you close it, leaving no record of your experiment.

Despite using the same virtualization technology as Hyper-V, it uses a very little amount of system resources and doesn't need activation.

First of all. Go to Search and put Windows Features into the search box to locate the "Turn Windows Features On-Or-Off" dialogue box. To activate the "Windows Sandbox" feature, tick the box at the bottom of the list. A Windows Sandbox shortcut will show up in the Start menu upon a restart.

It is important to note that almost no Microsoft programs are present in a Windows Sandbox session. It's completely rill-free. You may copy a software file to the sandbox for further examination or paste a URL into Microsoft Edge by using the Windows Clipboard.

13. Organize Your Storage



In the event of an update, there can be a large number of undesired temporary files, including files from earlier installations. These files are just there on your disk and have no use. We advise routinely clearing out the storage space.

Organizing storage:

Hit "Windows+I" to open "Settings." Go to "System" > "Storage" by navigating.

Choose "Cleanup Recommendations" by clicking on it.

14 Configure the Sign-In Methods

Windows 11 offers a multitude of sign-in options. You are free to adjust the sign-in settings however you see fit.

In order to open "Settings," use "Windows+I". Click "Sign-in choices" after selecting "Accounts".

To set the sign-in option, choose the one that best suits your requirements and follow the instructions.

15. Pin Apps That Are Useful

Some apps are hidden by default on the Start Menu, but you may wish to display them. It's time to find everyone who may be missing. After installing Windows 11, adding apps to the Start menu is the next step. With Windows 11, you may achieve the same goals as with Windows 10. Instead of "live" tiles, the Start menu now displays simple symbols with explanations.

This lesson might help if users of Windows 11 are still unable to locate a list of all accessible programs.

Look for the All applications button in the top-right area after selecting the Start button.



To pin an app to the Start menu in Windows 11, right-click on it and choose "Pin to Start Menu."

Select Pin to get started.

From the Desktop, you may pin folders and programs to the Start menu.

Right-click the program or folder you want to pin, then choose Pin to Start from the context menu.

As you can see, after installing Windows 11, there are a lot of activities to do. These are just a few of ways in which consumers might begin their journey. Following the installation of Windows 11, some users may choose to register a Microsoft account or utilize Cortana. It all depends on your own preferences and your plans for using Windows 11.

These tips ought to help you get up and running with Windows 11. If you follow these guidelines, your PC can be optimized to function the way you want it to. Several of these tasks may have a big influence on how Windows 11 works for you and how you use it.

HOW DO I MOVE THE WINDOWS 11 START MENU



One of the most important additions to Windows 11's user interface is the Start Menu. The Windows 7 classic shortcuts have reappeared, while the Windows 10 tiles have disappeared. Furthermore, the Windows 11 Start Menu now sits in the middle of the desktop and has additional components. If you would want to see the Start Menu and taskbar again on the left side of the screen, follow these instructions to adjust their alignment:

The Start Menu and taskbar in Windows 11 are, by default centered.

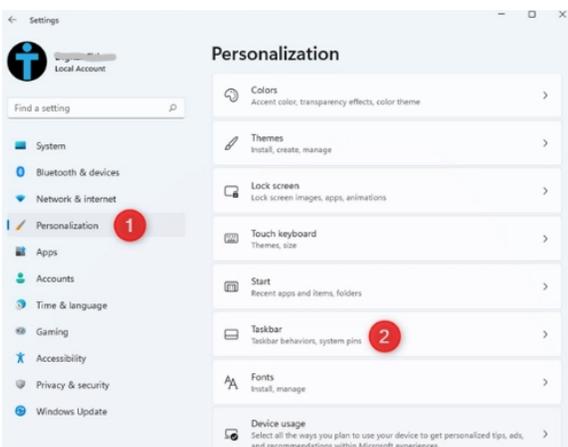
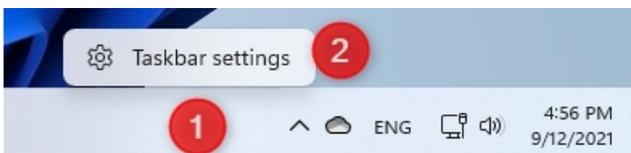
Windows 11 follows the Mac's lead when it comes to how the taskbar and Start Menu are displayed. As can be seen below, the taskbar icons are centered, and the Start Menu appears in the middle of the desktop when you click the Windows logo.

The Start Menu and taskbar icons were positioned on the left side of the screen in previous versions of Windows 7 and 10. In Windows 11, you may also have them shown to the left, as seen in the picture below.

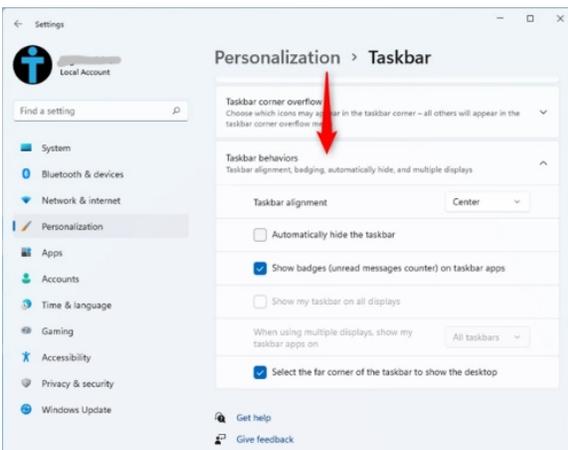


How to Put the Start Menu on the Left Side of the Screen

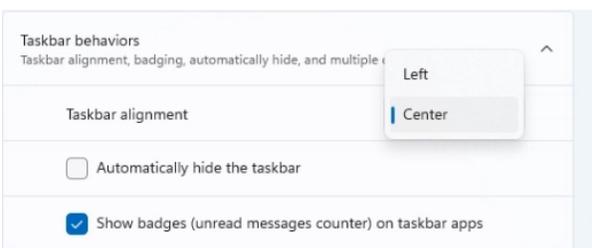
If you want the Start Menu and your taskbar icons to be on the left side of the screen, you have to first visit the taskbar settings. To do this, choose Taskbar settings by performing a right-click (or press and hold) on the empty area of the taskbar.



Alternatively, you may use your keyboard's Windows + I keys to enter Settings. Then, choose Personalization from the column on the left. Click or press this area after swiping down to the Taskbar on the right.



In the Taskbar Personalization settings, go down to Taskbar Behaviors, and click or press on it to make it larger.



Instead of choosing Center from the Taskbar alignment drop-down menu, choose Left.

Right away, the taskbar and the Start Menu are positioned in the left corner of the screen. This closes the Settings

window for you. To go back to the standard centered method, repeat the preceding steps and choose Center from the Taskbar alignment drop-down option.

Methods for Customizing and Improving the Start Menu

Windows 11's Start Menu differs from Windows 10's in terms of appearance and functionality. The controversial tiles have disappeared, and we are happy to see the simple Windows 7 shortcuts return. The changes don't end there; in addition to program shortcuts, the Windows 11 Start Menu also shows recently opened files, frequently used applications, and recently installed apps. Additionally, it has a redesigned layout, something that the original Windows 11 was not able to do. If you want to add folders to the Windows 11 Start Menu, modify its layout, remove files from the Recommended section, or alter its look, read [here](#).

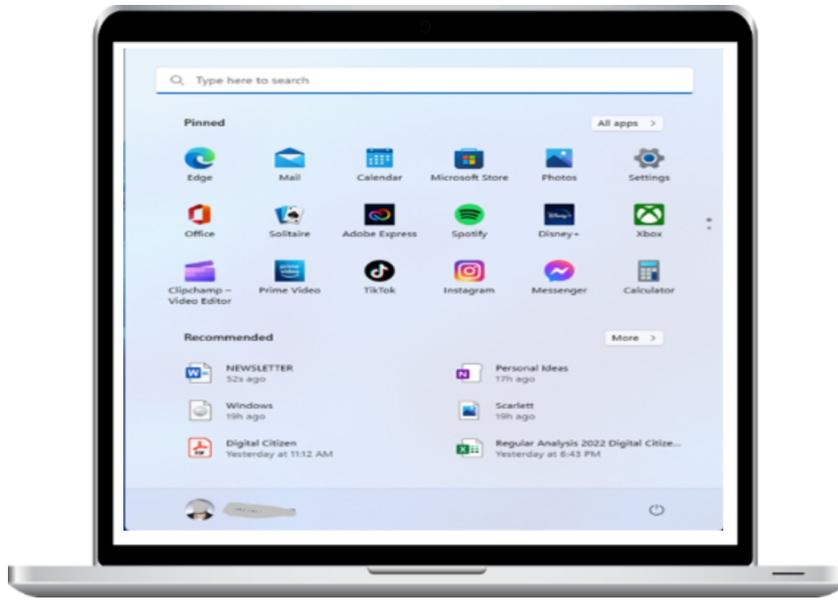
The appearance of the Start Menu in Windows 11

The Start Menu opens when you click or press the Windows logo, sometimes referred to as the Start button, on the Windows 11 taskbar. Pressing the Windows key on your keyboard has a similar effect.

By default, the Windows 11 Start Menu is partitioned into the following sections:

You may search for programs, documents, settings, and other items on your computer by typing terms into the search box at the top.

Here are some tips for using Windows 11's Search feature.

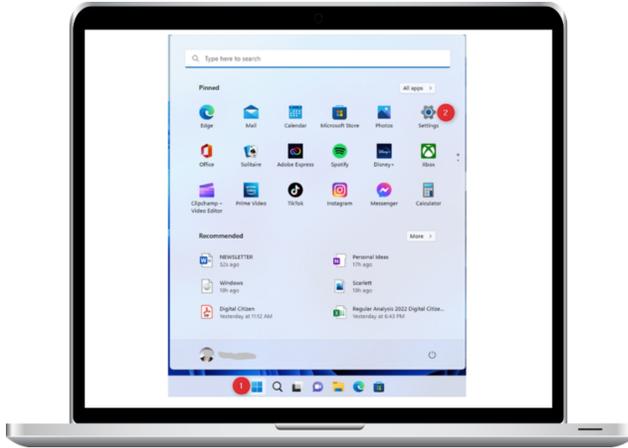


Microsoft applications are shown in the Pinned area under the search box; you may pin more things if you'd like. Clicking or touching an app's name or icon opens it. There may only be eighteen pinned items shown on the list. It's possible that the list is longer than that. You may navigate through it by clicking or tapping the dots to the right of the Pinned section.

Press the All applications icon located in the top-right corner of the Pinned section to get a list of every program that is compatible with Windows 11.

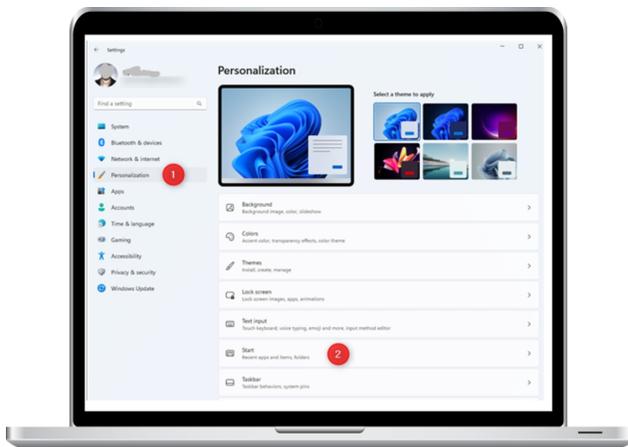
Then comes the Recommended section, which has your most-used applications, newly added apps, and regularly accessed items. You may see a More button to the right of this section, which opens a longer list of items in the same category.

Your picture and login are on the left, while the Power button is on the right.

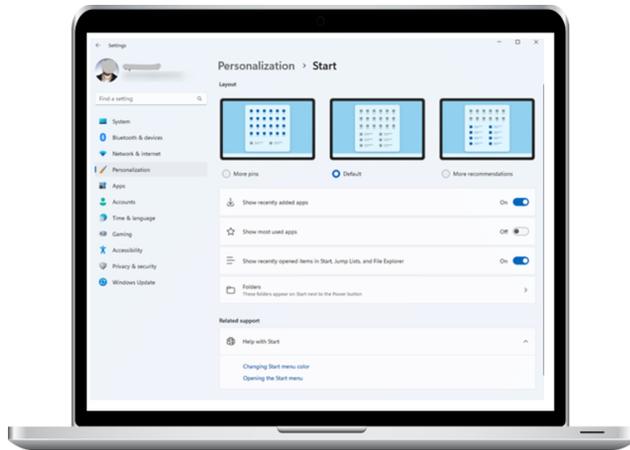


In Windows 11, where do you personalize the Start Menu?

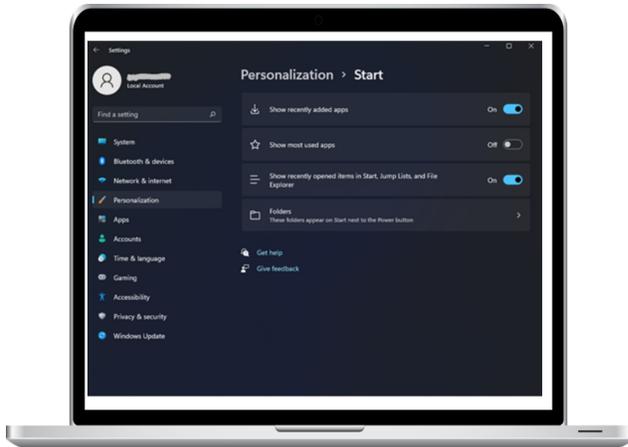
Most of the areas in the Start Menu may be customized. In Windows 11, type Settings to see all of the setup options. Using the keyboard shortcut Windows + I is one way. Navigating to Start and then Settings is an additional option.



Select Personalization from the Windows 11 Settings menu on the left. Click or press Start on the right after swiping down to find it.



The Windows 11 Start Menu customization choices are shown. You should be able to customize your Windows 11/2022 Update or later system to appear somewhat like the screenshot below.

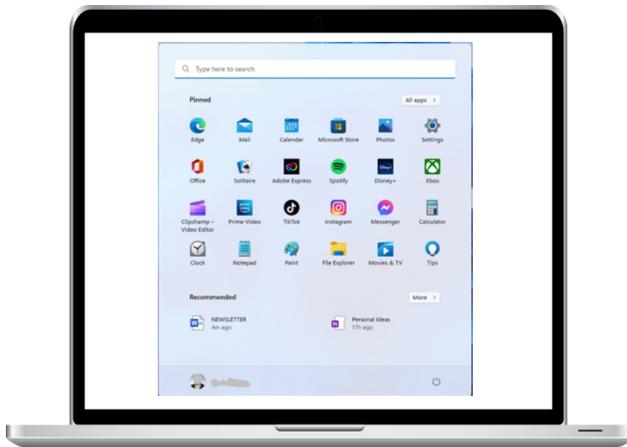
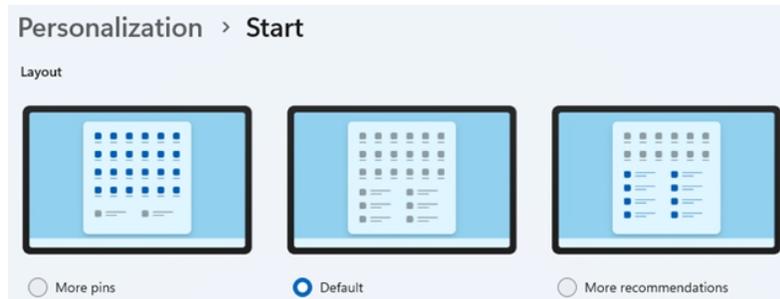


There are few choices available while using Windows 11's initial edition, as this screenshot illustrates:

Let's go over all customization choices one by one

1. Changing the Start Menu Layout in Windows 11

The section on layout featuring the three alternatives If you are using Windows 11 2022 Update (version 22H2) or later, More pins, Default, and More suggestions appear first.



As shown in previous pictures, the Default configuration has the Pinned and Recommended sections occupying about half of the Start Menu. This is how your Start Menu will appear if you choose More pins:



For me, this layout is better than the default as it lets me create more shortcuts for other programs. The Start Menu's layout changes if you choose "More recommendations," as shown below:

The Recommended area occupies a much larger space than the Pinned portion, as you can see. I think fewer individuals will find value in this arrangement. It will probably only be used in business environments by staff members who often handle a lot of paperwork.

2. How to show or conceal items in the Start Menu's Recommended section

Windows 11 shows your recently opened files and apps in the Recommended area of the Start Menu by default. It may also show you the applications that you use the most often.

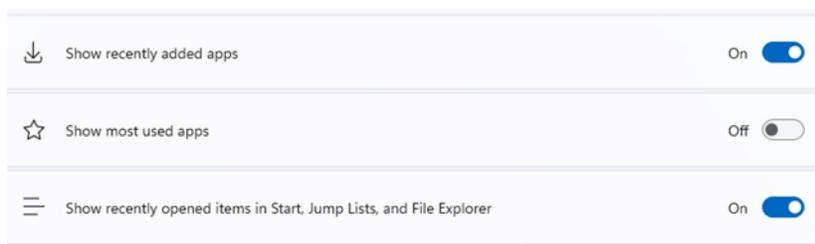
In order to eliminate these items from the Start Menu, deactivate the following switches:

Shortcuts to newly installed programs from the Start Menu may be useful to certain users. Among these options is "Show recently added apps".

Windows 11 looks at the programs you use most often and displays a list of them in the Start Menu when you enable the "Show most used apps" option.

The option "Show recently opened items in Start, Jump Lists, and File Explorer" affects all Windows 11 programs that show recently opened items, including File Explorer and the Start Menu.

Toggle (turn it on and off) by simply clicking or tapping on a switch.

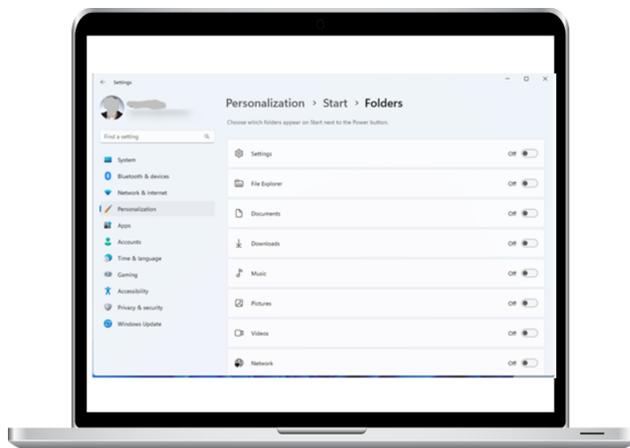
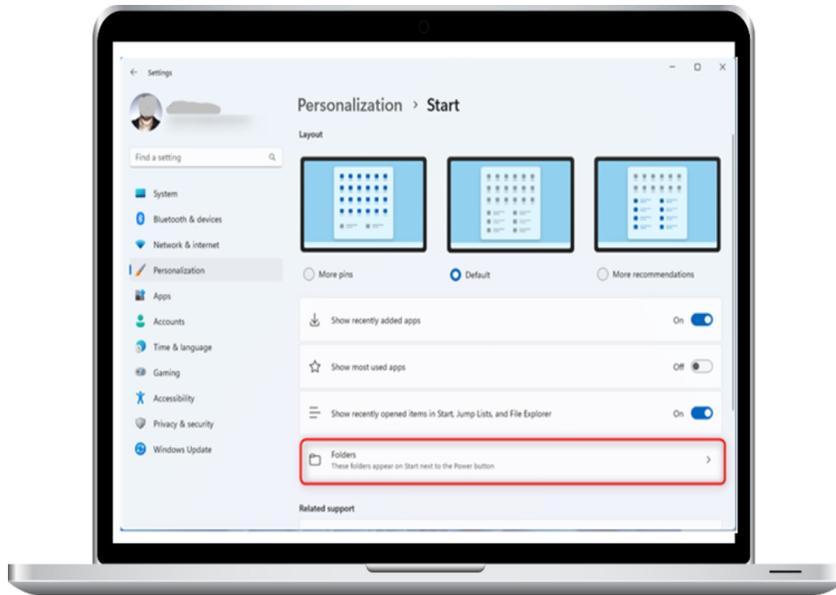


Turn off all three switches to clear the Recommended section.

3. Determine which folders will appear on the Windows 11 Start Menu.

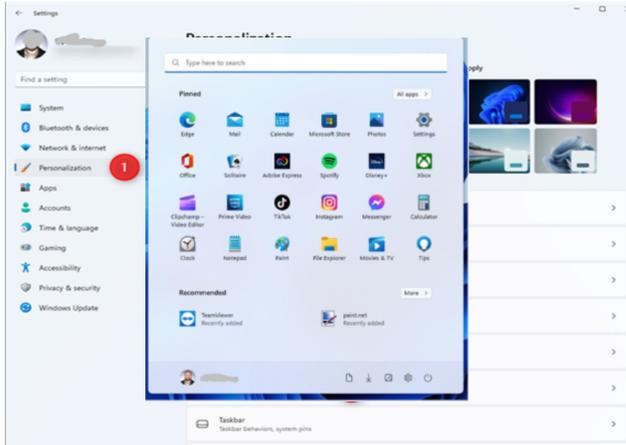
By default, the Power button appears in the lower-right area of the Windows 11 Start Menu. Nevertheless, you may make a number of folders close to it that serve as fast connections to frequently visited locations. To add or delete folders from the Start Menu, click or tap Folders in the list of customization options.

You can see a number of folders on Start, next to the Power button (this is your user account folder), including the



Settings, Documents, File Explorer, Downloads, Music, Videos, Pictures, Network, and Personal folders. To add the folder to the Start Menu, turn its switch to On. To take it out of the Start, flip its switch to Off.

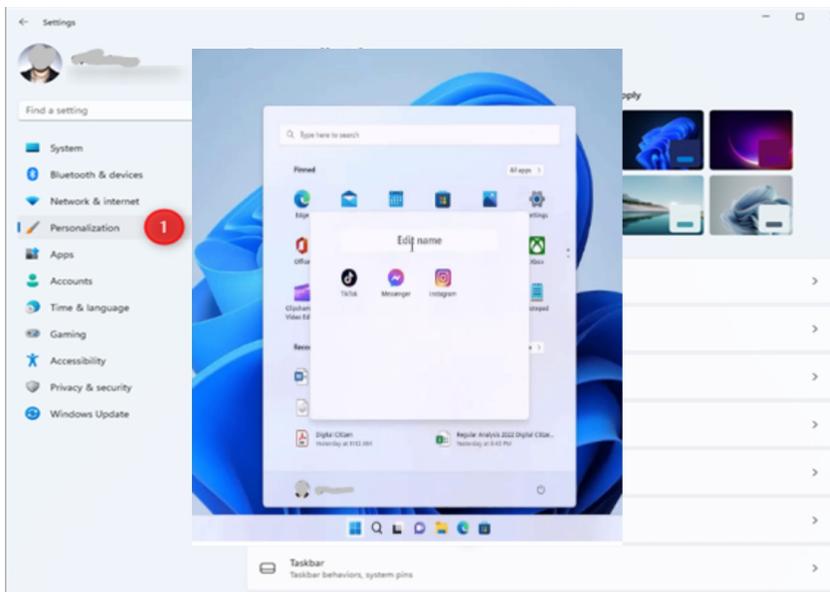
Add all of the available folders, and the Start Menu becomes congested very rapidly with no way to tell them apart. Therefore, it is preferable to activate only the directories that you often explore. I selected Documents, Downloads, Pictures, and Settings, for instance. See how the Start Menu looks with more pins and a few shortcuts placed at the bottom by looking at the screenshots below. Isn't it a lot



more tidy?

4. How to Add Folders to the Start Menu in Windows 11

Windows 11 2022 Update (version 22H2) allows you to create folders on the Start Menu as well. To achieve this, click and hold a shortcut from the Pinned section, or touch and hold one.

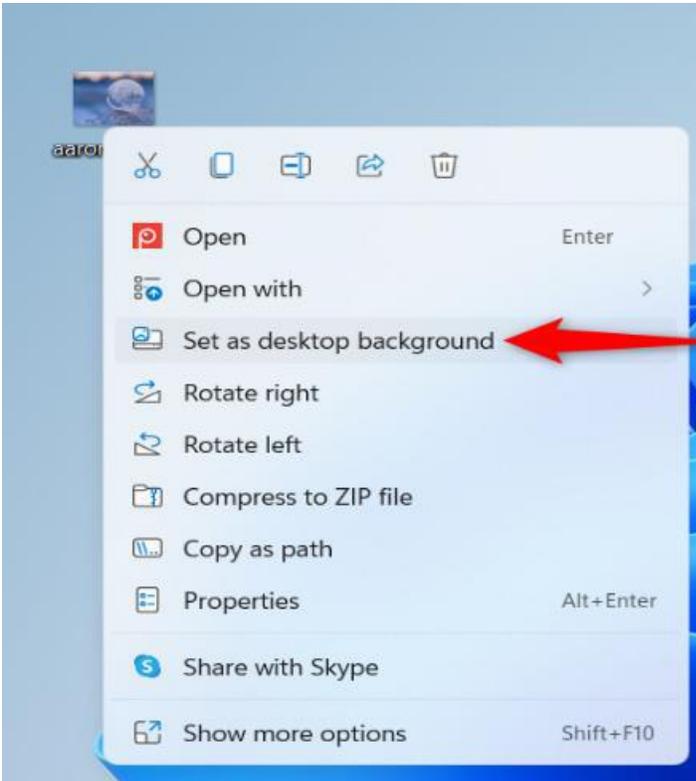


After that, drag it over a different shortcut to add to the folder. Notice the way that a folder named Folder has been created. Continue to drag and drop shortcuts into the same folder after that.

Once you're done, tap or click the folder to access the Edit name area, where you may change the folder's name. To activate it, just click or press outside the folder.

Use these instructions to create and name a folder on the Start Menu.

CHANGING THE BACKGROUND ON WINDOWS 11



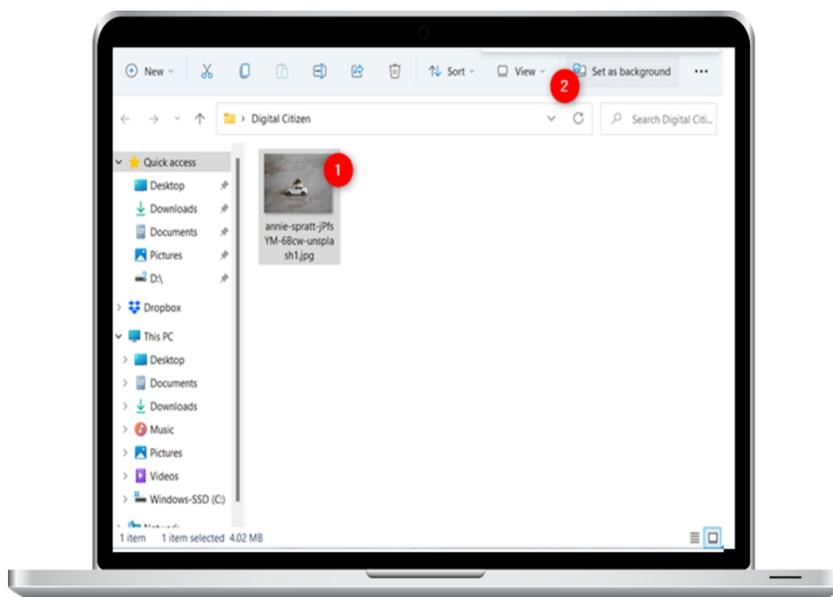
Would you want to know how to alter the wallpaper in Windows 11? The elegant and beautiful Windows 11 default wallpaper is provided by Microsoft. In Windows 11, it's the wallpaper image that really distinguishes your computer or device. The Windows 11 desktop wallpaper is something you'll see a lot, so choose something you like. By following the instructions given in the subsequent paragraphs, you may use any image or slideshow as your Windows 11 desktop background:

1. Change the background of your Windows 11

desktop by using the right-click menu.

In Windows 11, using the contextual or right-click menu is the fastest method to modify the wallpaper. On your computer or smartphone, start by right-clicking or by pressing and holding the picture you wish to use. Next, choose "Set as desktop wallpaper" from the contextual menu by clicking or pressing on it.

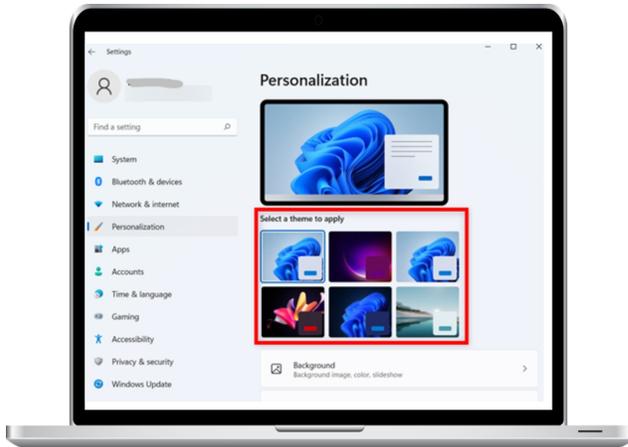
Photos stored on your desktop or in a folder that you can open with File Explorer may be processed using this approach. But File Explorer offers additional options when it comes to altering the background in Windows 11.



2. Using File Explorer, update the desktop wallpaper in Windows 11.

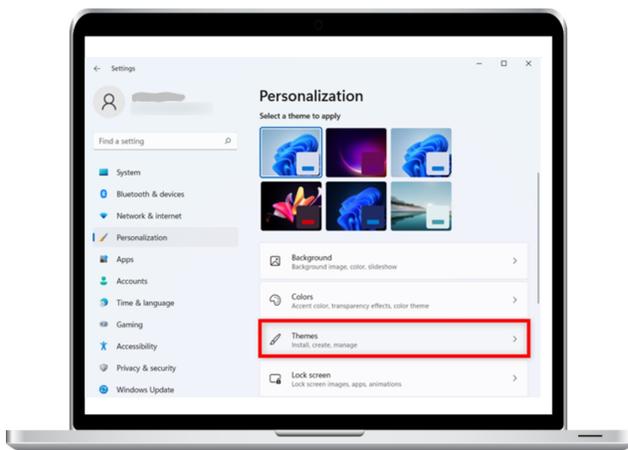
Using File Explorer to find the picture you wish to use as the Windows 11 background is another fast way to get there. Click or press the picture to choose it, and then use the toolbar at the top to click the "Set as background" button.

These two methods work well for quickly switching Windows 11's wallpaper. Nevertheless, the Settings app offers more sophisticated options, as you can see in the paragraph that follows.

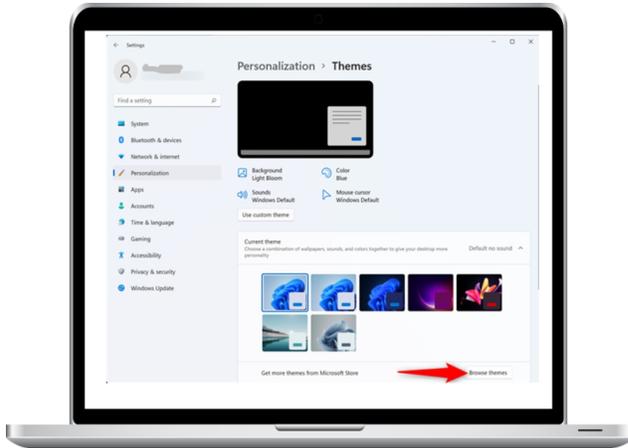


3. Changing the wallpaper in Windows 11 by installing a new theme

Your operating system's theme modifies both the audio and visual elements. A few of Windows 11 themes come with an amazing assortment of wallpapers. To change the desktop wallpaper theme, open the Settings app and choose Personalization. "Select a theme to apply" at the top displays a few of the possible themes. You may click or press any of them to give them a try.

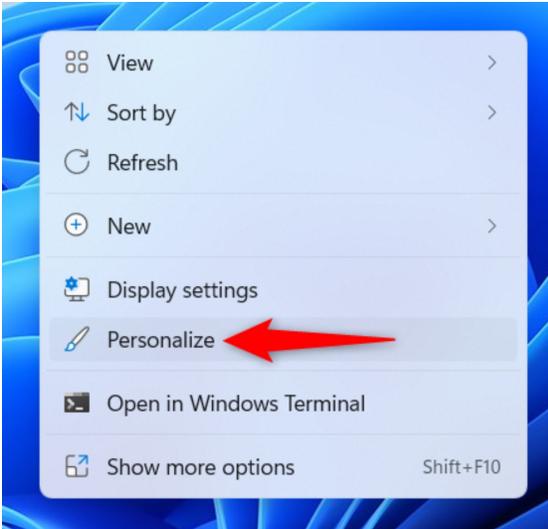


For further options, go to Personalization and scroll down to the Themes section.



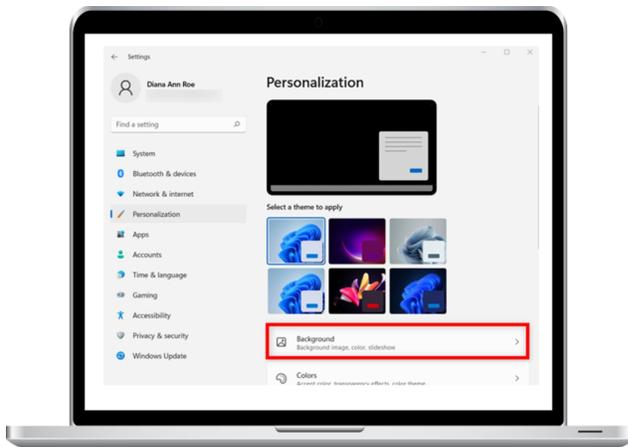
Choose your favorite theme from the list of available ones under Current theme. This includes both the themes you create and those included with Windows 11. To get more themes from the Microsoft Store, click or touch Browse themes.

As you'll see in the next chapters, you may further personalize any theme you choose from the Background section.



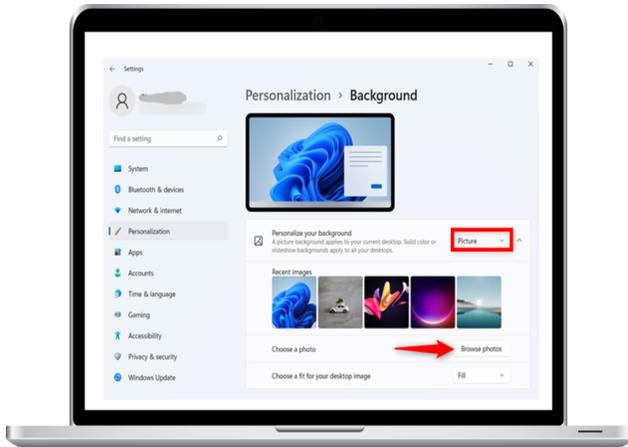
4. How to Change the Background of Windows 11 Using the Settings App

Alternatively, you may use the contextual menu to click or touch on Personalize after right-clicking or pressing and holding on a blank section of your desktop to access the Personalization options.

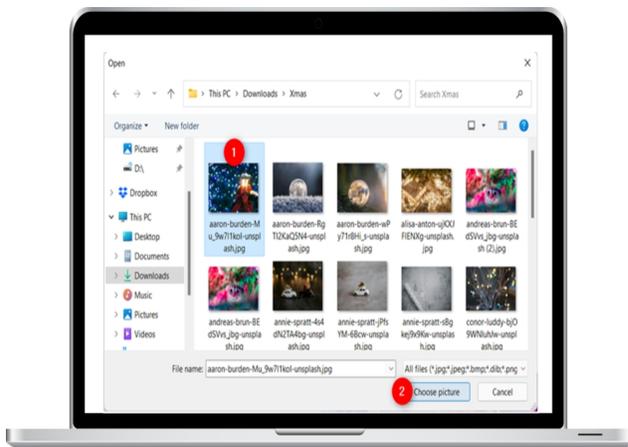


Proceed to the Background settings after that.

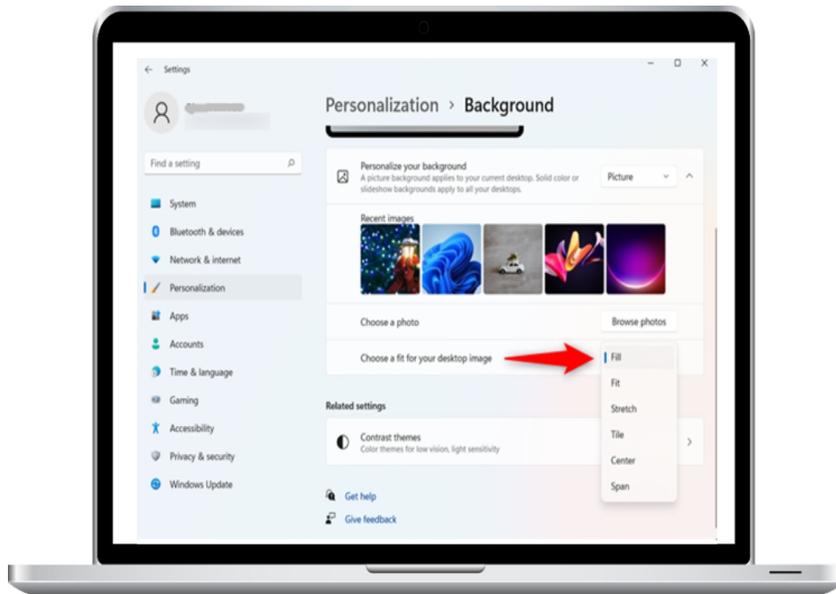
On Windows 11, you may choose a favorite picture to use as your wallpaper by checking the box next to "Personalize your background."



A collection of the photographs you've recently set as your wallpaper may be seen in the Recent photographs section. Click or press the one you want to set as the background of your desktop. If you would want to use a picture other than those on this list, click or touch on the Browse photos option.



Next, find the desired picture on your computer, choose it, and then click or touch the Choose photo option.



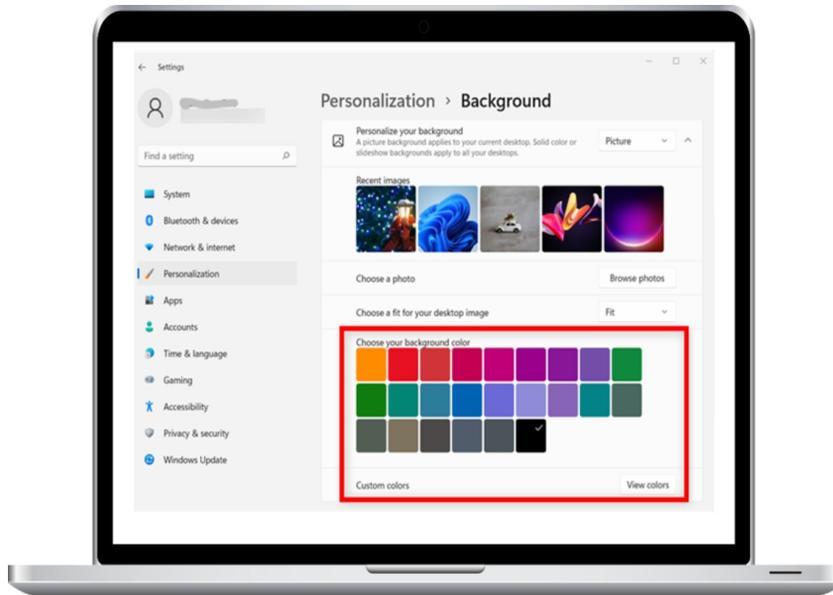
Windows 11 instantly loads the new picture as your desktop backdrop. Hold on, though—there's more! You may choose how the picture fits on your screen in the "Select a fit for your desktop image" section below. Six options are available:

Fill makes sure your picture has the proper aspect ratio and fills the full desktop. One way to do this would be to crop photographs.

Fit: This technique resizes your picture to fill the available space without cropping and preserves the correct aspect ratio.

Stretch retains the aspect ratio but stretches or compresses your picture to suit the size of your screen. This may warp the perception and give it an ugly appearance.

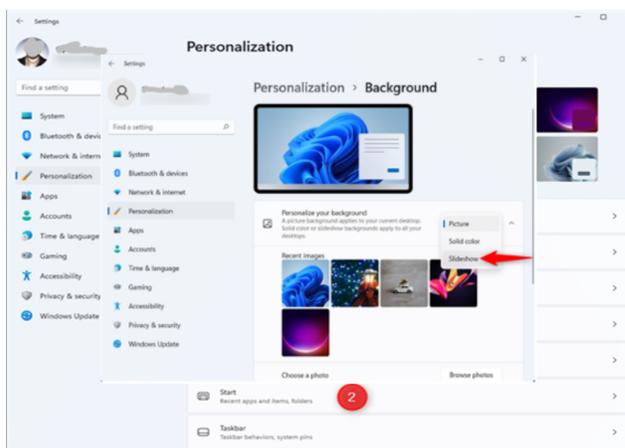
Tile - fills the available area on the screen by displaying your picture many times.



Center: Places your image in the center of the display. However, this may just display a single little image in the midst of a sizable blank space, or it might only display the central portion of a larger image.

Use Span to share the image across your desktops if you have several displays.

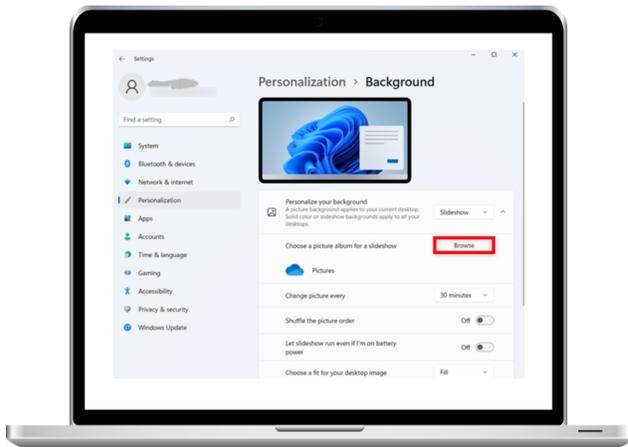
If your photo does not fit the screen, you may "Choose your backdrop color" at the bottom, as shown below. Take use of the color contrast in your image to fill the rest of the screen.



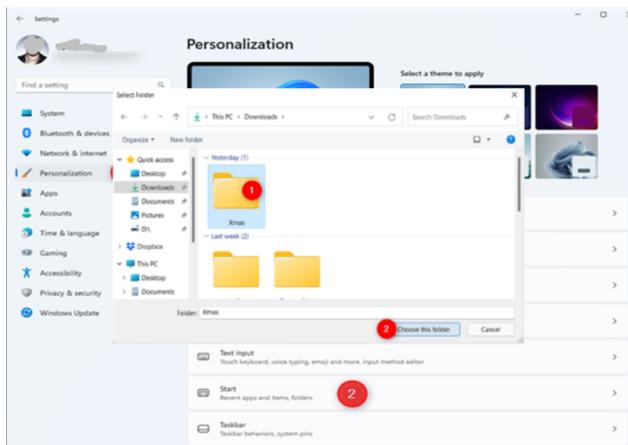
5. How to make a slideshow the background

of Windows 11

A collection of photos that shift after a certain amount of time is a feature of several themes. You may also use your finest pictures to create a slideshow. Open the Settings app and go to Personalization, then Background. Inside the "Personalize your backdrop" box, choose Slideshow using the dropdown menu.

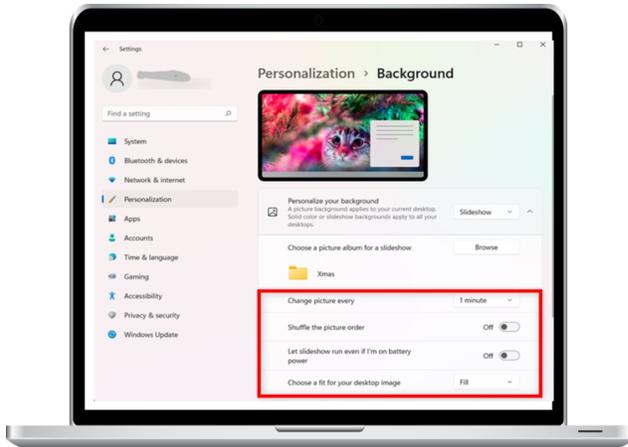


By default, Windows 11 will utilize slideshow images from the Pictures folder. To modify it, click the Browse option next to "Select an image album for a slideshow."



Locate the folder that has the pictures you want to have on your desktop. Once it's located, choose it by touching or

selecting "Choose this folder." For instance, I choose the Xmas folder, which has the wallpapers for Christmas.



Windows 11 launches a slideshow of pictures from the designated folder and changes the desktop wallpaper all at once. Since you may only use one folder, we advise you to create one with the photos you want in it. You may then edit your slideshow at the bottom. As mentioned in the last chapter, you may adjust the number of times the picture changes, rearrange the sequence, turn off the slideshow when the battery runs low, and choose how the photos fill your screen.



6. Changing the backdrop of the Photos app in Windows 11

When browsing through your photographs in the photographs app, it's easy to choose one of them as your Windows 11 desktop wallpaper. You may either right-click or touch and hold the picture to bring up a contextual menu. Proceed to Set as and choose "Set as background."

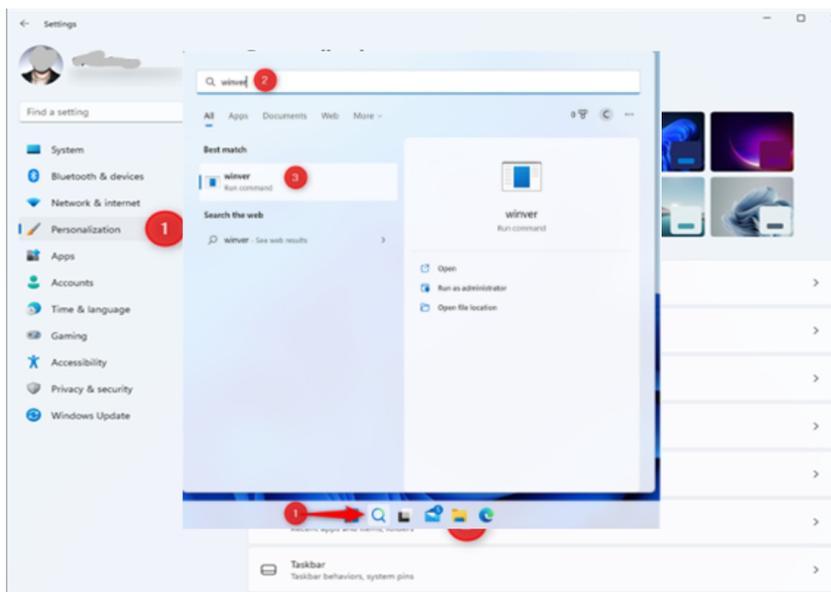


A different option is to touch or click the See more (...) icon at the top, choose Set as, and then choose "Set as background."

CHECKING THE WINDOWS 11 VERSION AND EDITION

Microsoft released the first major operating system (OS) update for Windows 11 one year after its release: the Windows 11 2022 Update, sometimes referred to as version 22H2. Several people are not sure whether they have installed the latest version, and this is only the first of several big updates. You may find out which version of Windows 11 OS you are running with the help of this article. It also shows you where to get the build number and edition of Windows 11:

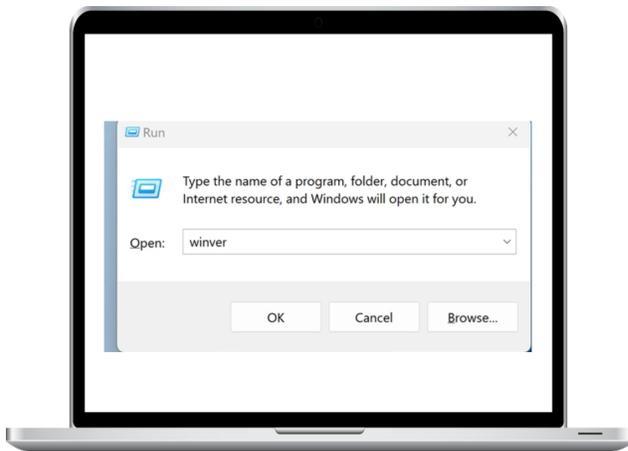
How to Quickly Check the Windows 11 Version Number and OS Build



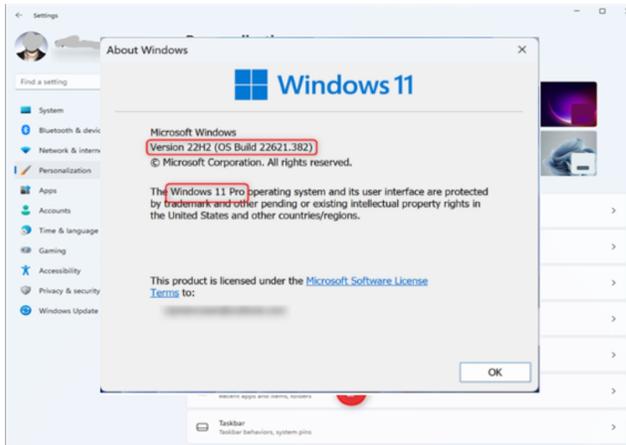
The easiest method to find out what version of Windows 11 you have is to use the winver application. Select the search

result with the same name by clicking or pressing the Search button next to the Start button, typing winver.

As an alternative, you might use the Windows + R keys to bring up the Run window, type winver into the Open text field, and hit Enter.

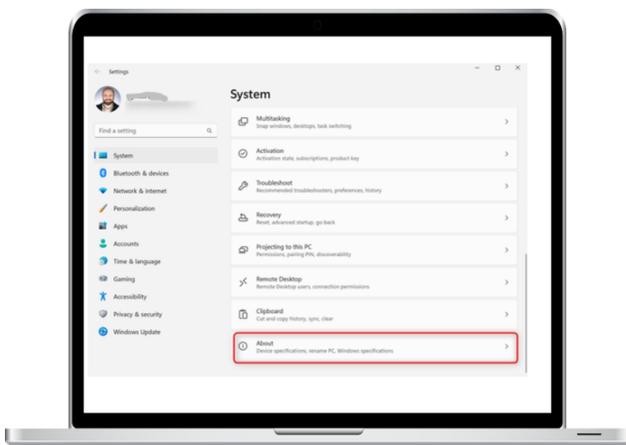


Alternatively, you may use the Windows + R keys to launch the Run window, type winver in the launch text field, and then hit Enter or OK.



How to Determine Your Windows 11 Version Using the Settings App

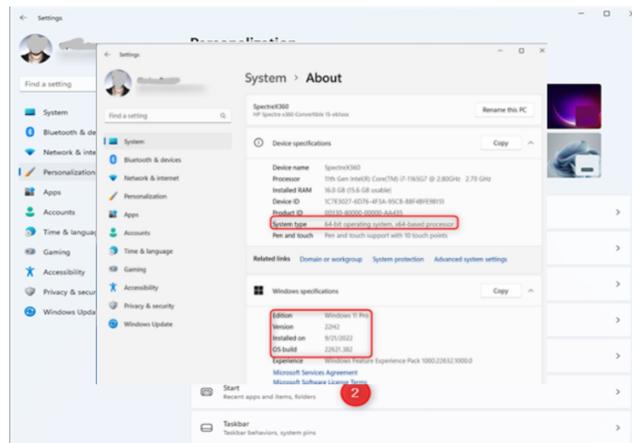
An other way to get the same data is using the Settings app. Start by going to Settings, which you can easily reach by simultaneously hitting Windows and I on your keyboard. With the System option chosen on the left sidebar, click or tap About after swiping down the right side of the display.



This opens the About page on your computer. It offers details on the operating system and machine you are using. The following details are what we're searching for:

According to Device specifications, Windows 11 is a 64-bit operating system, as shown by the system type.

Version: This indicates the version of Windows 11 you are using and is shown in the Windows specifications section. Home, Professional, Learning, Business, and so on.



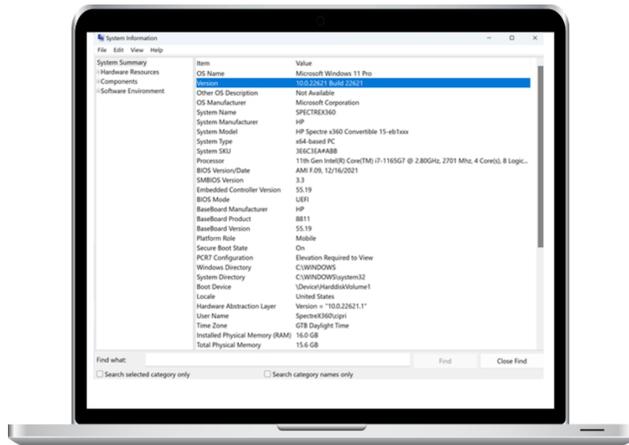
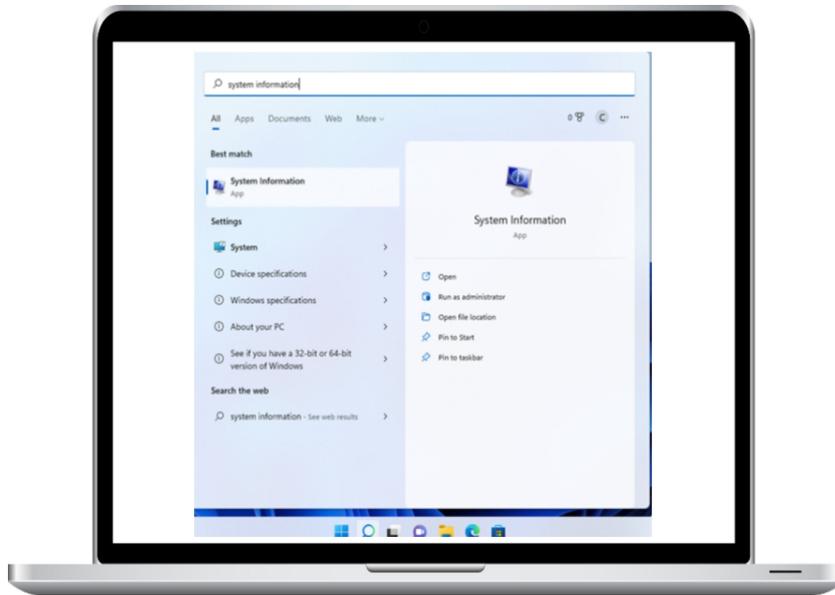
In the Windows specifications area, you can see the version of Windows 11 you are now running.

OS Build: This column shows the actual Windows 11 build that you are using and is also a part of the Windows specifications list.

How to Determine the Operating System Version in Windows 11 Using System Information

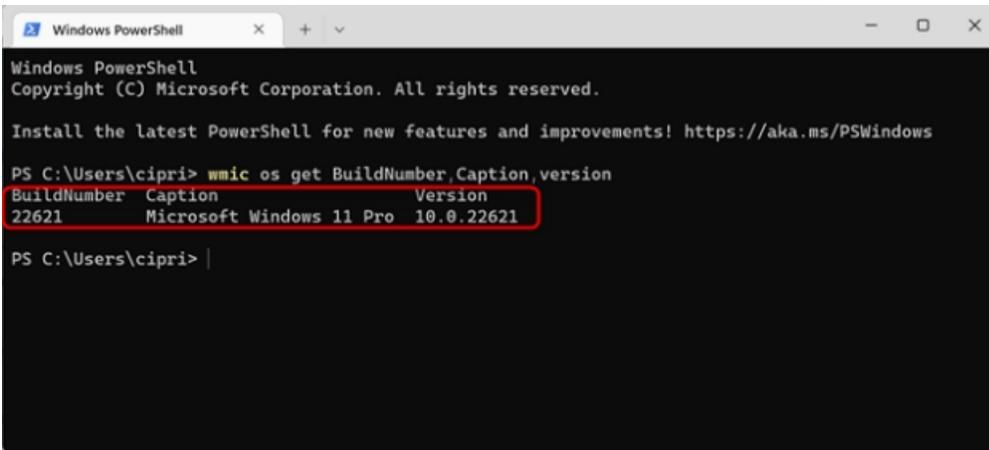
Another program that might assist you in figuring out what build and version of Windows 11 you have is System Information. Click or press the Search button to open this app. Next, input system information into the search field. Finally, click or tap the app's corresponding search result.

The OS Name and Version sections are clearly visible as soon as System Information opens, letting you know the version and build number of Windows 11 you are now



running in addition to its edition.

Ways to Utilize the Windows Terminal, PowerShell, and Command Prompt Commands to Find the Windows 11 Version



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22621 Microsoft Windows 11 Pro 10.0.22621

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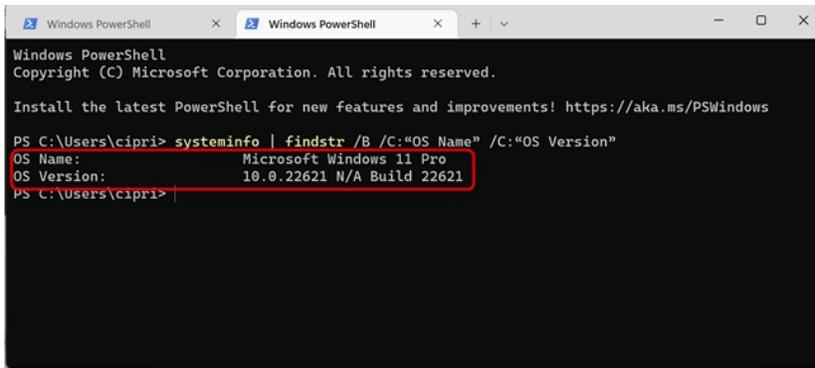
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your chosen app if you'd rather work in a command-line environment:

Type this command, copy it, and put it in any of them: BuildNumber, Caption, and Version are received by wmic OS.

Then press the Enter key to launch it and see the necessary data.

Take note that the information you requested is shown in separate columns for BuildNumber, Caption, and Version: Build number and version of Windows 11.



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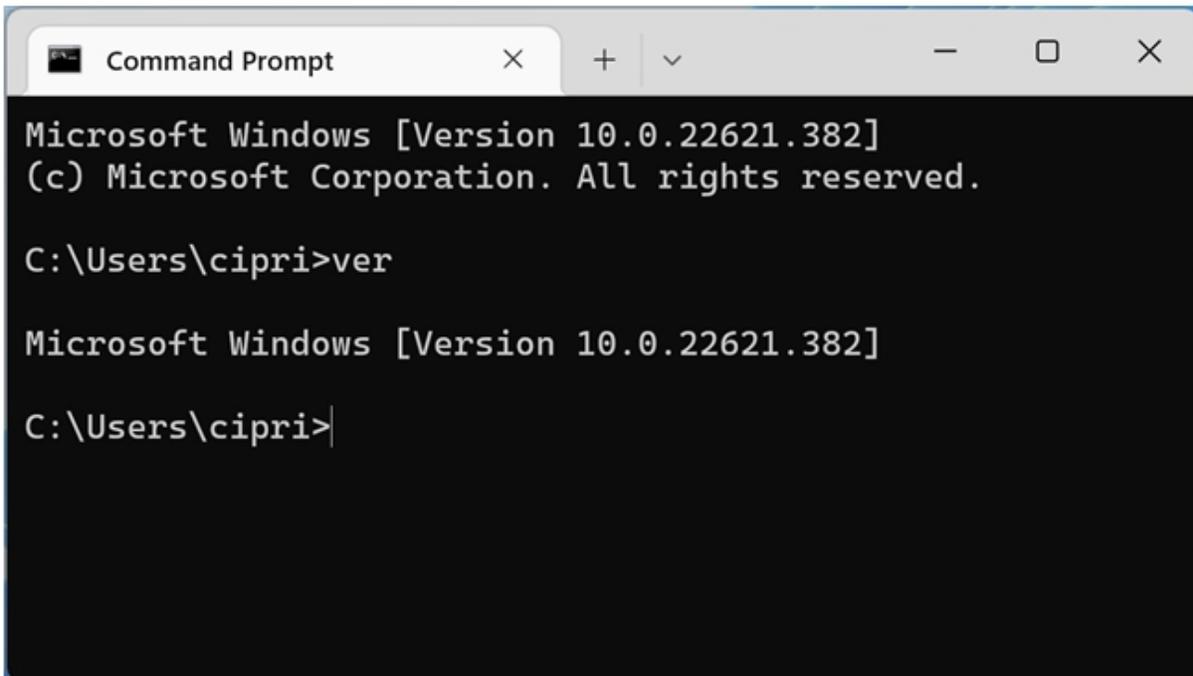
Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows

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OS Name:                Microsoft Windows 11 Pro
OS Version:             10.0.22621 N/A Build 22621
PS C:\Users\cipri>
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This command may also be used to get the same data:
`findstr /B /C:"OS Name" systeminfo "OS Version" /C`

This command returns the OS Name (the Windows 11 edition) and OS Version (the Windows 11 version number and the Build).

Use the following command to get the version number and build rapidly:



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Command Prompt
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C:\Users\cipri>ver

Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22621.382]

C:\Users\cipri>
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As you have probably seen, the commands we have given generate data that is not the same as what winver or Settings show. The commands show the OS build and the Windows 11 Version as a string of numbers. The same applies to the System Information app. In the preceding cases, the (build) numbers that follow 10.0 are 22621. Continue reading to find out exactly which version of Windows 11 you are running thanks to this build number.

What do the version numbers in Windows 11 mean?

Microsoft plans to keep adding updates to Windows 11 and, presumably, release a major version once a year. Every update comes with a version number and comes with new applications, features, internal enhancements, and more. There are now only two versions of Windows 11 that the general public may purchase:

The first release of Windows 11, known as build 22000 or version 21H2, was released in October 2021. These are a few of its strongest attributes.

The first significant upgrade to Windows 11 was build 22621, or version 22H2, and it was released in September 2022. What's new in Windows 11 2022 Update (version 22H2) is as follows.

The second major upgrade for Windows 11—version 23H2—is anticipated in the latter half of 2023.

What are the distinctions between Windows 11 editions?

On your computer or device, you may install one of the following Windows 11 editions:

The Home Edition of Windows 11. One of the main Windows 11 editions for home customers is this one. It contains consumer features and to use it, you need to have a

Microsoft account and an internet connection. It is devoid of corporate features like virtualization and BitLocker encryption.

Windows 11 Pro. The second major release of Windows 11 is this one. It has all of the functionality of the Home edition plus additional features like BitLocker and the ability to join a domain for power users and business settings.

Windows 11 Pro may be used on workstations, including Windows 11 Pro, but with support for additional professional features including faster file sharing, robust data storage, and advanced processing.

Windows 11 SE edition. This version of Windows 11 is designed for academic and educational institutions, as well as low-end computers. It is the Windows 10 S substitute.

Education Edition of Windows 11. Similar to Windows 11 SE, this version is intended for use in educational settings. It is not exclusive to low-end smartphones, however, and it does contain extra features. The Pro Education Edition of Windows 11. An upgraded version meant for educational settings. It has several more useful tools in addition to most of the features included in Windows 11 Pro.

Windows 11 Enterprise Edition. Along with all the features of Windows 11 Pro, it also comes with extra tools for network administrators and tech-savvy companies.

Mixed Reality on Windows 11. The Microsoft HoloLens and other mixed reality and virtual reality devices are meant to be used with this version. It is not available on tablets, PCs, laptops, or other comparable devices.

Microsoft may provide other Windows 11 versions, such as N and KN, in addition to the ones already mentioned. There are versions of Windows 11 without Media Player, Windows Media Player, or any other multimedia functions. N versions are available in Europe, whereas KN versions are available

in Korea. In these areas, where Microsoft has been found to have misused its monopoly to undermine rival video and audio programs, their only purpose is to adhere to antitrust rules. N and KN may be applied to several Windows 11 versions. For instance, Windows 11 Home N, Windows 11 Pro N, and so forth are available to you.

What is the Windows 11 OS build number?

When significant Windows 11 improvements are implemented, the OS Build number rises. As previously indicated in this article's section "What do Windows 11 version numbers mean?", this information is helpful if you need to know what version of Windows 11 you are running. They may also be used to troubleshooting. Assume, for instance, that you run across a problem and get in touch with Microsoft's support staff. The OS Build then tells them about your specific version of Windows 11 and the patches needed to fix the issue. You may get more details on the development of Windows 11 build numbers here: [Windows 11 release information](#).

What is the system type of Windows 11?

The system type simply signifies that Windows 11 utilizes the 64-bit register of the CPU. We think this information is unnecessary since Windows 11 only supports 64-bit CPUs.

ACCESSING YOUR DISK SPACE

Let's say you're curious as to what Windows 11 is using up on your PC. If so, you might use the Storage options to receive a prompt response.

The Storage function may also be used to assess the contents of the drive, even if its usual purpose is to free up hard disk space. By doing so, you may examine how the available space is being utilized and determine what has to be deleted in order to make room for anything that could otherwise keep you from being able to use this function. Windows 11 has "Cleanup Recommendations," a tool that may tell you which files and programs you can remove to free up space on your computer's hard disk if it begins to fill up. As an alternative, you may use third-party programs (like WinDirStat) or DiskUsage, a command-line tool that uses Command Prompt to evaluate a drive's storage usage, to find out which files take up the most space and take the necessary action.

This section will teach you how to examine your space use using Windows 11's Storage settings. To find out what files are using space on your Windows 11 hard drive, follow these procedures.

On Windows 11, go to Settings.

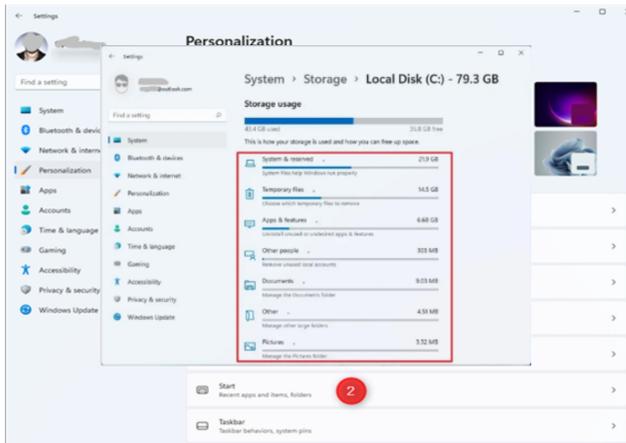
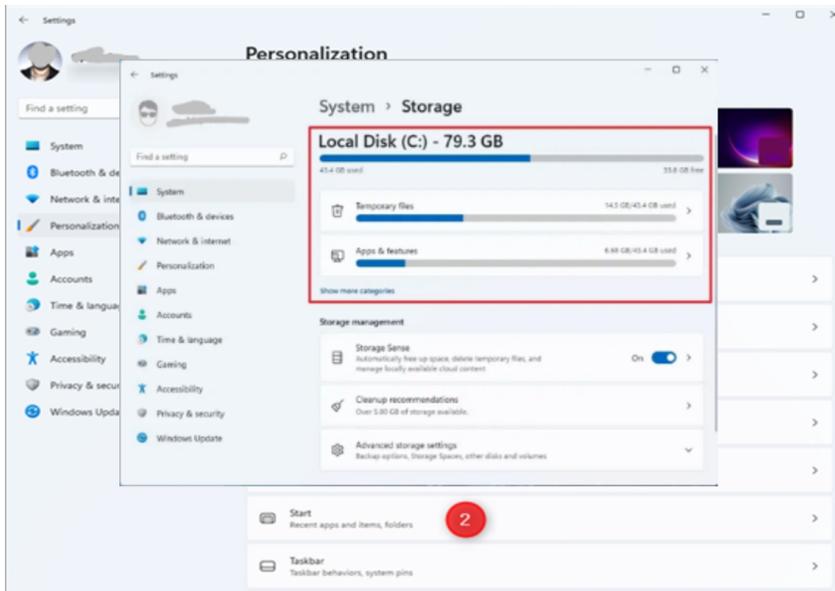
Choose a System.

Navigate to the Storage page on the right.

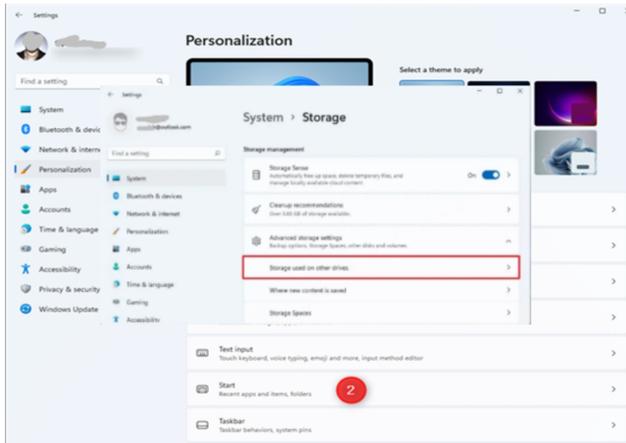
Look at what's using space in Windows 11's "Local Disk (C:)" region.

Check the box to see other categories.

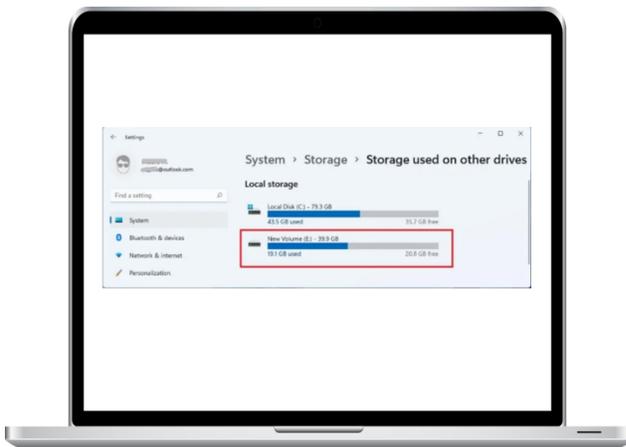
Examine what other items—such as temporary files, apps, documents, pictures, and more—are using space.



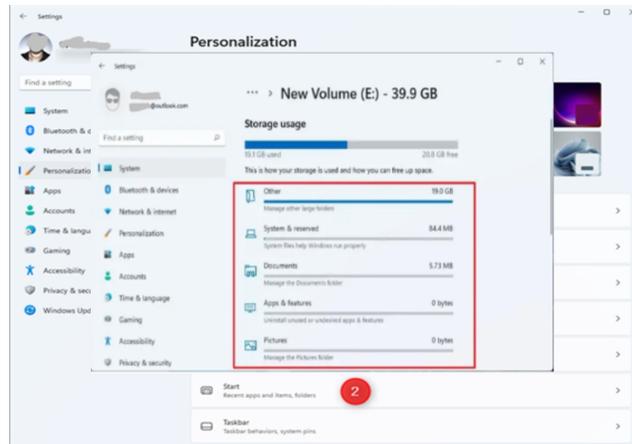
(Details optional) In the "Storage management" section, choose the Advanced storage settings option.



Tick the box for Storage used on other drives.



Select the secondary drive.



View the drive's storage utilization.

You will be able to see which files are using up the most space on your computer after you have completed the steps.

The Storage choices provide you a detailed picture of everything that is stored on any hard disk that is connected to Windows 11. System files, applications, games, temporary files, data from other users if you share the computer, and files kept in Documents, OneDrive, Pictures, Music, and Videos are a few examples.

Find out which files are using up space with WinDirStat.

With WinDirStat, you can monitor hard disk usage statistics in more detail and discover exactly which files are using up the most space.

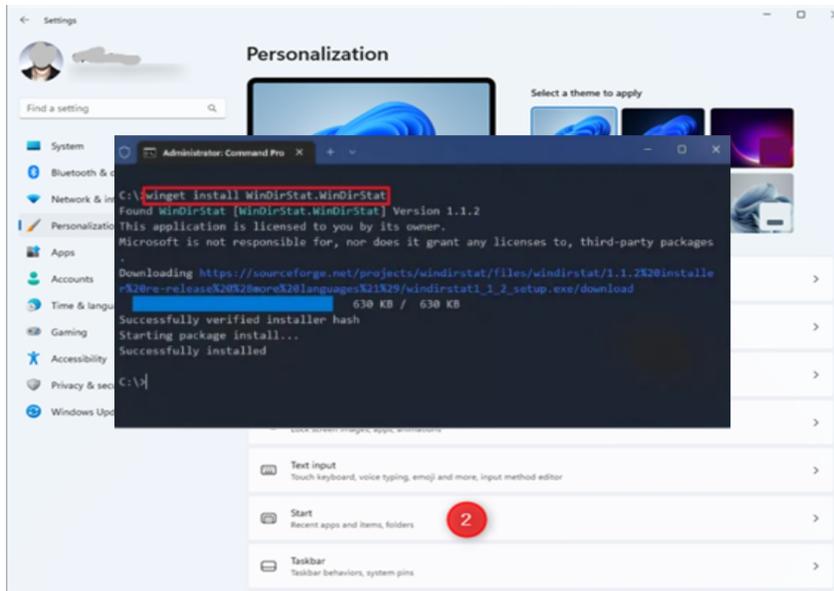
You must use this third-party program at your own risk even though it is nondestructive and often functions as intended. You have been alerted.

WinDirStat should be installed on Windows 11.

To install WinDirStat on Windows 11, adhere to following instructions.

Launch the software.

Look for Command Prompt, choose Run as administrator



with a right-click on the top result, and press enter.

On Windows 11, execute the following command and hit execute to install the WinDirStat program:

Install WinDirStat with winget.

WinDirStat

After the processes are complete, you can use the application to scan the entire disk and receive a report detailing the current amount of space being used on the hard drive. Check which files are using up space in Windows 11.

To determine which Windows 11 files are taking up space, use WinDirStat as detailed here.

Launch the software.

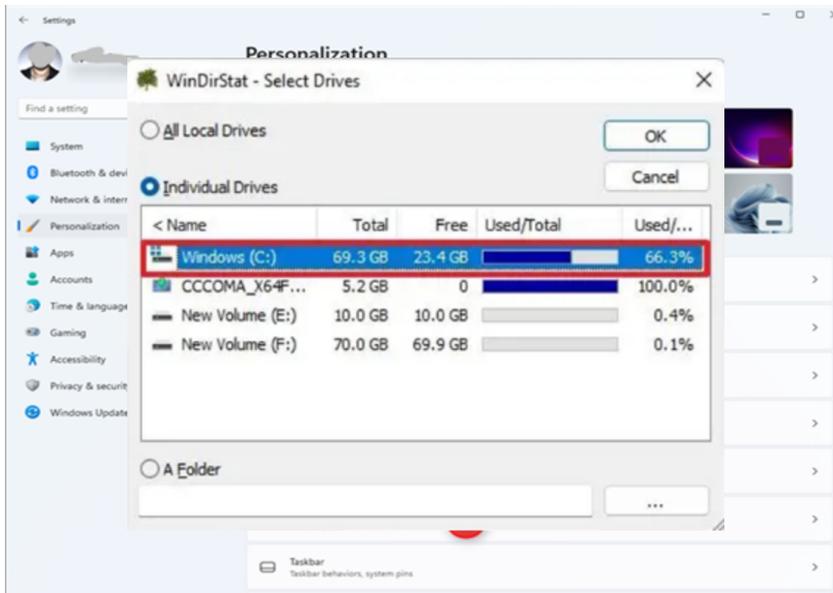
To open the app, search for WinDirStat and select the top result.

Choose your individual drives carefully.

To see out what files are using up space, choose the disk.

Press the OK button.

Quick note: The program will stop and show the warning



"Not responding" if there is not enough space on the device, which will make the experience extremely sluggish. Eventually, however, it will finish correctly.

When the processes are finished, WinDirStat will scan the disk and provide you a graphical report so you can see which files are using up the most space.



It is possible to see which folder takes up the most space on the top-left side of a tree file structure. To find the file using the most hard drive space, you may expand and dive down. Additionally, the file extensions that use the most space are shown on the top-right side.

Each file is graphically represented as a rectangle at the bottom of the page; the larger the rectangle, the larger the file. The color of each rectangle indicates the kind of file that is shown in the list of extensions.

If there's a certain file taking up a lot of space, you may remove it via WinDirStat.

You can discover which files are using up space by using DiskUsage.

DiskUsage is another software included in Windows 11 that lets you use Command Prompt to examine drives.

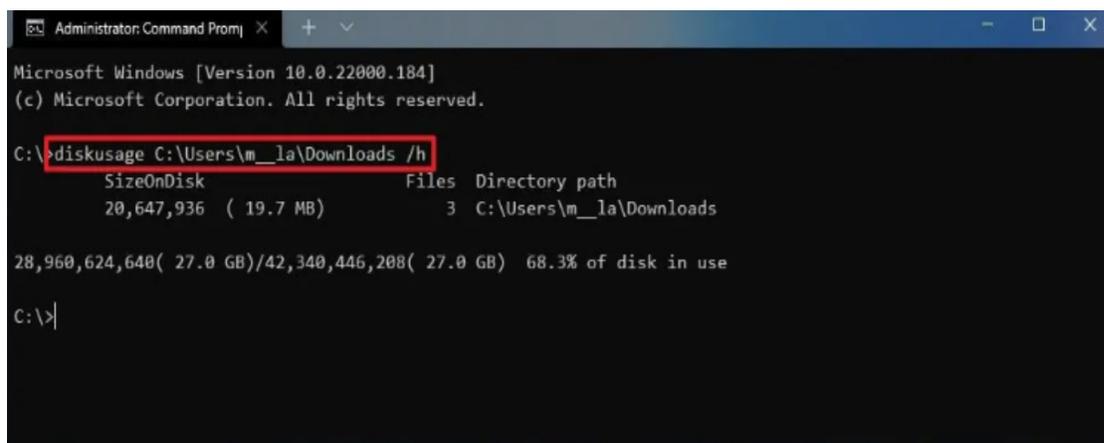
Use these procedures to determine which files are using up the most space in Windows 11's DiskUsage:

Open Start.

Look for Command Prompt, then choose Run as administrator by right-clicking the first result.

In Windows 11, use the following command and hit Enter to determine a folder's storage usage:

diskusage PATH/TO/LOCATION /h



```
Administrator: Command Promj X + v - □ X
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.184]
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C:\>diskusage C:\Users\m_la\Downloads /h
      SizeOnDisk      Files  Directory path
      20,647,936 ( 19.7 MB)      3  C:\Users\m_la\Downloads

28,960,624,640( 27.0 GB)/42,340,446,208( 27.0 GB) 68.3% of disk in use

C:\>|
```

Put the location you want to examine in lieu of PATH/TO/LOCATION in the command.

For instance, this command looks through the files in the Downloads folder:

diskusage C:\Users\user\Downloads /hof the Downloads
folder:

diskusage C:\Users\user\Downloads /h

The command in this example generates a report indicating how much disk space is being utilized at the current location:

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/h diskusage
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When using `/h`, the size will be shown in a more approachable format, such KB, MB, or GB.

To identify files larger than 4GB, use the following command and press use.:

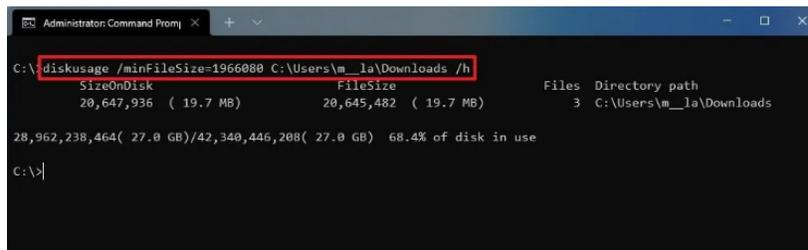
```
min diskusage
```

```
Path/TO/LOCATION /h FileSize=FILE-SIZE-KB
```

This command, for example, will look for and list files greater than 15 MB in the Downloads folder:

```
min diskusage
```

```
C: Users User Downloads /h FileSize=1966080
```



```
Administrator Command Promj x + v - □ x
C:\> diskusage /minFileSize=1966080 C:\Users\m_la\Downloads /h
SizeOnDisk      FileSize      Files  Directory path
20,647,936 ( 19.7 MB)  20,645,482 ( 19.7 MB)    3  C:\Users\m_la\Downloads
28,962,238,464( 27.0 GB)/42,340,446,208( 27.0 GB) 68.4% of disk in use
C:\>
```

To list the top files on the disk for a given location in decreasing order of size, use the following command:

```
diskusage PATH/TO/LOCATION /h /u=NUMBER
```

In the command, replace "PATH/TO/LOCATION" with the location you like to examine and "NUMBER" with the quantity of files you wish to see.

For instance, the top ten files in the system32 folder are shown with the following command.:

```
diskusage C:\windows\system32 /h /u=10
```

```

Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\> diskusage C:\windows\system32 /h /t=10
SizeOnDisk      File path
78,643,200      ( 75.0 MB)    C:\windows\system32\config\SOFTWARE
66,367,488      ( 63.3 MB)    C:\windows\system32\WRT.exe
60,272,640      ( 57.5 MB)    C:\windows\system32\wbem\WMIObjectsMigration.bin
48,234,496      ( 46.0 MB)    C:\windows\system32\catroot2\F750E6C3-3BEE-11D1-85E5-00C04FC295EE\catdb
38,535,168      ( 36.8 MB)    C:\windows\system32\config\COMPONENTS
35,643,392      ( 34.0 MB)    C:\windows\system32\wbem\Repository\OBJECTS.DATA
30,294,016      ( 28.9 MB)    C:\windows\system32\wbem\WMIObjectsMigration.bin.bak
23,068,672      ( 22.0 MB)    C:\windows\system32\LogFiles\WMI\NetCore.etl
18,984,960      ( 18.1 MB)    C:\windows\system32\WDI\LogFiles\BootPerfDiagLogger.etl
16,515,072      ( 15.8 MB)    C:\windows\system32\config\SYSTEM

C:\>

```

To list the top folders on the disk for a given location in decreasing order of size, use the following command:

`diskusage PATH/TO/LOCATION /h /t=NUMBER`

To investigate a location, replace "PATH/TO/LOCATION" with its address, and change "NUMBER" to the number of folders you wish to view in the command.

The top ten directories in the system32 folder, for instance, may be seen by using the following command:

`diskusage C:\windows\system32 /h /t=10`

```

Administrator: Command Prompt
C:\> diskusage C:\windows\system32 /h /t=10
SizeOnDisk      Files      SizePerDir      Directory path
1,755,897,856   ( 1.6 GB)   8,522            756,839,680      (721.0 MB)    C:\windows\system32
204,513,280     (195.0 MB)  200             180,830,208     (172.5 MB)    C:\windows\system32\config
139,800,576     (133.3 MB)  106             95,940,608      ( 91.5 MB)    C:\windows\system32\wbem
63,971,328      ( 61.0 MB)  181             63,971,328      ( 61.0 MB)    C:\windows\system32\winevt\logs
48,250,880      ( 46.0 MB)   2              48,250,880      ( 46.0 MB)    C:\windows\system32\catroot2\F750E6C3-3BEE-11
D1-85E5-00C04FC295EE
43,102,208      ( 41.1 MB)   5              43,102,208      ( 41.1 MB)    C:\windows\system32\wbem\Repository
41,705,472      ( 39.8 MB)  13              41,705,472      ( 39.8 MB)    C:\windows\system32\DriverStore\FileRepository
\helloface_inf_amd64_c9c4ef3a1442c412\amd64
40,837,120      ( 38.9 MB)   7              40,837,120      ( 38.9 MB)    C:\windows\system32\LogFiles\WMI
34,578,432      ( 33.0 MB)   54             34,578,432      ( 33.0 MB)    C:\windows\system32\spool\drivers\x64\3
31,801,344      ( 30.3 MB)  35             31,801,344      ( 30.3 MB)    C:\windows\system32\DriverStore\FileRepository
\vm3d_inf_amd64_fbb3fb9668d2f328

C:\>

```

You will be able to comprehend how files in a certain region take up space after you have finished the stages. To see a list of every option and its explanation, you may also use the `diskusage /?` command.

A Windows 11 Feature That Frees Up Disk Space

for You Automatically

Use this Windows 11 application to manage your online storage, delete temporary files, and automatically clear up space.

A computer with little to no useable disk space is something you never want. Your computer will suffer from a full hard drive; it will undoubtedly slow down, and your programs will crash and freeze more often.

Even while cleaning up your disk is an obvious answer, choosing which things to remove might be challenging. Thankfully, Windows 11 makes it easy to delete things that you no longer need and free up disk space on your computer.

Rather than relying on third-party apps to clear off disk space, Windows 11 has many options that let you quickly remove system and temporary files as well as older downloads that you most likely don't need.

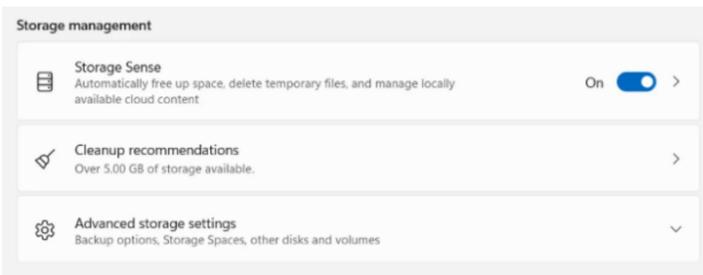
If you're concerned about deleting critical files, don't be; Windows 11 will assist you in determining which files to delete in order to optimize your PC's efficiency.

How to Free Up Storage Space Automatically on Windows 11

On your Windows 11 PC, go to Settings > System > Storage. If this is your first visit to this option, wait a few seconds as your computer scans your data storage. You will be able to view your total RAM free at the top of the page after Windows has collected the necessary data. Your storage is broken down into categories below: programs and features,

temporary files, and others. Selecting Show additional categories will also provide you with a more thorough examination.

Our focus is on the Storage Sense feature, which automatically increases your computer's storage space when it becomes low. It does this automatically in the background by deleting temporary files, clearing your Recycle Bin, and getting rid of outdated downloads.



To activate Storage Sense, just flip it on here. To set up a lot of features, just click the setting:

Put Storage Sense into Practice: Use Storage Sense on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, or whenever your disk space is low (by default).

Remove files that have been in my recycle bin for longer than: Select from one day, fourteen days, thirty days (the default), or sixty days.

Configure cleanup schedules

Run Storage Sense

During low free disk space (default) ▾

Delete files in my recycle bin if they have been there for over:

30 days (default) ▾

Delete files in my Downloads folder if they haven't been opened for more than:

Never (default) ▾

Run Storage Sense now

Select from the following options if a file in my Downloads folder hasn't been accessed in more than: Never (the default), One Day, Four Days, Thirty Days, and Sixty Days.

You may make sure that no important data are deleted from your computer by controlling which files are erased and when they are removed using the Storage Sense settings.

By selecting Run Storage Sense at the bottom of the page, you can start using the function right away.

Use the Cleanup recommendations tool, which is located under Storage Sense, if you need to remove additional files in order to make room. When you click it, an analysis of your system will be performed, and items such as temporary files, large or worthless files, files synchronized with your cloud, and unnecessary apps will be recommended for manual deletion.

DISABLING OR ENABLING CORTANA IN WINDOWS 11

Microsoft's official digital assistant Cortana replaced Apple's Siri and Google Now when it was debuted with Windows 10. Even while the program is very helpful, concerns about user privacy it raises should not be disregarded.

Maybe for that reason, Microsoft opted not to include it in the next Windows 11. Microsoft hasn't completely removed Cortana, either; it's just turned off by default. For others, however, Cortana is too precious to lose. And you should not fear if you fall into such category.

We will cover how to turn on (and off) Cortana on a Windows 11 computer.

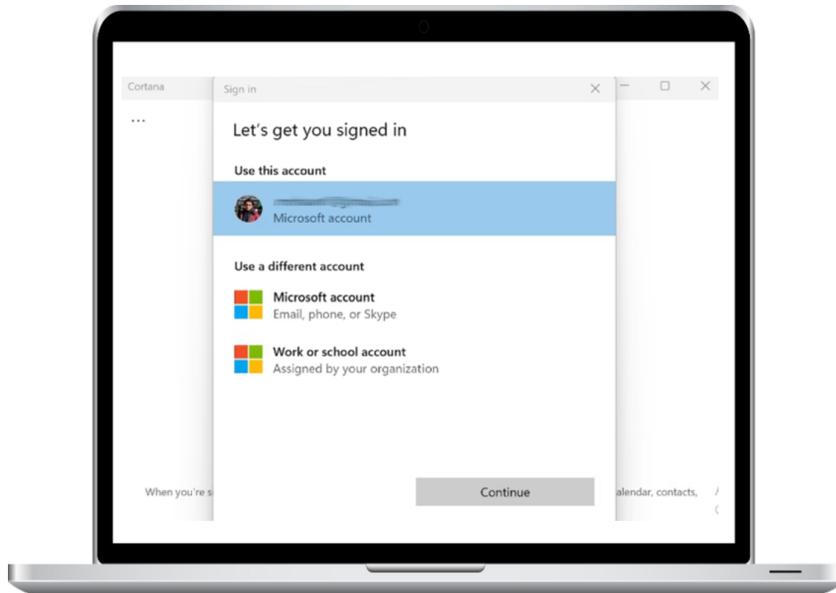
How to Make Cortana Work in Windows 11

To activate Cortana on Windows 11, follow the instructions below if you don't mind voice assistant privacy issues, because trust us, there are many. Remember that Cortana is installed by default as well, so all you have to do is turn it on.

1. Enabling Cortana from the Start Menu Search Bar

On Windows 11, you may activate Cortana right away simply typing her name into the search bar on the start menu. Here's how to make it happen:

To use Cortana, type her into the Start menu search field and then choose Best match.



When the Cortana app opens, choose Sign in, then log in using your Microsoft account.

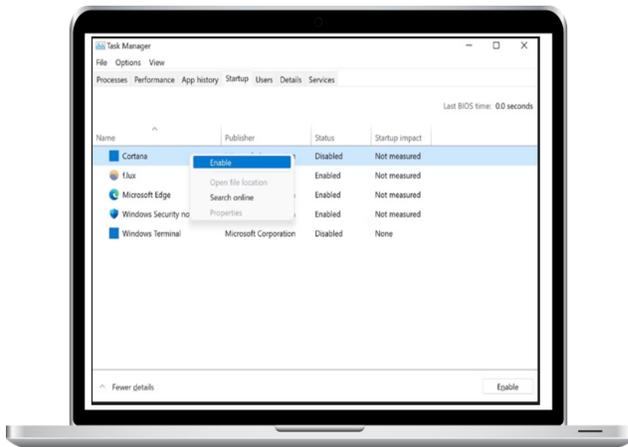
To complete, click the Accept and Proceed button.

You will be signed into your Cortana account if you do this. After that, the app will be opened.

2. Enabling Cortana Using the Task Manager

Let's say the app doesn't start for whatever reason using the previous technique. If so, you may use the Task Manager to do something along those lines. A tool called Task Manager is meant to keep an eye on the applications and processes that are active on your Windows computer. Applications may also be managed or terminated with its help.

Therefore, turning on Cortana in Windows 11 will be advantageous. To begin, do the actions listed below:



Ctrl + Shift + Del will choose Task Manager. Or, press and hold CTRL, Shift, and ESC.

Next, click on the Startup tab.

Right-click on Cortana to bring up the list of choices.

Then, choose Enable from the menu.

How to Turn Off Cortana in Windows 11

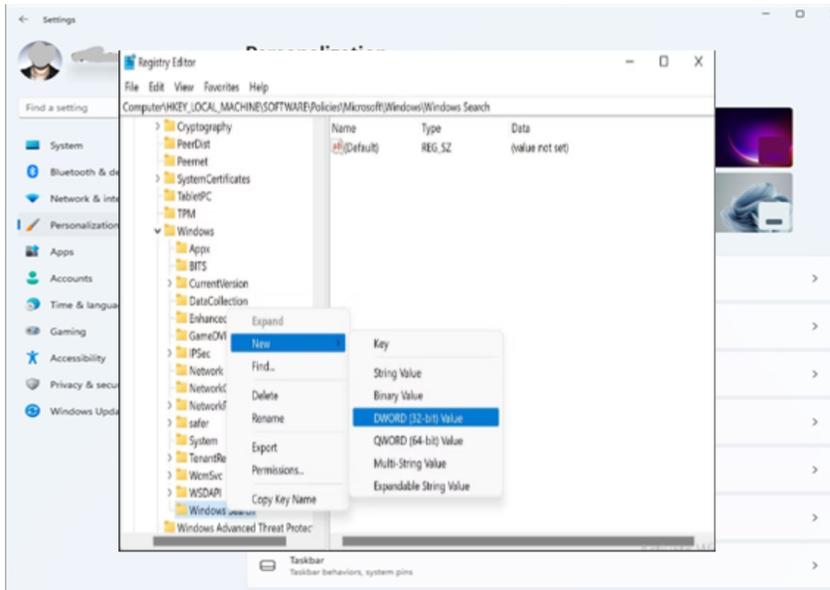
If you've had enough, you can simply deactivate Cortana by using the same procedures you used to install it, along with a few other useful tricks we'll discuss below. Let's look at each one separately.

1. Disable Cortana Using the Windows Registry

The Windows Registry is a hierarchical database that the operating system periodically checks for system-critical files. The Registry will ultimately need to be accessed by the kernel, user interfaces, and device drivers.

The Windows Registry is your best option if you want to permanently deactivate Cortana. We presume you have previously backed up all of your Windows data before

navigating the Registry. Do not misunderstand: modifying Registry settings carries some risk.



Once you've created a computer backup, here's how to proceed:

Hit Win + R to open the Run dialog box.

Enter "regedit" there and hit Enter.

Enter the following in the address bar of the Windows Registry when it opens:

Microsoft\Windows\Software\Policies\HKEY LOCAL MACHINE

Choose New > Key when you do a right-click on the Windows folder.

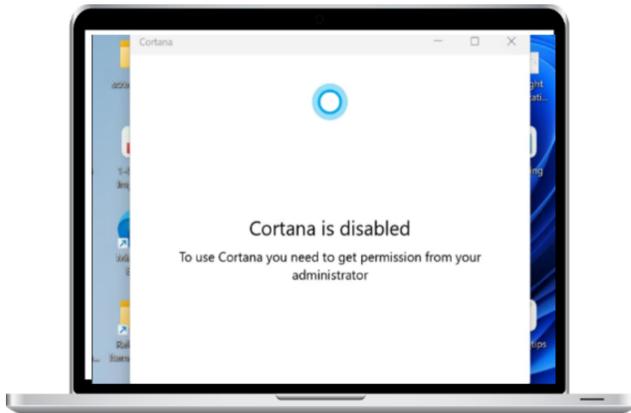
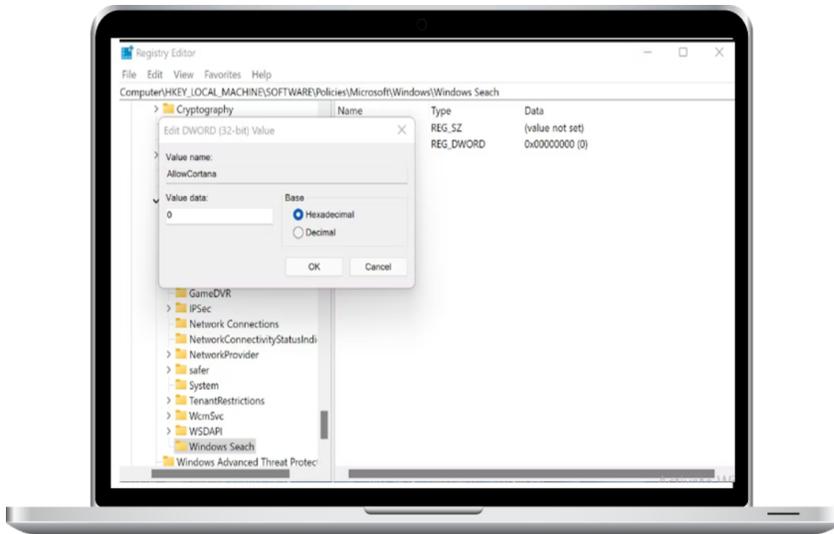
The newly created key is called "Windows Search."

Right-click on Windows Search and choose New > DWORD (32-bit).

Rename AllowCortana after creating it.

Start AllowCortana and set Value to 0. Select OK. Restart your computer to finalize changes. This disables Cortana permanently on your machine.

If you try to open Cortana again from your computer, this is



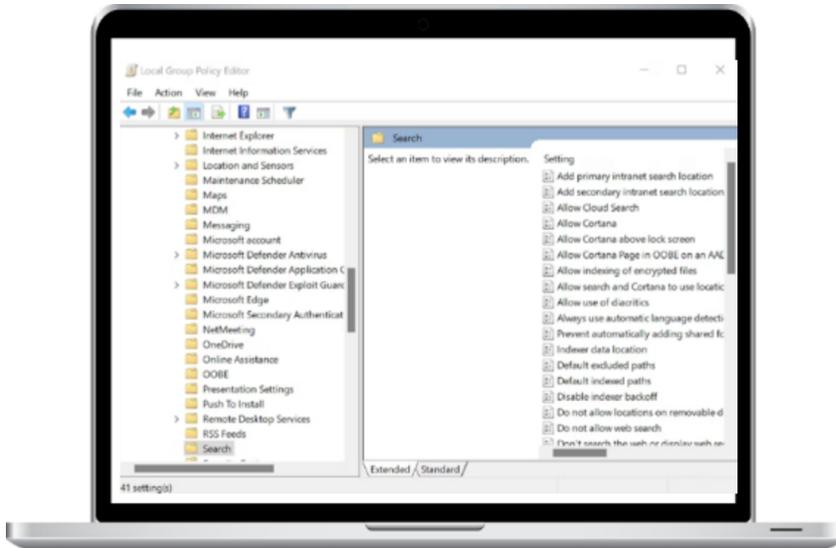
what you'll see.

But what if you want to bring Cortana back to life? Not to worry. To allowCortana again, all you need to do is set the Allow Cortana file's Value data back to 1.

2. Using the Group Policy Editor in Disable Cortana

Important Windows settings called Group Policy Settings may be customized using a Windows administration application called Group Policy Editor. One component of

Windows that allows you to manage how user and machine accounts are utilized to operate Windows is called Group Policy.



You may use Policy Editor to turn off the Cortana application. To get started, adhere to the guidelines below:

Hit Win + R to open the Run dialog box.

In the Run dialog box, type 'gpedit.msc' and hit Enter.

Choose Windows Components > Administrative Templates > Computer Configuration > When the Group Policy Editor opens, do a search.

From the Search folder in the right pane of the dialog box, do the following actions:

The "Allow Cortana" policy file may be found and right-clicked.

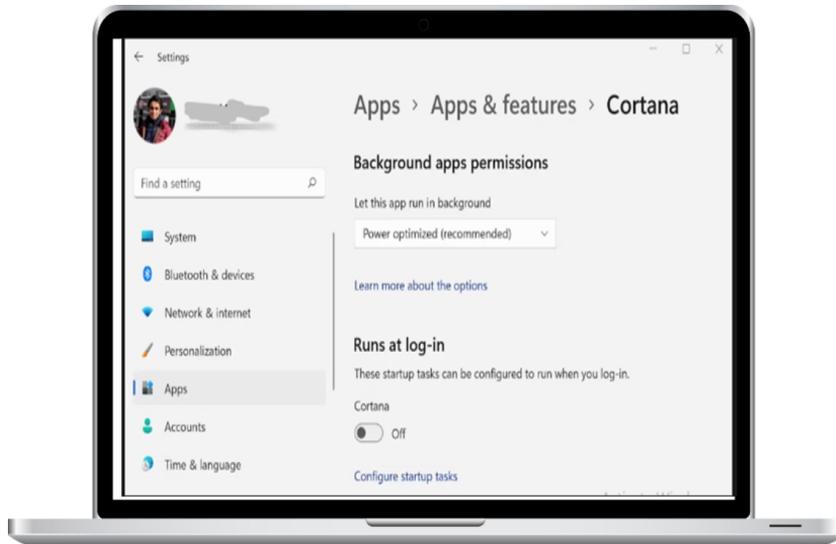
Click Apply after selecting the Disabled radio option.

Windows 11 will come with Cortana deactivated. You may re-enable "Allow Cortana" by simply changing it back to Enabled, which will restore your previous configuration.

3. How to Turn Off Cortana in Windows Settings

In Windows 11, you may now choose to deactivate Cortana via the Settings menu. Start by adhering to the guidelines listed below:

Type "settings" into the Start menu search field, then choose "Best match." As an alternative, you may open the Settings menu by simultaneously pressing Windows Key and I.



Go to Apps > Apps & Features.

The Cortana app will show up when you put "cortana" into the app list search area. Right-click on the Cortana selections (three aligned dots) to choose Advanced options.

Locate and disable the toggle button next to the Runs at log-in option.

Your copy of Windows 11 will have Cortana successfully deactivated if you follow all of the following instructions.

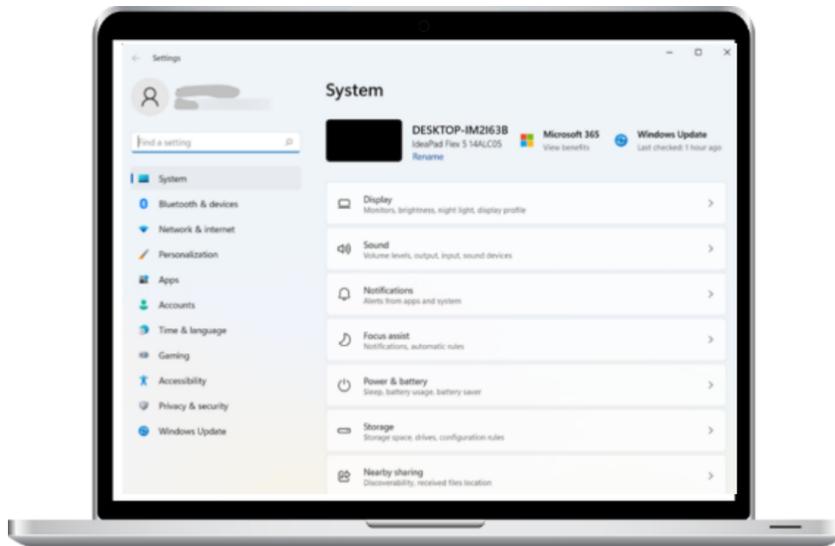
Turning on and Off Cortana on Windows 11

That's all it takes, folks. Now that you are aware of every secure method, you may modify your Cortana settings on Windows 11.

DIFFERENT WAYS TO OPEN SETTINGS IN WINDOWS 11

To change the appearance and functionality of your operating system, use the Windows 11 Settings application. Though many of Windows 11's methods for accessing Settings are similar to those in Windows 10, the app is substantially different from Windows 10 with a more appealing layout and a better overview of the available choices and menus. Continue reading to learn about the eighteen various ways you may access Settings in Windows 11.

First and foremost: Concerning the Windows 11 Settings



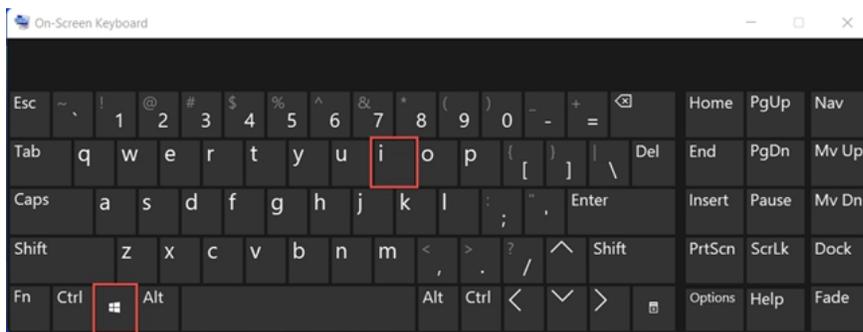
In comparison to Windows 10, Microsoft significantly improved the organization and usability of Settings in Windows 11. The Windows 11 Settings app is simpler, more attractive, and much more helpful. There's always a navigation pane showing on the left, in place of the dashboard. This makes it simpler to find the options you need by giving you faster access to the categories that are accessible. Moreover, any important information can be quickly seen at the top of the right pane, which also has

sections that can be folded to help you navigate the Windows 11 Settings.

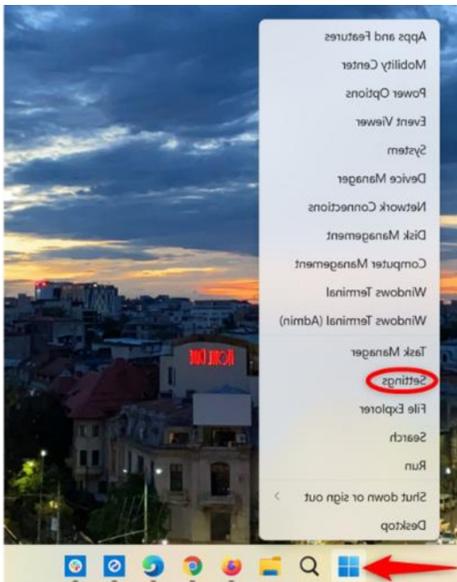
Learn about keyboard shortcuts and all the other methods to access Settings in Windows 11 by reading on.

1. How to Use a Keyboard Shortcut to Access Windows 11 Settings

If you like using keyboard shortcuts, pressing Windows + I is the fastest way to open the Settings app on Windows 11.

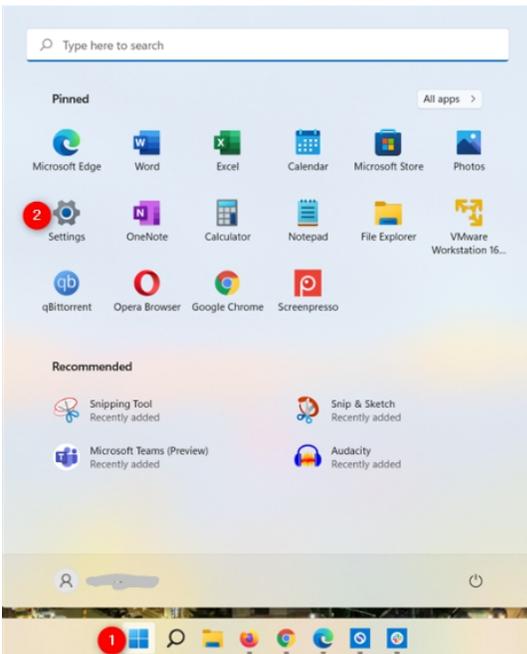


The Settings app appears immediately.



2. Using the WinX menu, enter Settings in Windows 11.

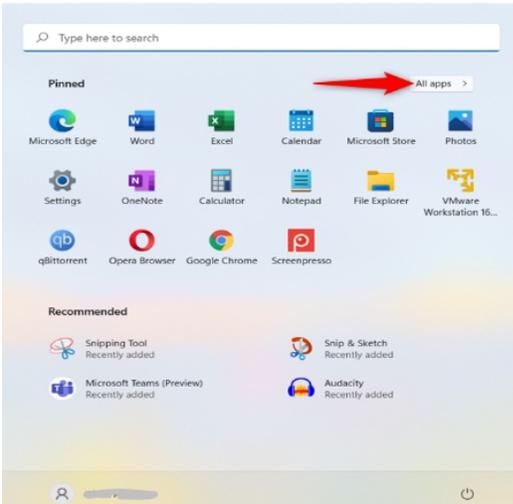
Press the Windows key + X keyboard shortcut to open the WinX menu. Alternatively, you may press and hold the Start button or use a right-click. Next, hit the N key on your keyboard, select Settings, or touch Settings.



3. How to use the Start Menu shortcut to reach the Windows 11 Settings

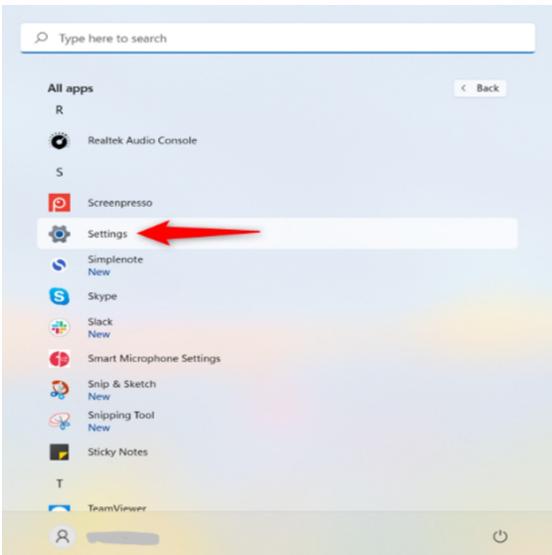
Windows 11's Start Menu has also been altered, albeit the Settings app is still accessible from it. Use the Windows key to get started, or click or press the Start button. The Start Menu has the Windows 11 Settings shortcut pinned by default. Press or swipe the recognizable gear symbol.

If you are unable to locate the shortcut, don't panic! There are other ways to open Settings from the Start Menu than this one. You may restore this shortcut by following the instructions in the chapter on pinning the Settings app to the taskbar.

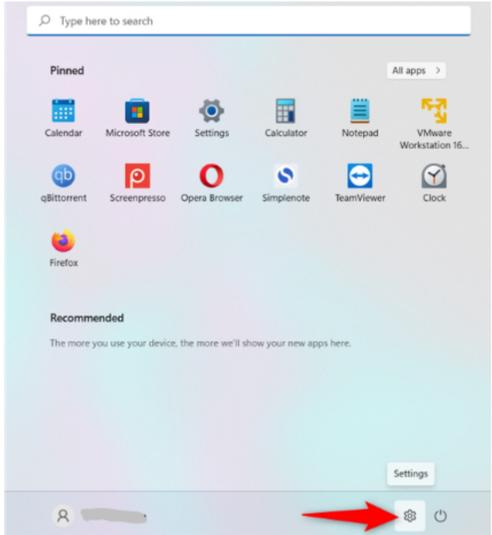


4. How to Access Settings from the Start Menu in Windows 11 List of all apps

Start by launching the Start Menu, as mentioned in the previous chapter. Next, click or tap All applications in the upper-right corner.

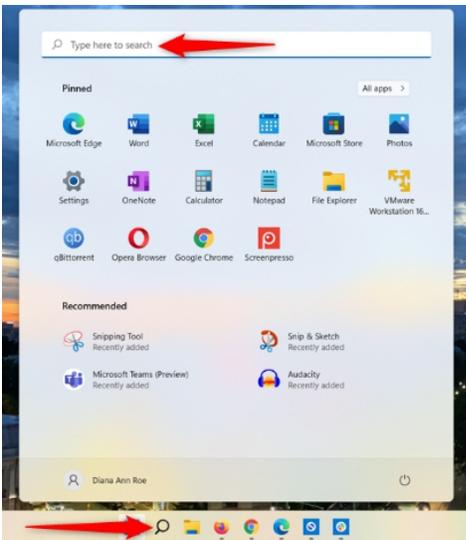


When you get to the letter S in the list of installed apps, scroll down. Select or click Settings after that.



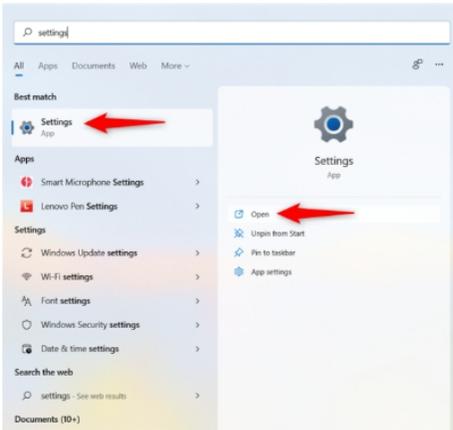
5. How to enable and use the Windows 11 Start Menu Settings folder shortcut

In Windows 11, you may set the Start Menu to show a Settings shortcut next to the power button. Click or touch the app to open it.

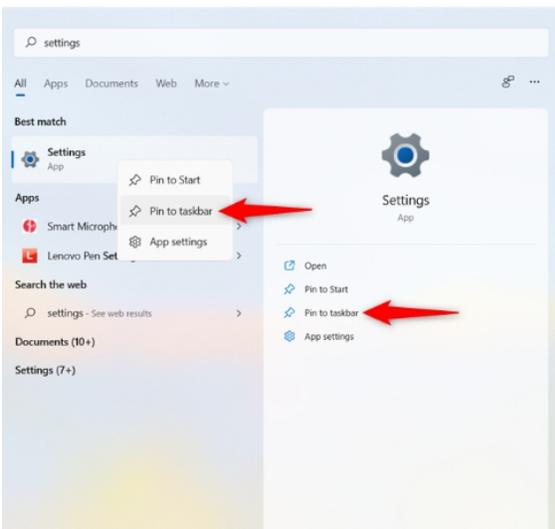


6. How to Use Search to Access Windows 11 Settings

on Windows 11, you may use the keyboard shortcut Windows + S or click or touch the magnifying glass icon on the taskbar to access the search. Additionally, you may start typing in the "Type here to search" area at the top of the Start Menu by clicking or tapping it.

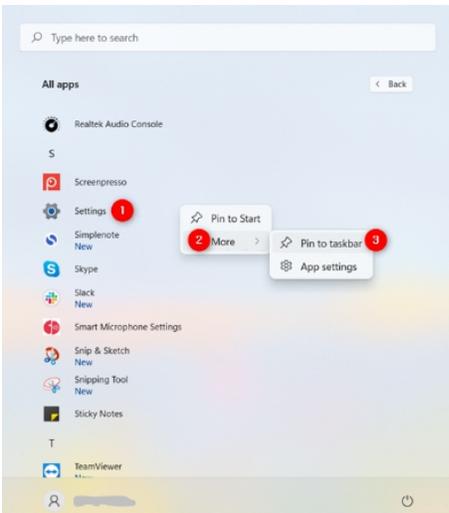


Enter settings in the search window, using whichever method you choose. Next, choose the app name in the left column by clicking or tapping on it, or click Open in the right pane..

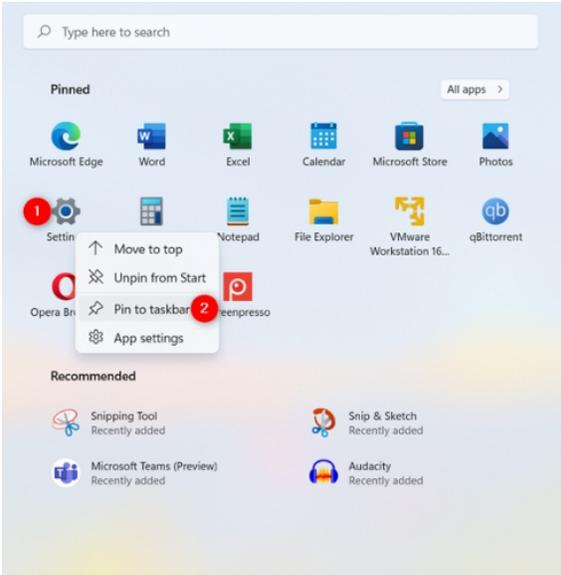


7. How to Pin the Settings App to the Taskbar in Windows 11

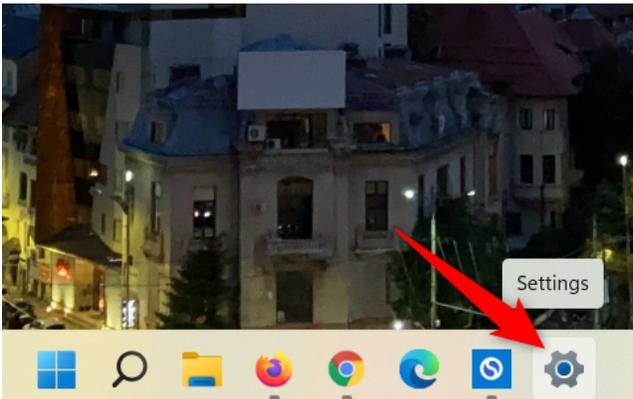
Until everything in your new operating system is precisely the way you want it, you may find yourself using the Windows 11 Settings menu a lot at first. Therefore, it could be a good idea to pin the application to the Windows 11 taskbar. To locate the program, follow the instructions in the previous chapter. Then, utilize the right pane to "Pin to taskbar." By right-clicking or by pressing and holding on the relevant search result, you may also access the same choices.



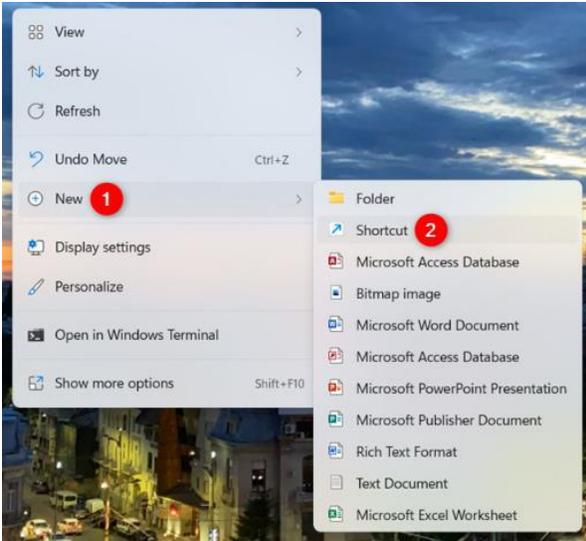
We go over how to press and hold or right-click on Settings from the list of all applications in a previous chapter of this book. Next, choose More, and then click or tap "Pin to taskbar."



Furthermore, you may open a contextual menu by right-clicking or pushing and holding on the Settings app if it is pinned to the Start Menu. Afterwards, choose "Pin to taskbar."

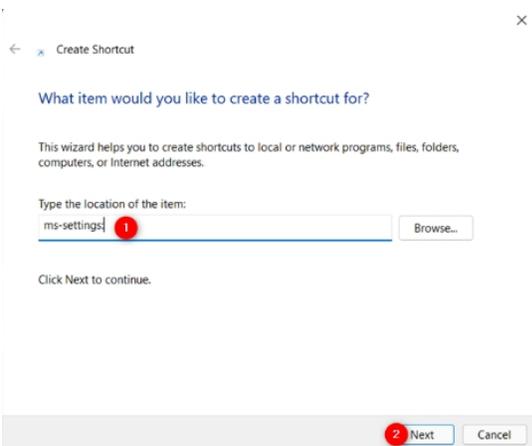


At any time, you may access the Settings menu by using the taskbar shortcut.

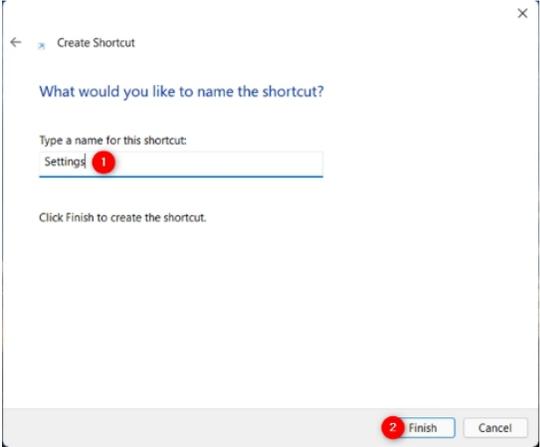


8. How to Make a Desktop Settings Shortcut

You may quickly make a desktop shortcut to the Settings app if you'd like. Right-click or press and hold on a blank space on your desktop to bring up the right-click menu. After choosing New, click or touch Shortcut.



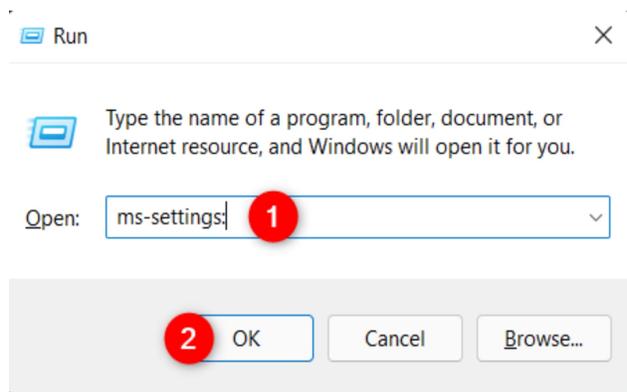
When prompted to create a shortcut, enter ms-settings: as the item's location. Next, you may touch or click.



After naming your new shortcut, click or tap Finish.



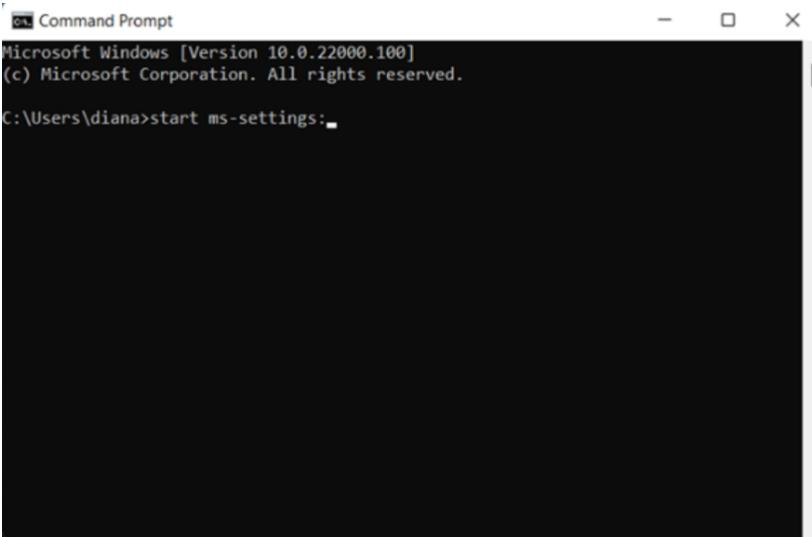
You may now use the recently established desktop shortcut to visit the Windows 11 Settings.



9. How to Access Settings in Windows 11 Run

Using the Run window is an additional method to open the Windows 11 Settings application. To insert `ms-settings:` into

the window, use the keyboard shortcut Windows + R. Next, click/tap OK or hit Enter on your keyboard.



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Command Prompt
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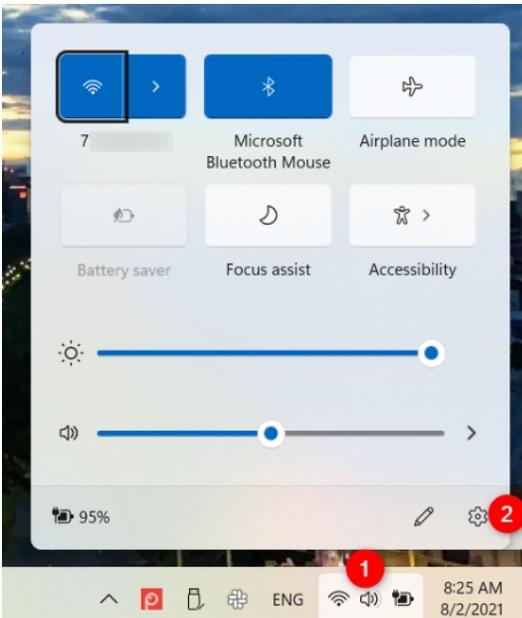
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10. How to open

Settings in Windows 11 from PowerShell, CMD, or Windows Terminal

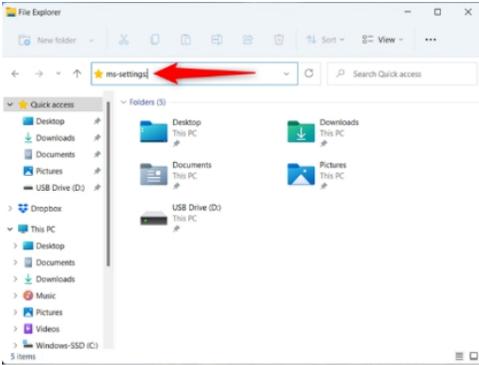
You'll be happy to hear that PowerShell, Command Prompt, or Windows Terminal may all be used to access Settings in Windows 11, should you be partial to command-line environments. Open `ms-settings:` and, regardless of the app, CLICK on Enter on your keyboard.

Windows 11 opens the Settings app when you hit the Enter key.



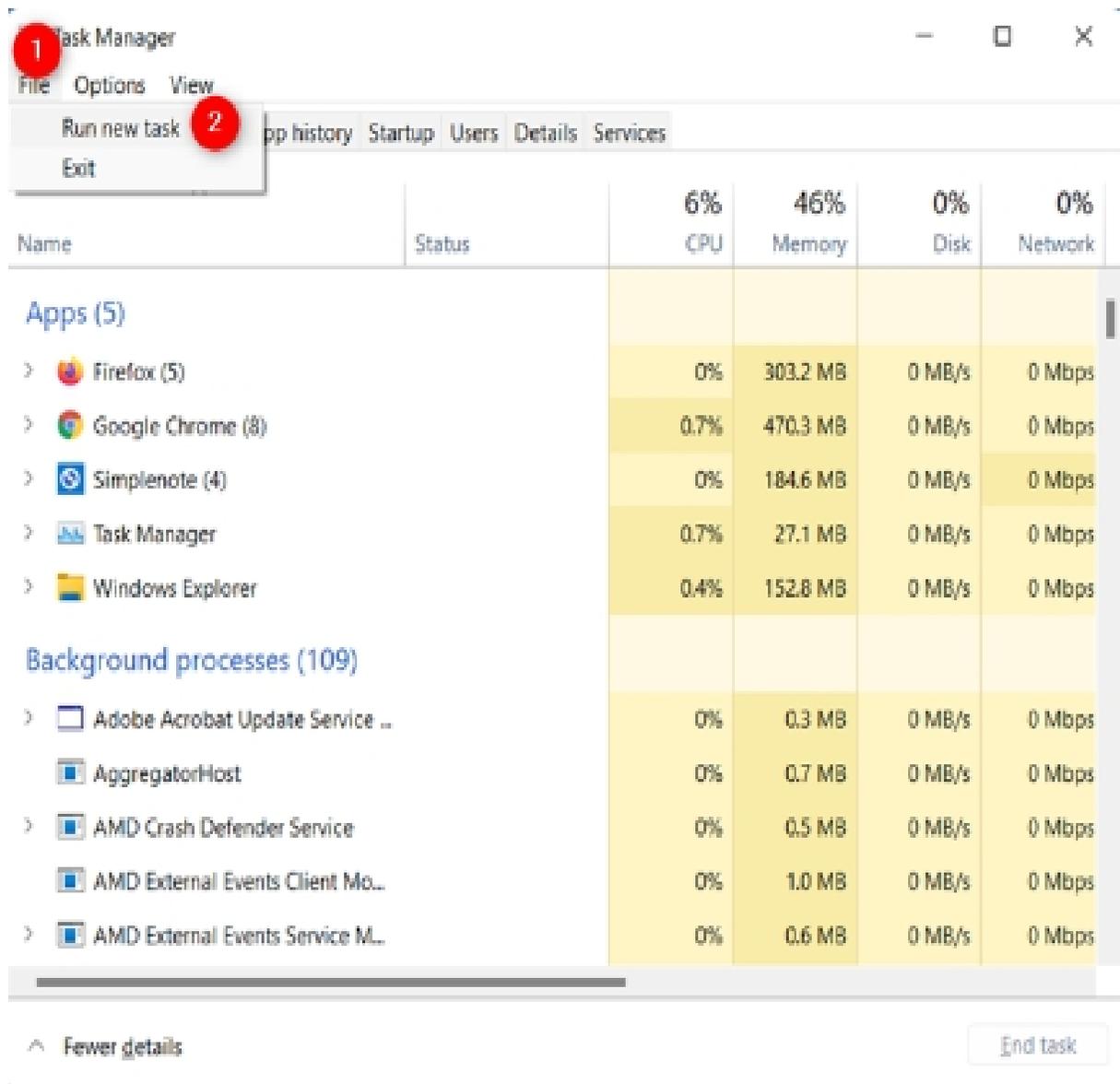
11. How to Use the Quick Settings Flyout to Access Windows 11 Settings

To reach the Quick settings (located in the lower-right corner of the screen) in Windows 11, use the keyboard shortcut Windows + A or click/tap on the network, volume, or battery icons in the system tray. Next, choose the gear icon located in the Quick Settings flyout's lower-right corner by clicking or tapping on it.



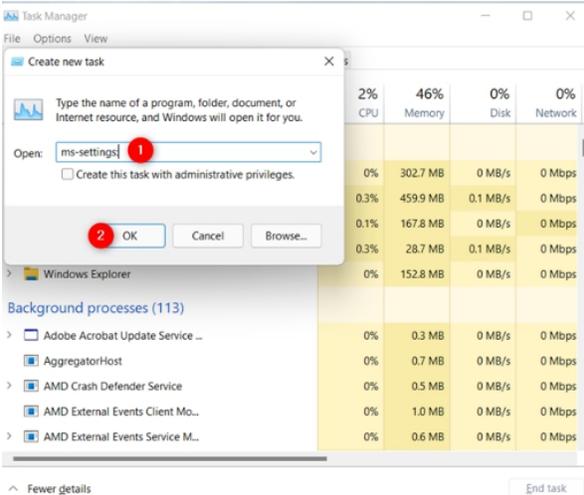
12. How to Open Settings from File Explorer in Windows 11

Additionally, File Explorer offers a simple method to open the Windows 11 Settings menu. Launch File Explorer to get started. Next, put `ms-settings:` into the address box and press the Enter key on your keyboard.

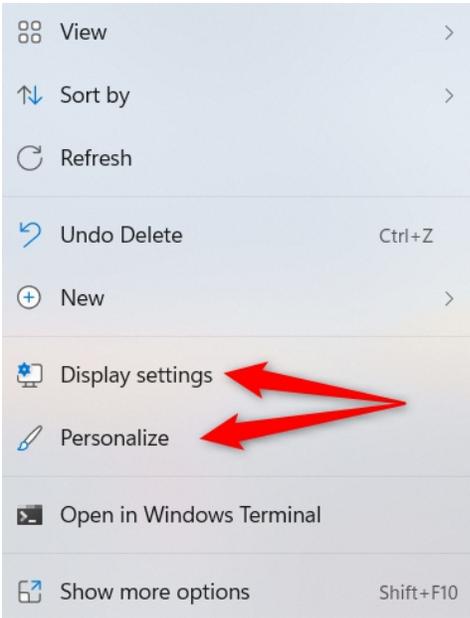


13. How to Open Settings in Windows 11 via File Explorer

You may easily quickly reach the Windows 11 Settings menu using File Explorer. Start by opening File Explorer. Next, put `ms-settings:` in the address box and hit Enter.



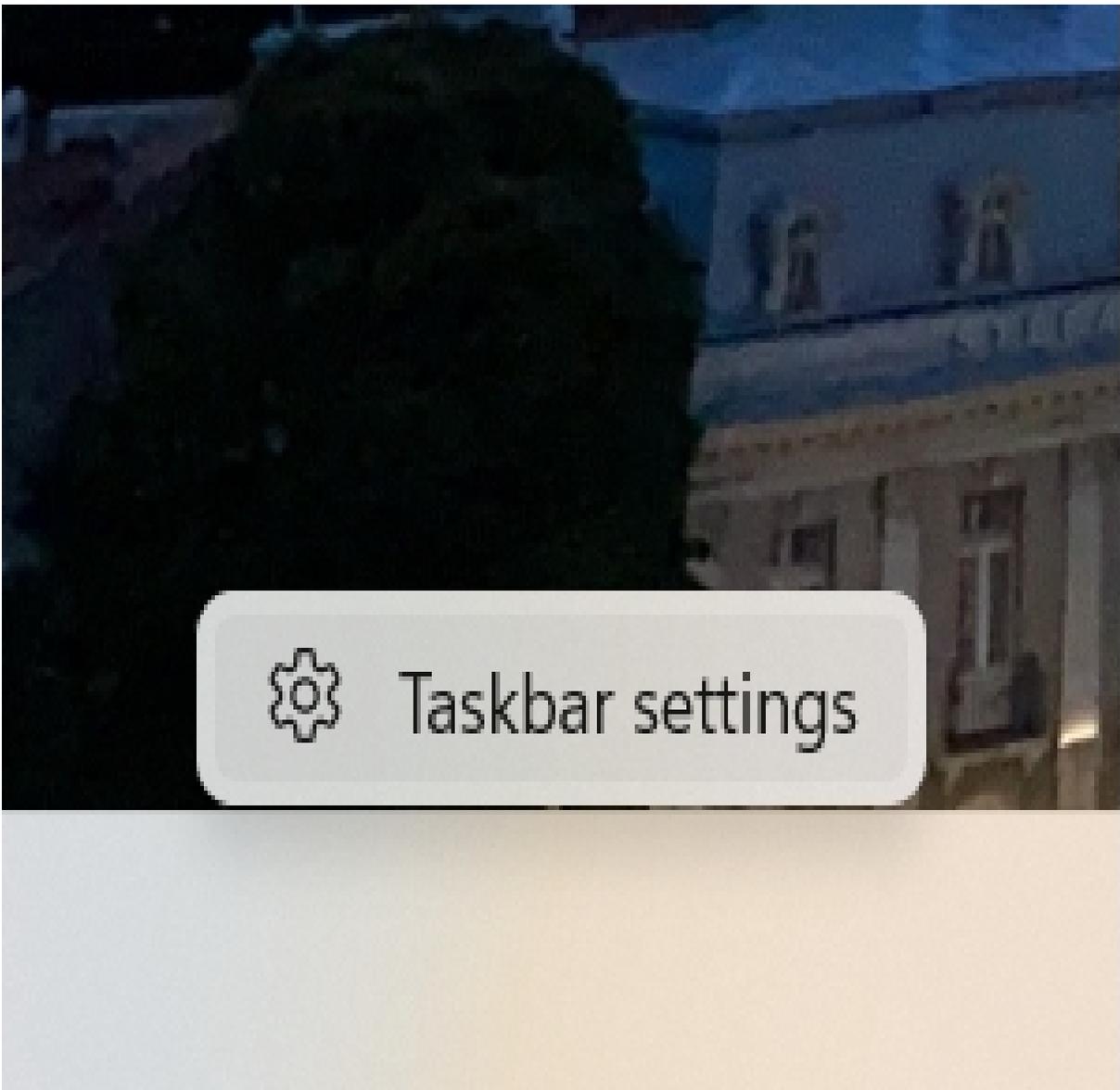
As a result, the "New Task" window appears. Enter ms-settings by pressing the Enter key in the Open box or by clicking/tapping OK.



14. How to open Settings from the desktop's contextual menu in Windows 11

On the desktop, right-clicking or pressing and holding will bring up a contextual menu. Click or tap Display settings or Personalize to access Settings.

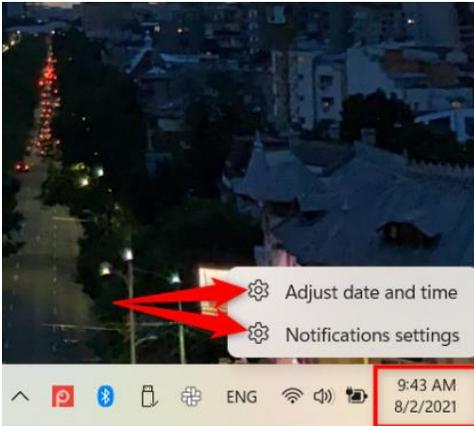
The left pane makes it simple to access the necessary options, even as this begins the application in the area you choose.



15. How to use the contextual menu in the taskbar to access Windows 11 Settings

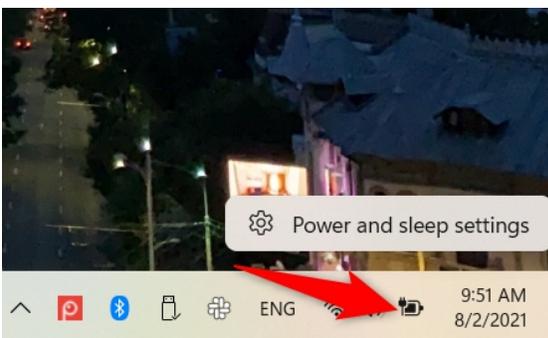
You may still access Settings from the Windows 11 taskbar if the application does not have a unique shortcut pinned to it.

To display a single-item contextual menu, either right-click or press and hold a vacant space on the taskbar. You may click or tap on it. This opens the Windows 11 Settings program. From there, you can use the search box or the left pane to get to the relevant area.

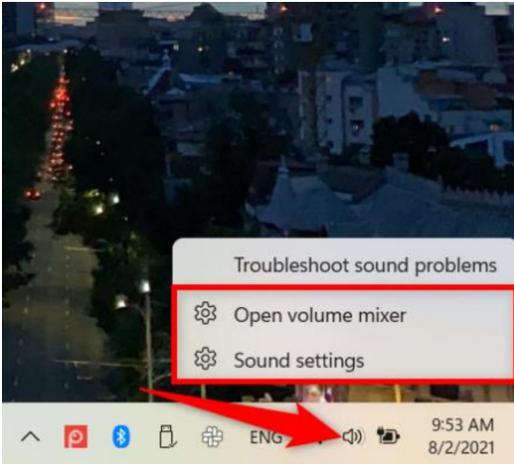


16. Open Settings for Windows 11 using the system tray icons.

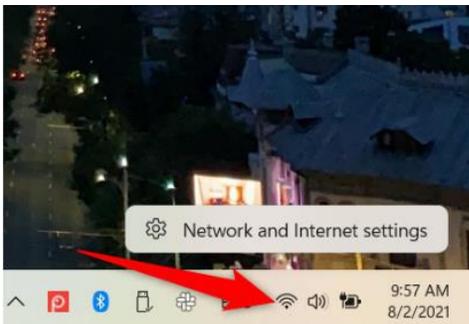
In Windows 11, you may launch Settings from the contextual menus of some system tray icons. Two choices are available when you right-click or hold down the clock in the lower-right corner of the screen: Notifications settings and Adjust date and time. Click or touch on one of these to launch the Windows 11 Settings application.



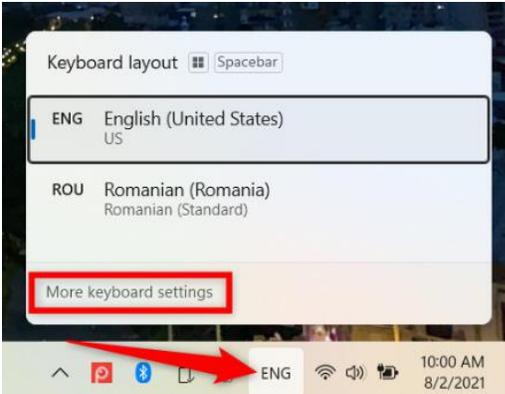
Alternatively, you may press and hold or right-click the battery icon to choose "Power and sleep settings."



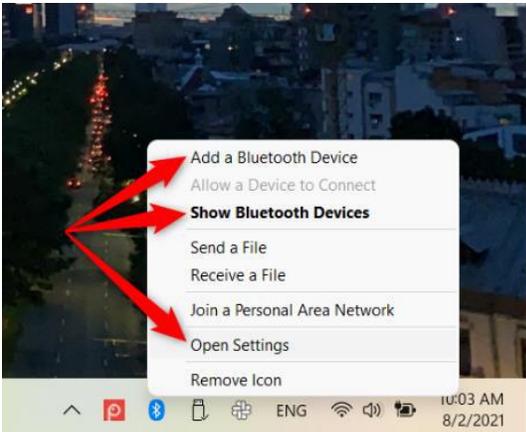
When you right-click or press and hold the speaker icon, two contextual menu choices appear: Sound settings and Open volume mixer. Kindly click or tap one of these.



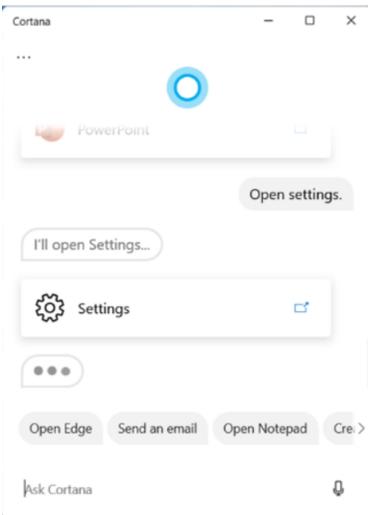
Pressing and holding the network icon or performing a right-click will take you to the "Network and Internet settings" menu. In order to access Windows 11 Settings, click or press on it.



Click or press the icon for the language of the keyboard that is now shown, and then choose "More keyboard options" from the contextual menu.

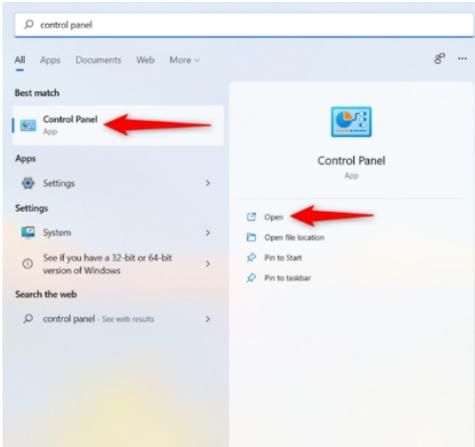


Whether you click, touch, right-click, or press and hold the Bluetooth symbol, you receive the same contextual menu. Click or tap Add a Bluetooth Device, Show Bluetooth Devices, or Open Settings to open the Windows 11 Settings.



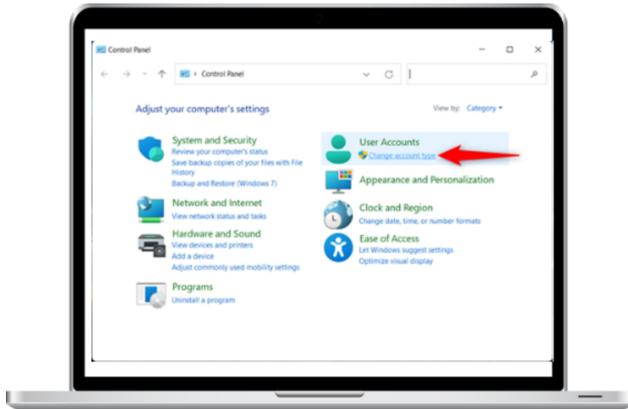
17. Instruct Cortana to launch the Windows 11 Settings app.

If you like using Cortana, you can also ask her to open Settings. Once Cortana has confirmed that she is listening, type or say "Open settings." In response to your order, Cortana displays and says, "I'll open Settings..."

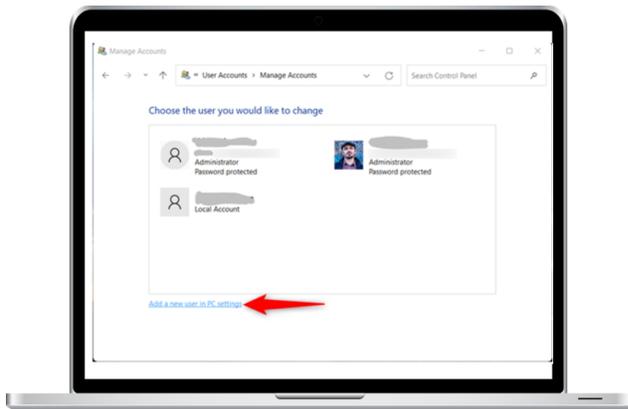


18. How to Access Control Panel Settings

Even though this third option is ineffective unless you spend a lot of time in the Windows 11 Control Panel, we nevertheless included it. Start the Control Panel by going to its location and choosing the relevant option.



Select "Change account type" by clicking or tapping on it in the Control Panel window's User Accounts section.



Next, touch or click the "Add a new user in PC settings" option toward the bottom.

In Windows 11, you can also access the Settings app from the Control Panel by clicking on additional links such as these:

Add a new user in the PC settings by going to User Accounts
-> Remove User Accounts.

Change my account settings in PC Accounts -> Accounts ->
Manage another account -> User Accounts -> User Accounts
-> Make a new user in the computer's settings.

System and Security -> Security and Maintenance ->
Recuperation -> Try restoring your computer by clicking on
Settings if it's performing strangely.

System Taskbar and Navigation > Appearance and
Personalization -> Security and System

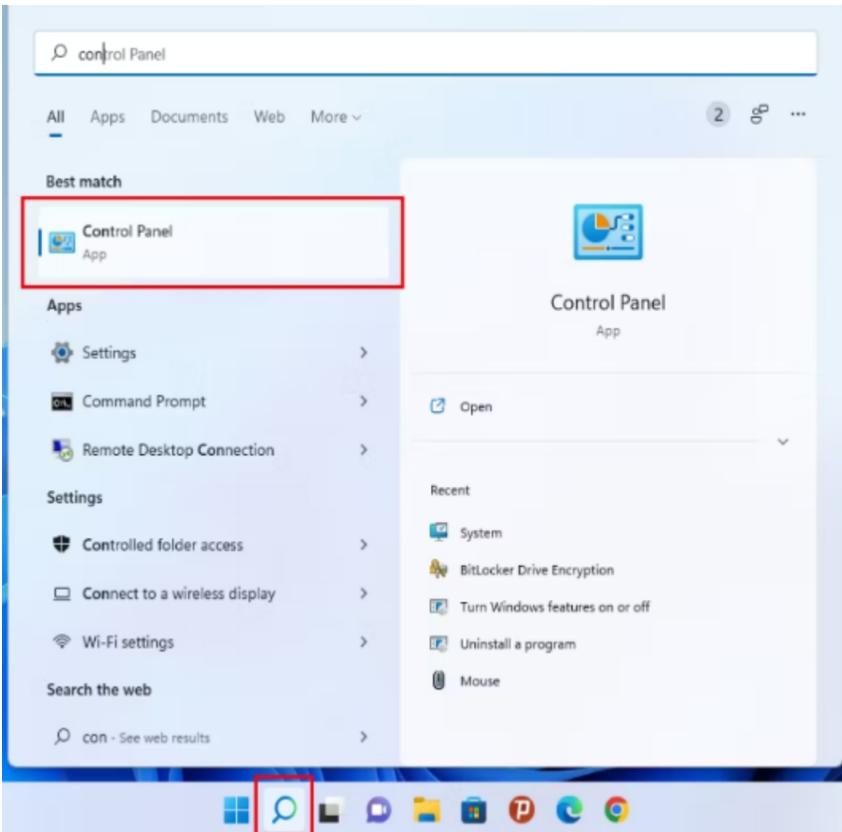
Switch on or off Extreme contrast in the Personalization and
Appearance (under the Ease of Access Center)

CONTROL PANEL IN WINDOWS 11

Microsoft is moving its emphasis away from Control Panel, which might mean its extinction is imminent. With its better navigation, usability, and setup, the recently revamped Settings menu has rendered the feature almost redundant.

But the change comes at an excruciatingly slow pace. Even though Windows 11 makes it harder to locate the Control Panel, it still has several helpful functions. If you're an ardent user of the program, here's how to access Windows 11's Control Panel.

1: Using the Search Feature in Windows 11 to Access the Control Panel



One of Windows' most helpful features is without a doubt Windows Search, which also happens to be the easiest method to open the Control Panel.

Just take these easy steps to access the Control Panel:

Click the magnifying glass icon on the taskbar.

Now put Control Panel into the search field.

It displays the Control Panel app under Best match.

To access the Control Panel, click it.

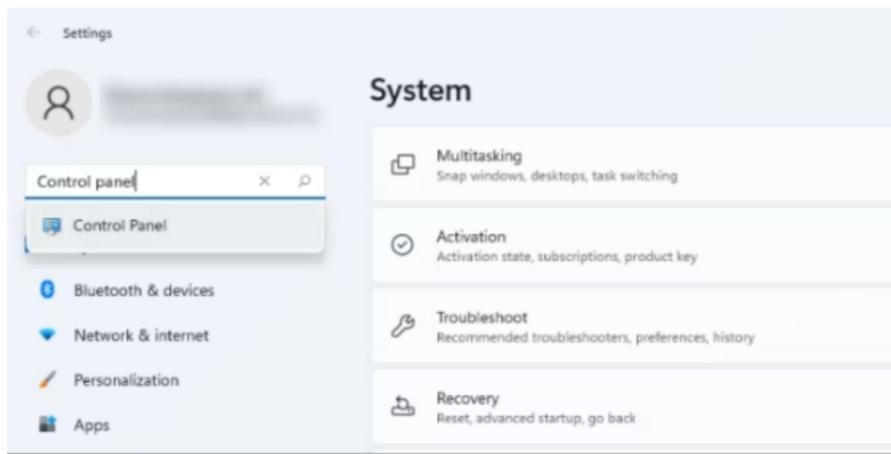
It is worth noting that Microsoft has taken further steps to facilitate consumers' transition to the new choice, since the Settings app now appears within the Control Panel right away.

2. Using Settings to Access the Control Panel in Windows 11

Whether it is for system settings access or customization of the Windows experience, users have grown to rely on the brand-new Settings app in Windows 11.

It is, after all, easier to access and start modifying since it replicates Control Panel functions and is shown more conspicuously.

However, we won't criticize Control Panel if you enjoy it. Just take these easy steps to open the Control Panel via Settings:



Click the taskbar's leftmost Start menu icon to get started. You may also use the keyboard shortcut Win + I.

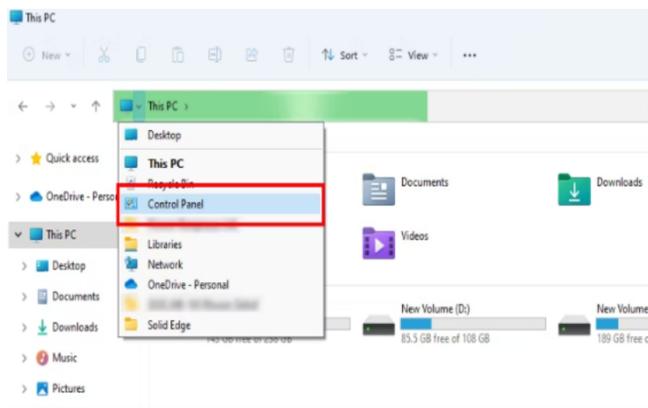
Look for the Settings app and open it.

Enter Control Panel into the settings search area.

Press the Control Panel widget once it appears in the list below.

3. Using the File Explorer Address Bar to Access the Control Panel in Windows 11

The majority of people are not aware that they may utilize the File Explorer address bar to access the Control Panel. This simple technique is useful if you use File Explorer a lot.

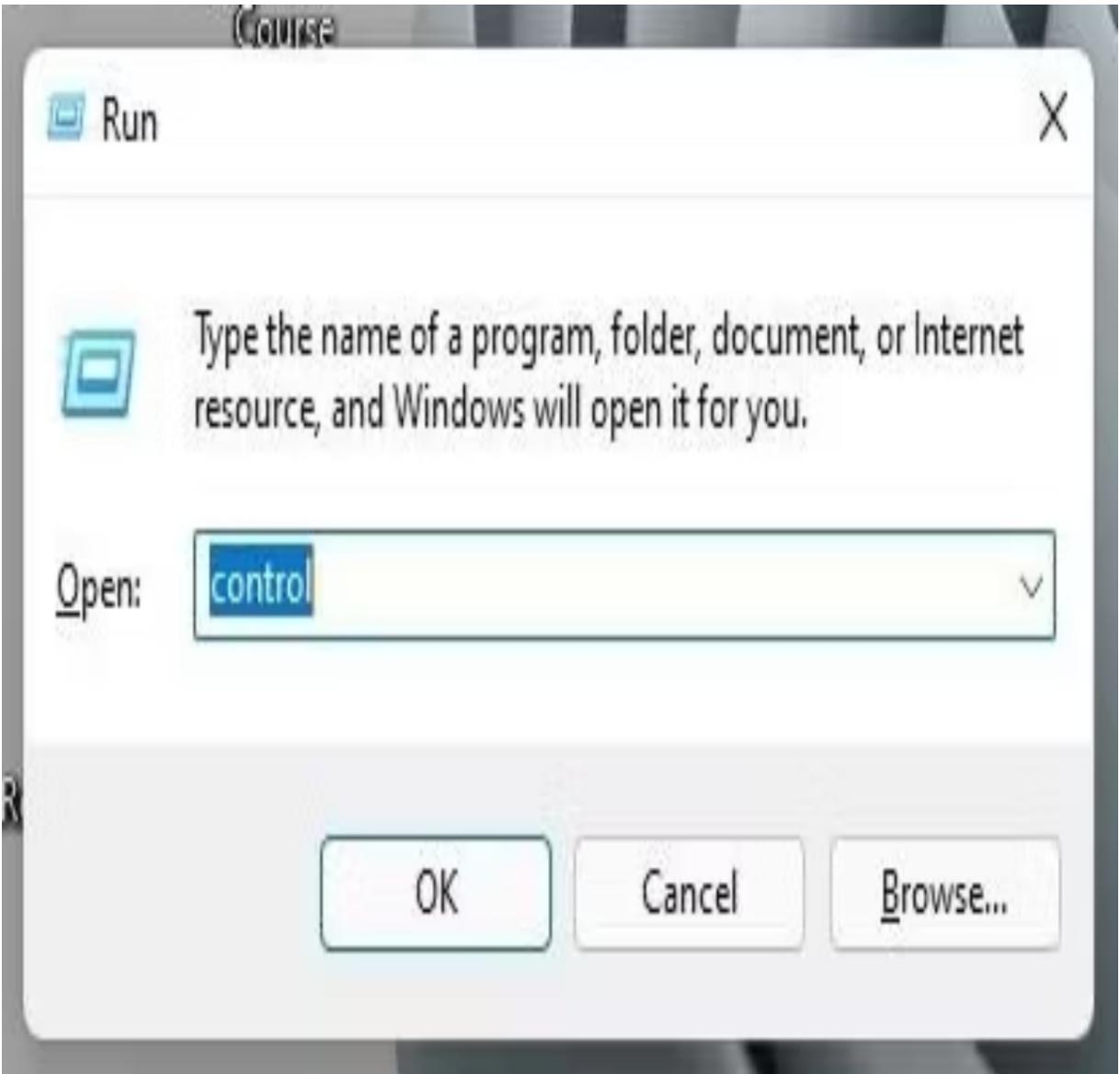


You may access Control Panel from the File Explorer in three easy steps:

By right-clicking the Start menu icon, choose File Explorer. You may also use the shortcut Win + E.

Click the furthest left caret button in the address bar.

Select the Control Panel option from the drop-down menu.



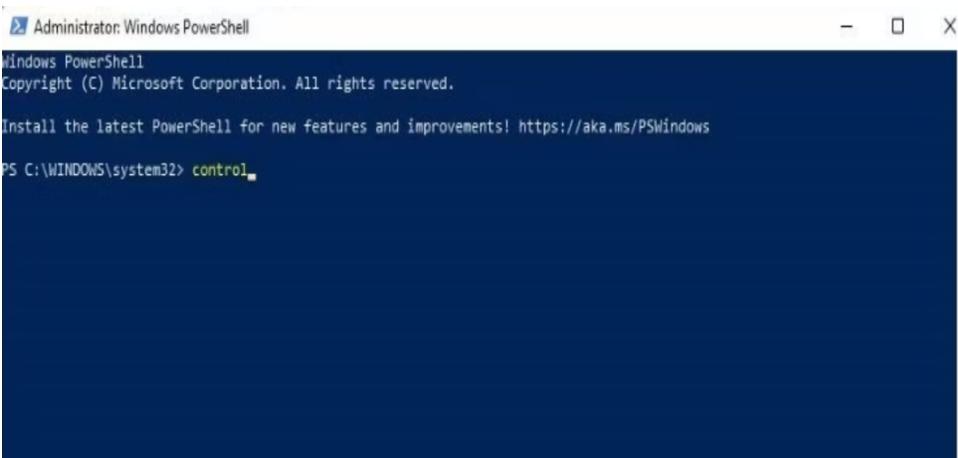
4. Using the Run Menu to Access the Control Panel in Windows 11

You can start any app quickly using the Run menu. It may be used to go to the Control Panel as well.

To get started, do these actions:

Tap Win + R to bring up the Run menu.
Insert control into the search box.
Press OK.

5. Accessing the Control Panel From the PowerShell in Windows 11

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell terminal window titled "Administrator: Windows PowerShell". The terminal shows the following text: "Windows PowerShell", "Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.", "Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows", and "PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> control_". The cursor is positioned at the end of the command.

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There is also a less common approach to access the Control Panel by using a Command Prompt. If you like to run PowerShell commands or are a programmer, this is perfect for you.

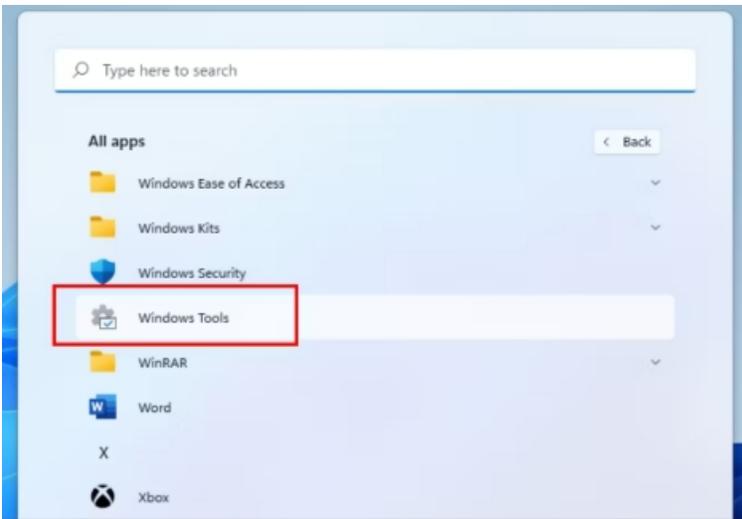
These easy steps will show you how to utilize PowerShell to access the Control Panel.

In Windows Search, type PowerShell into the search area.

Type control next to the prompt in the PowerShell window.

Press Enter to open Control Panel.

6. Using the Start Menu Windows Tools to Access the Control Panel in Windows 11



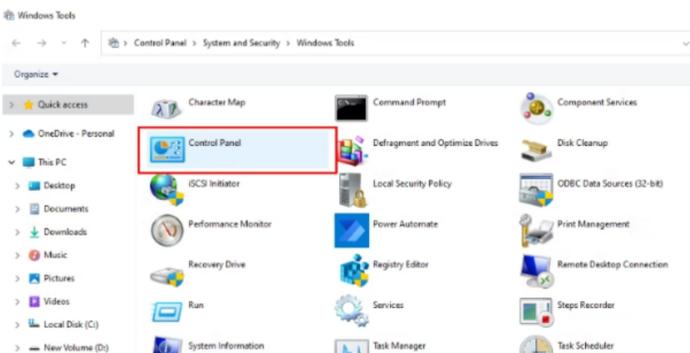
All advanced user and system administrator tools from Microsoft have been combined into a single folder called Windows Tools. It allows users to access Control Panel and other system utilities from Windows utilities.

To use Windows Tools to access the Control Panel:

Get the Start menu open.

Click on All applications in the upper-right corner.

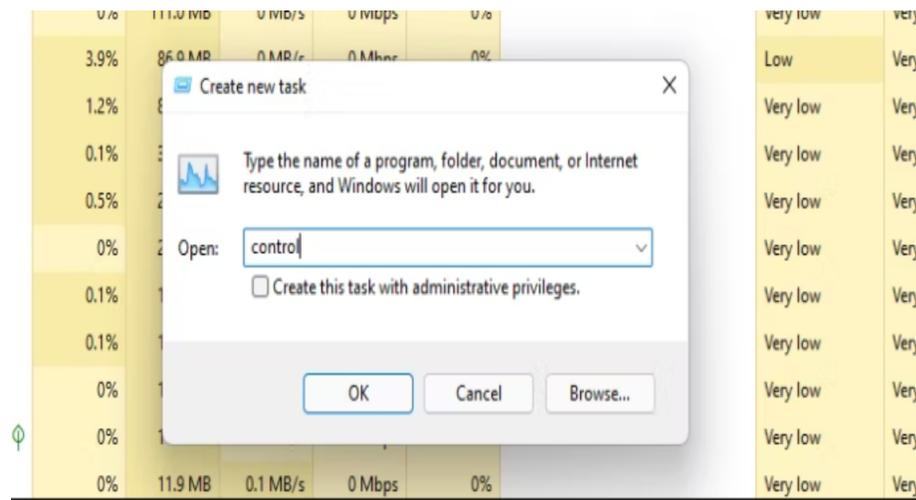
From the list of apps that displays, choose Windows Tools.



To access the Control Panel, double-click on it within the Windows Tools folder.

7. Accessing the Control Panel Using Task Manager in Windows 11

Here's how to access this powerful feature in Windows 11 if that's your preference.:



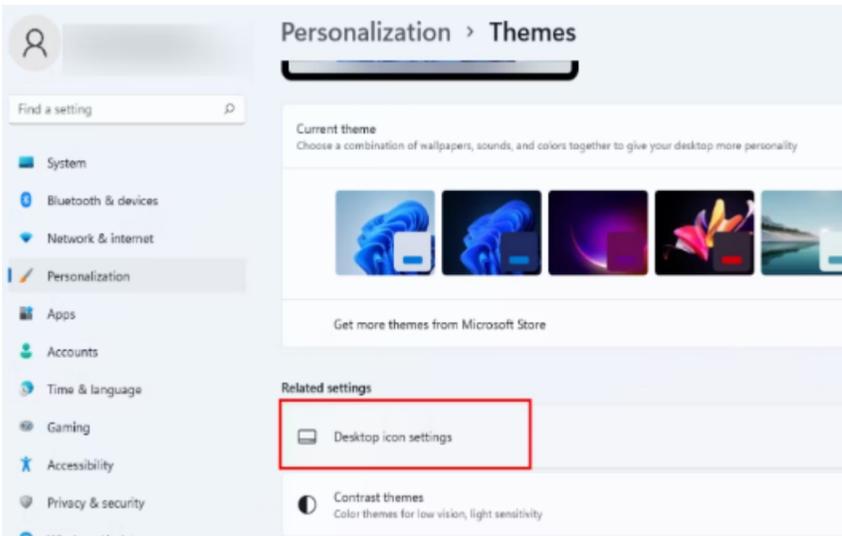
Use the keyboard shortcut Ctrl + Shift + ESC to open Task Manager. As an alternative, you may choose Task Manager from the menu that displays by pressing Ctrl + Alt + Delete.

Tap on More information to see the Processes tab in magnified view.

Select "Create new task" from the drop-down menu by going to File.

Press OK after entering control. The Control Panel will open as a result.

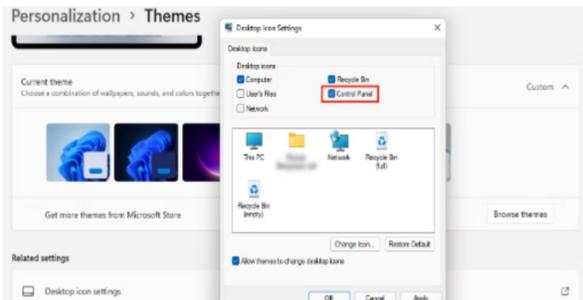
8. Making a Control Panel Icon for Your Windows 11 Desktop



Having the Control Panel's icon on your desktop can greatly simplify your life if you use it regularly. By following the instructions below, you may add a Control Panel Icon to your Windows 11 desktop.

Navigate to Settings > Personalization > Themes to see the available themes.

Find Desktop Icon Settings under Related choices. It will open in a dialog box when you click it.



Check the box next to Control Panel and hit OK.

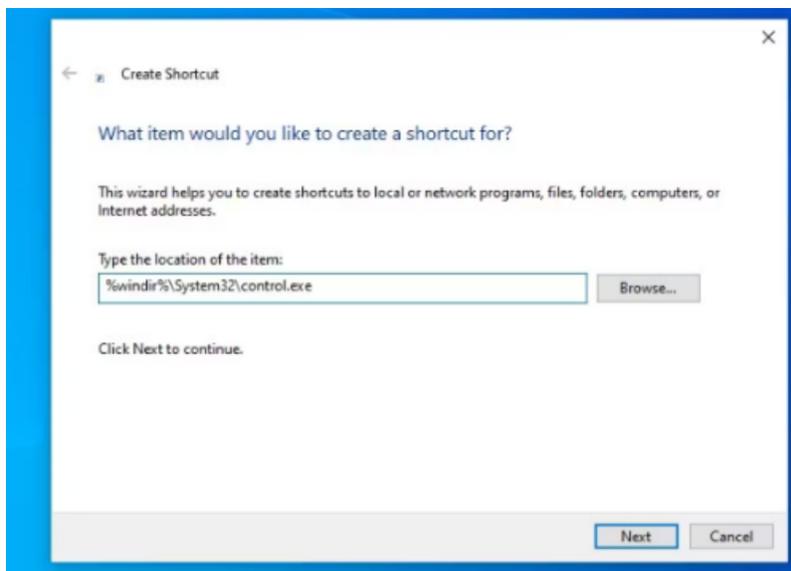


The Control Panel icon will now appear on the desktop.

9. Creating a Windows 11 Custom Control Panel Shortcut

Creating a shortcut for Control Panel allows you to place it wherever on your Windows computer, as opposed to the prior option that only allows it to be on the desktop.

You could also find this method interesting if you want a desktop that is clear of all papers and applications. To get started, just create a Control Panel shortcut and place it anywhere on your computer.



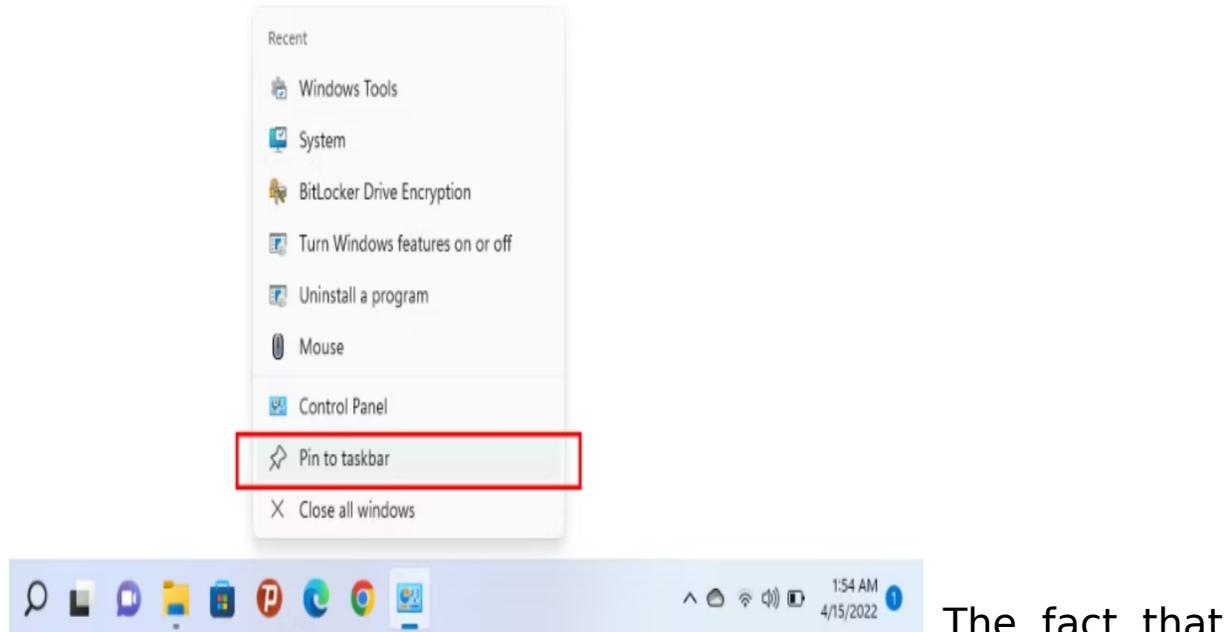
This more flexible approach is as follows: right-click on any blank space on your desktop and choose New > Shortcut from the context menu.

Enter %windir%\System32\control.exe under Type the item's location.

Click Next to continue, and give the shortcut any name you like (for example, "Control Panel").

Select Finish.

10. For easier access, pin the Control Panel to the Taskbar.



The fact that it requires just one effort gives it an edge over the other ways. After you've pinned Control Panel to your taskbar, you won't ever have to bother about searching for the folder using multiple methods.

You may combine this step with any of the other mentioned options. Choose how to open the Control Panel, then right-click on the app's taskbar icon and choose Pin to taskbar.

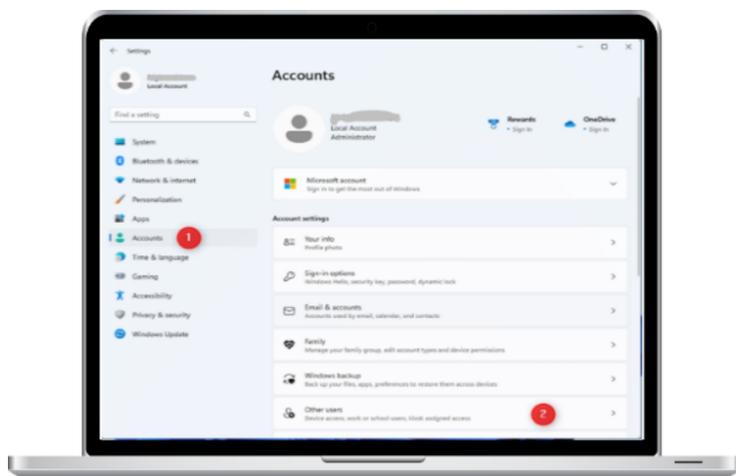
Control Panel Isn't Extinct Yet

Microsoft can't completely demolish the Control Panel just yet, but we know that's what it wants to do. Control Panel will not be considered obsolete just yet since certain settings are still exclusive to it, and that won't change until Microsoft manages to move them over to the Settings app.

CREATING AND ADDING NEW USER IN WINDOWS 11

Do you currently have a copy of Windows 11 installed, or did you get it already? Windows 11 will ask you to establish a new user account if you need to share your machine with other people. If so, you've come to the correct place. This chapter will show you how to add and create a new user in Windows 11. I'll show you how to add a local or Microsoft account:

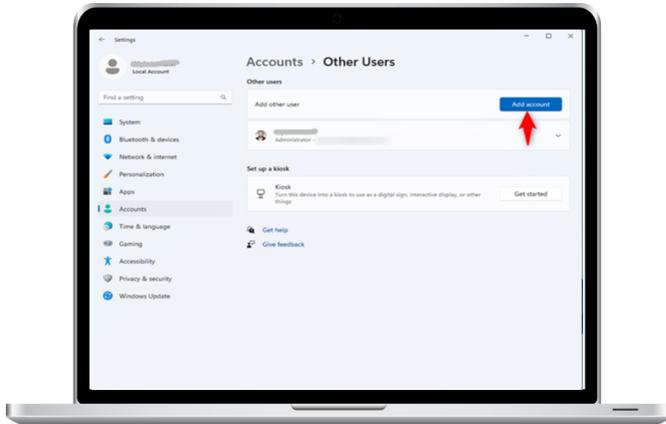
IMPORTANT: When establishing a Microsoft account, you should utilize a web browser to carefully fill out all the information, including the recovery details in case you ever forget your password. Here are three methods for creating an online Microsoft account. This section shows how to add pre-existing Microsoft accounts to Windows 11 as well as how to create and add local user accounts. Please be aware that you must be logged into Windows 11 as an administrator with the ability to add new users in order for the instructions in this article to work.



1. Using the Settings app, create a new user in Windows 11.

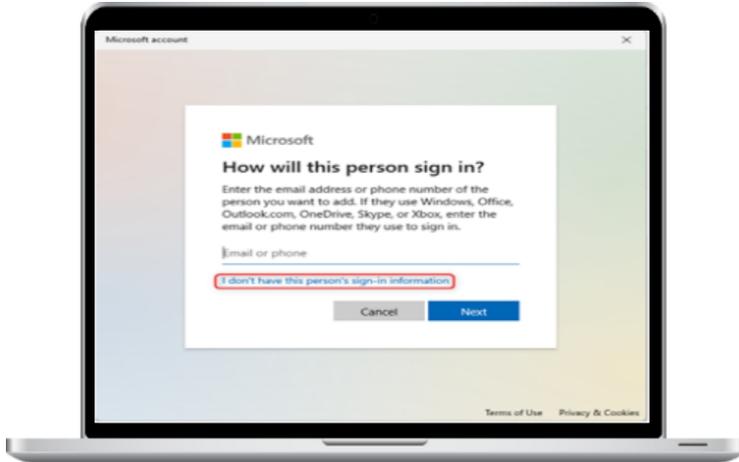
The Settings app allows you to add both Microsoft and local accounts. To accomplish this, open the Windows 11 Settings. One way is to use the keyboard's Windows + I keys.

Next, from the Settings app, choose Accounts and then Other users. Your version of Windows 11 is out of date if you can't see this option; choose Family & other users instead.



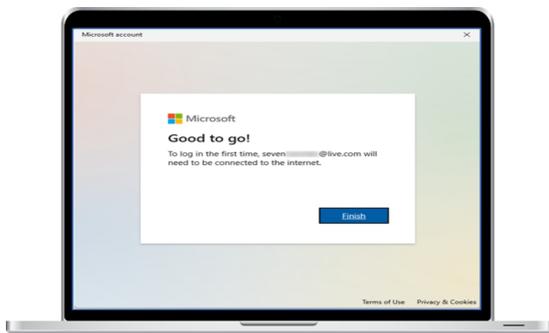
Adding more accounts to Windows 11 is now possible. In the Other users section, choose "Add other user" by clicking or tapping the Add account button.

The Microsoft account window appears when you use this command. This article's Section 1.a explains how to set up a Microsoft account in Windows 11. The steps to establish and add a local account are outlined in Section 1.b.



1.a. Adding a Microsoft account in Windows 11 Settings

Provide your Microsoft account number or email address and hit Next when you want to add an account.

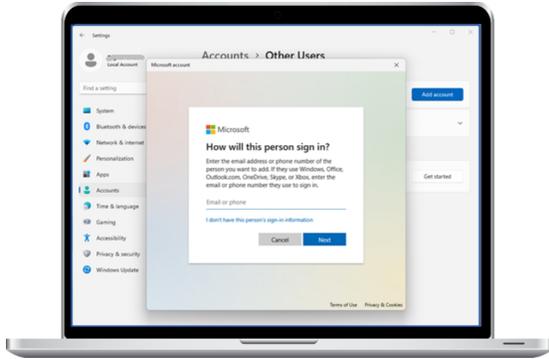


The Microsoft account has now been updated on your Windows 11 computer. During the first login, its password will be automatically prompted; hence, you won't need to enter it. You're done after you click Finish.

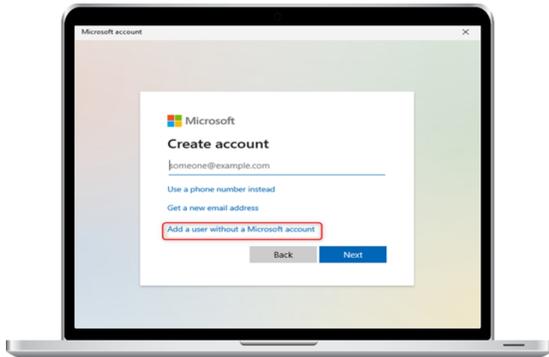
You may now use that Microsoft account to log into Windows 11.

1.b. Adding a Local Account in Windows 11 Settings

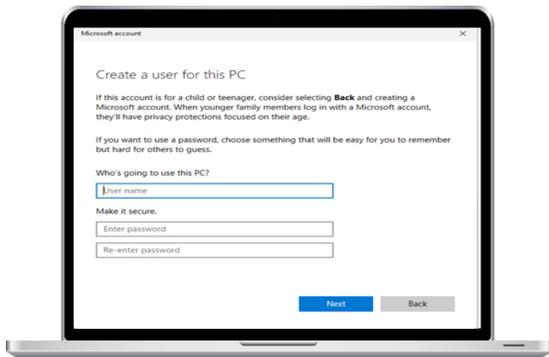
Click or touch "I don't have this person's sign-in information" in the Microsoft account box if you want to establish a local



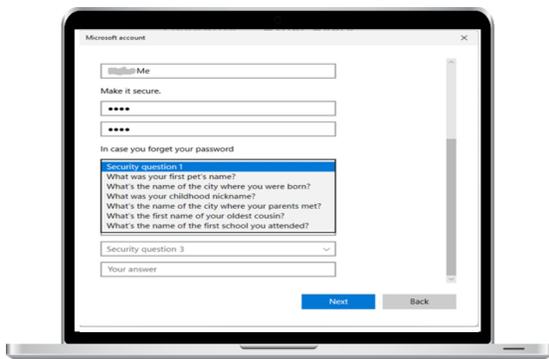
(non-Microsoft) account.



Rather, Windows 11 attempts to let you register for a Microsoft account. You may reject this offer by clicking or tapping "Add a user without a Microsoft account."



Now, a local user account may be established. Type its name and password, then make sure the latter is correct. Note that you do not need to enter a password to log in.

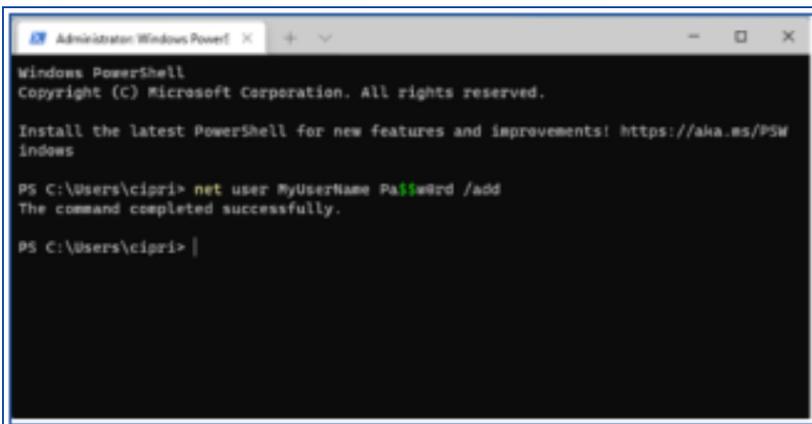


You have to respond to three security questions below the password fields if you input a password. They are unavoidable, and their purpose is to let you retrieve your local account password in the event that you forget it. Choose the three questions you want to respond to, then enter your answers. It is not necessary to respond truthfully since Microsoft will not get this information. Once you're done, press or click Next.

Decide which security questions to answer, then

After the local account is created, you are sent back to the Settings app, where it can be found under the Other users section.

2. Adding a Local Account Using the Terminal, Command Prompt, or PowerShell

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell terminal window titled "Administrator Windows PowerShell". The window shows the following text: "Windows PowerShell", "Copyright (C) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.", "Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSW", "indows", "PS C:\Users\cipri> net user MyUserName Pa\$\$w0rd /add", "The command completed successfully.", "PS C:\Users\cipri> |".

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PS C:\Users\cipri> net user MyUserName Pa$$w0rd /add
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Use the following command to open the Terminal as administrator if you prefer command-line environments:

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net user NAME PASSWORD /add
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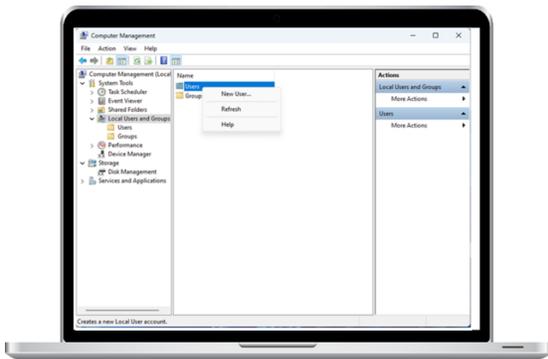
Replace "NAME" with the new user's name and "PASSWORD" with the password. I created a user named MyUserName and gave them the password Pas\$\$w0rd, as you can see in the picture below. How secure do you believe that password is?

NOTE: Without a password, the newly created user may log in if the PASSWORD value is deleted from the command. Moreover, you may use this command in PowerShell and Command Prompt, whether you use the standalone apps or open them in the Terminal.

3. Using Computer Management, create a new user account in Windows 11.



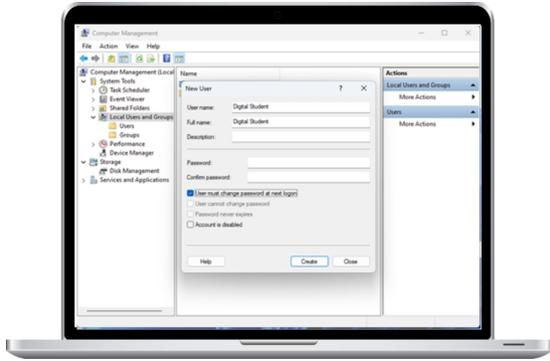
Go to Computer Management. To do this, tap and hold the Windows icon on the taskbar, or use the keyboard shortcut Windows + X. From the menu that appears, choose Computer Management.



Optionally, choose Computer Management by pressing Windows + X.

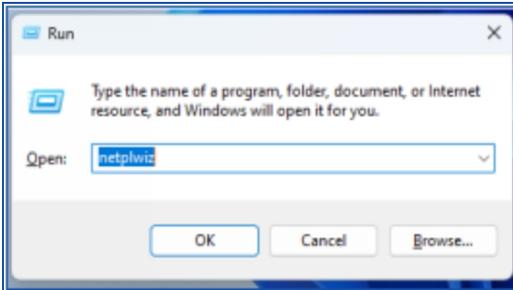
In the center pane, right-click Users and choose New User after double-clicking on Local Users and Groups in the left sidebar.

The "New Users" popup appears. Fill in the User name and Full name forms. If you'd like, create and confirm a password. Uncheck the option labeled "User must change password at next logon" if you do not want the user to have to update their password each time they log in.



When you're done setting everything, click Create. Windows 11 adds and creates the user account.

ESSENTIAL. This approach works on all Windows 11 versions, with the exception of Windows 11 Home, which does not have the Local Users and Groups option under Computer Management.

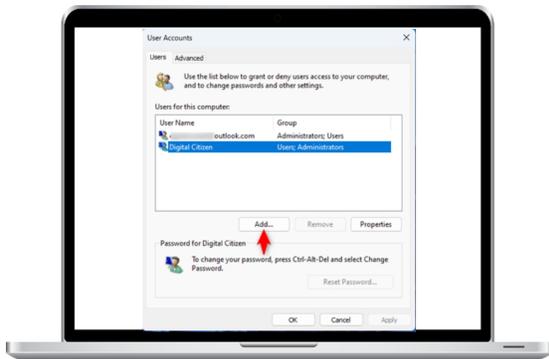


4. Using netplwiz, how can I add or create a new user?

To get started, open the Run window by using the keyboard shortcut Windows + R. Type or copy and paste the following command:

netplwiz

Next, click/tap OK or hit Enter on your keyboard.



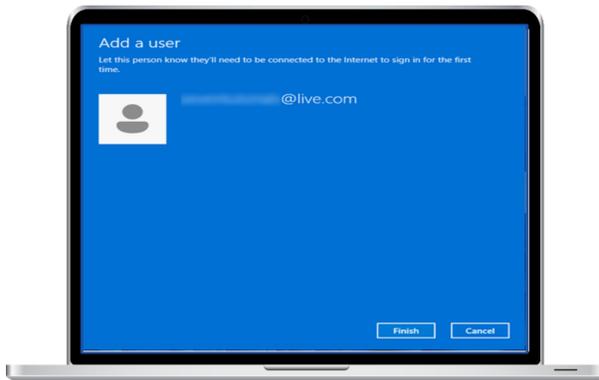
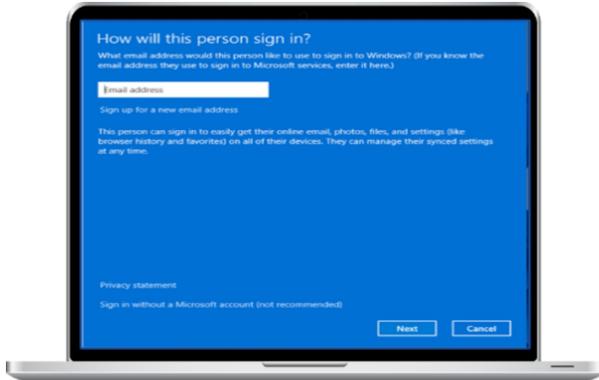
All of the user accounts on your computer are listed in the User Accounts box when it displays. To add a new user (local or Microsoft account), click or press Add.

While Section 4.b explains how to establish a local account, Section 4.a explains how to add a Microsoft account.

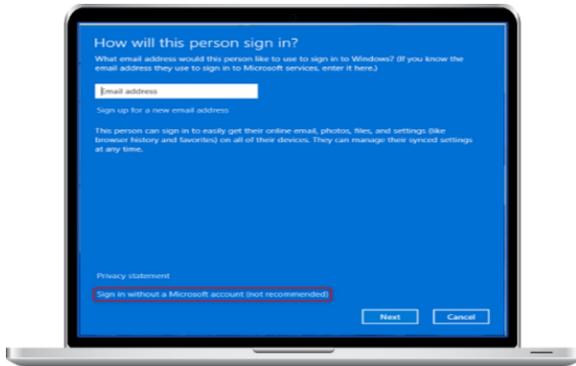
4.a. Using netplwiz to add a Microsoft user account

Enter the email address of the Microsoft account you want to add, then click Next.

The email address linked to the Microsoft account you want to add should be entered.



There is a new user in Windows 11 that may be utilized to log in. You only need to press the Finish button.



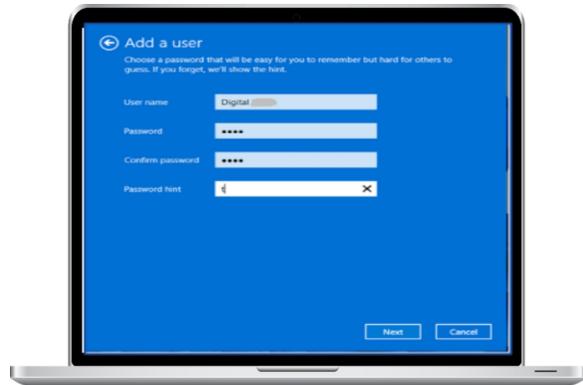
4.b. Using netplwiz, create a new local user account.

Ignore the warning from the firm that doing so is "not recommended" and proceed to establish a new local account by clicking or touching "Sign in without a Microsoft account (not suggested)".

You are then presented with every advantage of owning a Microsoft account.

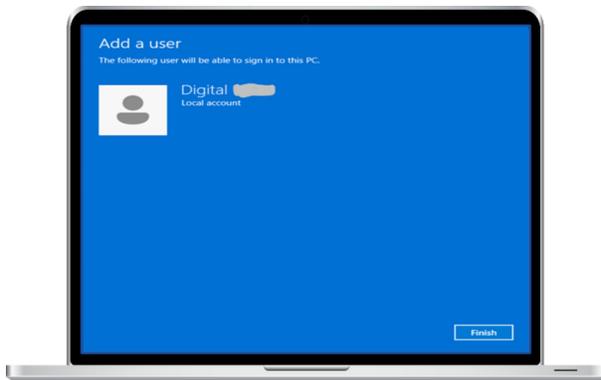


The company is doing everything in its power to convince you not to use a local account. After you've had a good laugh, click or hit Local account.



Input a fresh login name, a password, and a clue for the password. Next, you may touch or click.

After entering the new user's details, click Next. To complete the process of adding a new user or local account, click Finish at the end.



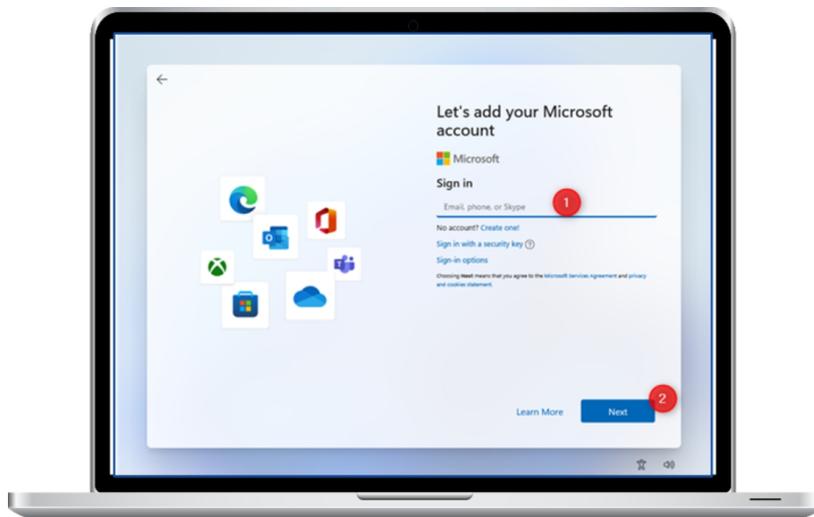
You will add the user when you click Finish.

Returning to the User Accounts page, you see the newly created user account displayed among the existing ones.

TIP: The User Accounts panel may also be used to set up Windows 11 so that you can log in without a password.

5. How to Add a Microsoft Account During Windows 11 Installation

The creation of a Microsoft account will be required when you install Windows 11. The user is created before you log in to Windows 11 for the first time. Next, provide the phone number or email address associated with that account.



After entering the details for your Microsoft account, click Next.

If two-step verification is enabled for your Microsoft account, you will be prompted to enter a code received to your phone or another email address to authenticate yourself. You are only prompted for your account password in all other situations.



Click Sign in after that, and Windows 11 will add the account.

Let's say you want to install Windows 11 and want to add a local account. Since the procedure is a little more complicated in such scenario, we have created a special section to help you: installing and using a local account for Windows 11.

Which approach do you prefer for adding a new user?

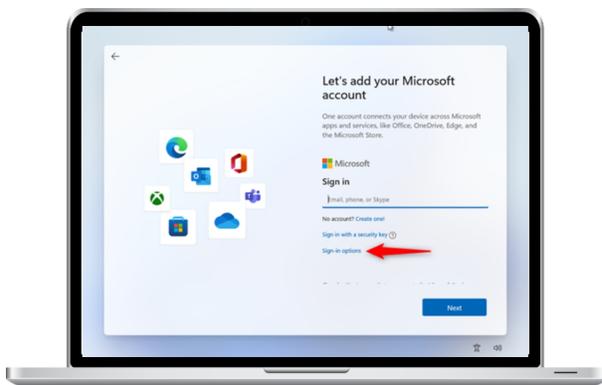
With Windows 11, you now have more choices when it comes to creating user accounts, which should come in handy in a variety of situations. This covers all I could think of to say about adding new users to Windows 11.

Installing and using Windows 11 with a local account

Do you want to use Windows 10 Home without signing into Microsoft? Would you want to install Windows 11 (Home or Pro) using a local account? You can do these things even if Microsoft overcomplicates things. The steps you need to follow during Windows 11 installation and thereafter to convert from a Microsoft account to a local offline account are described in our guide. Okay, let's ready to go:

Windows 11 requires the use of a Microsoft account by default.

Microsoft asks you to use a Microsoft account when you install or customize a brand-new Windows 11 PC (Home or Pro); setting up a local account is not mentioned. Once Windows 11 Pro is installed or used, you will see a link that says "Sign-in options."



The option to establish an Offline account, which is a simple local account similar to those used in Windows 7, will appear if you click or push on it.

But Windows 11 Home does not include Sign-in choices, and you cannot advance unless you register for a Microsoft account.

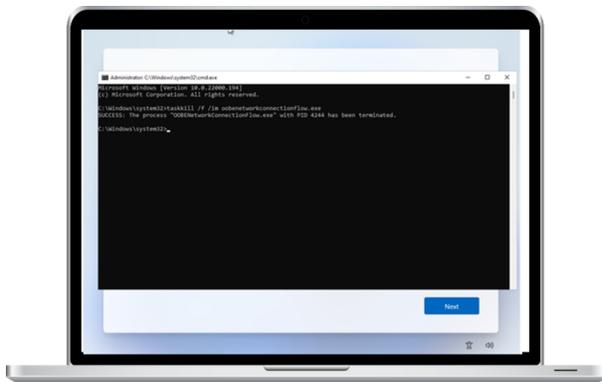


Installing Windows 11 with a local account

Once you've followed our How to Install Windows 11 from a USB, DVD, or ISO instruction, name your device, input it, click Next, and proceed as directed.

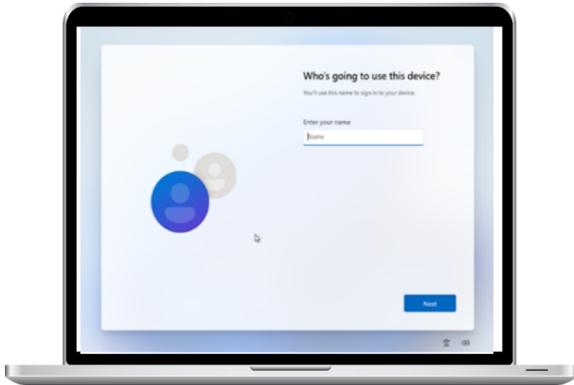
Once you have the device name input, stop and carefully pay.

Use the keyboard shortcut SHIFT+F10 to launch Command Prompt. In the Command Prompt window, enter the following command: `taskkill /F /IM oobnetworkconnectionflow.exe`



Hit Enter to run the command. Should you see the word SUCCESS, as shown in the image below, the networking service that the Windows 11 setup utilized to establish a connection with Microsoft's servers is ended.

As a result of its inability to establish a connection with Microsoft's servers, Windows 11 now asks you to enter the name of the user who will be using your computer. This is not a Microsoft account; instead, it is a local account.



Fill in the name of your local account.

After setting the security questions and entering the local account password, you may proceed with the regular Windows 11 customizing procedure.

How do I use Windows 11 if I don't have a Microsoft account?

If you currently have Windows 11 (Home or Pro) installed and configured with a Microsoft account, you may change to a local account and remove your Microsoft account:

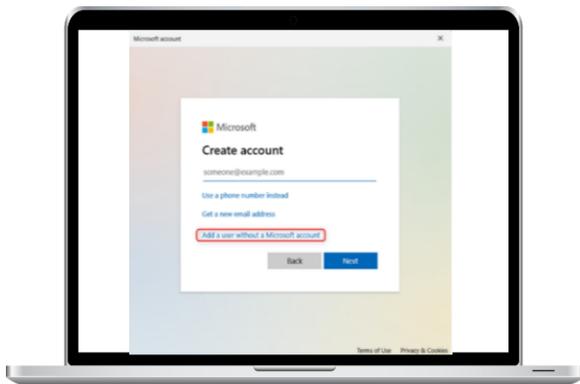
Use your existing Microsoft account to log in. It ought to have access to the administrator dashboard.

Set up a local account.

New accounts are created by Windows 11 as regular accounts without administrator capabilities. Set the account type of the recently created local account to Administrator.

Customize your just created local account as you see fit by changing the desktop background, installing and configuring all of your programs, and more.

After the local account is active, delete your Microsoft account from Windows 11 by following the steps outlined in this section: [Methods for Removing a Windows Account](#).



Add a user without a Microsoft account to Windows 11.

Congratulations! As of right now, Windows 11 is being used on a local offline account that doesn't send any personal data to Microsoft.

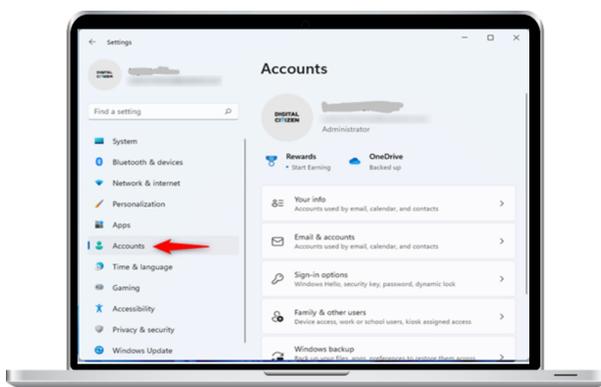
How to remove an account from Windows

Is it required to delete a user account from your Windows 10 or Windows 11 computer or device? Maybe a certain user has contaminated himself, or you want to stop them from accessing your computer. Regardless of whether you wish to remove a local account or a Microsoft account from Windows, this guide will walk you through seven different methods for doing so. Find out what suits you best by reading on:

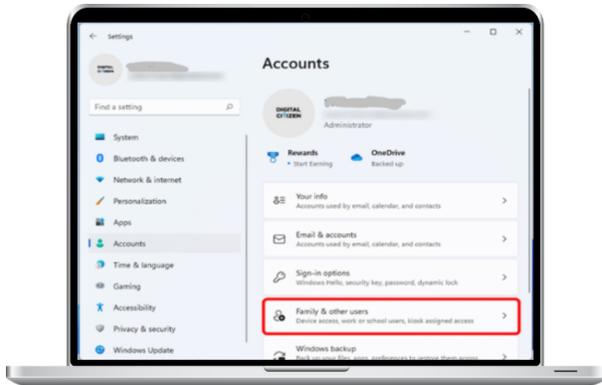
IMPORTANT NOTE: This tutorial's processes need the use of an Administrator account. Using an administrator account to erase another account is the main concept.

1. Using the Settings program, remove a user account in Windows 11.

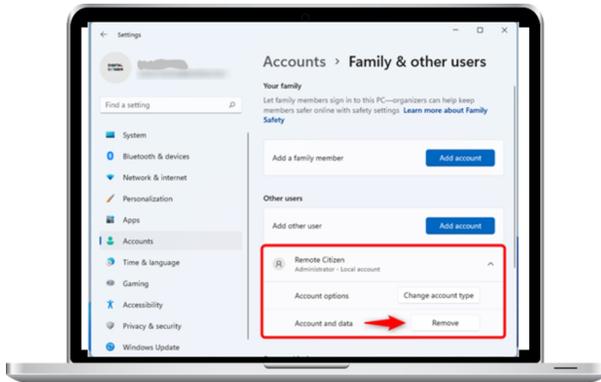
In our view, the easiest way to remove a user account in Windows 11 is using the Settings tool. Press Windows + I on your keyboard to open Settings first. Next, choose Accounts from the sidebar on the left.



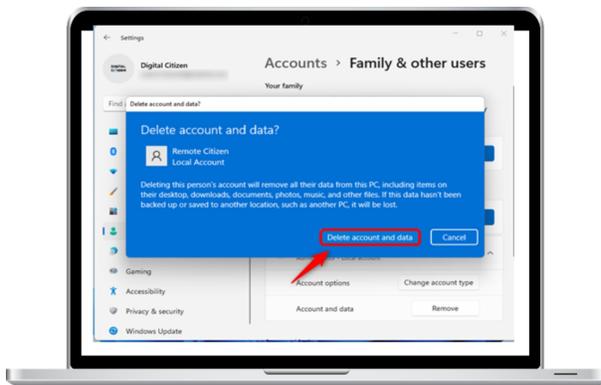
Next, choose "Family & other users" from the drop-down menu on the right.



Go to the Settings box's right side and find the user account you want to remove. It ought to show up under Other users. After making your selection, click or press the Remove button.



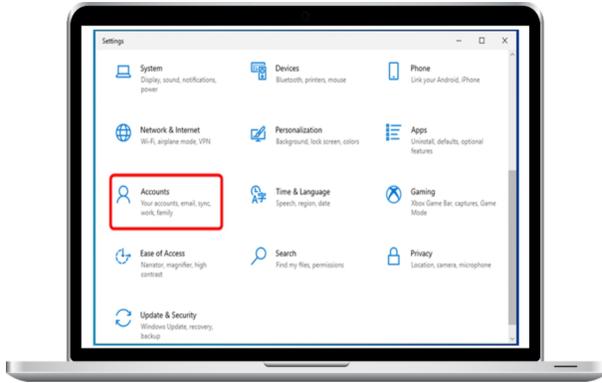
You are notified via a pop-up that when you cancel the account, all of the user's data is removed from your computer. To initiate the deletion process, choose "Delete account and data."



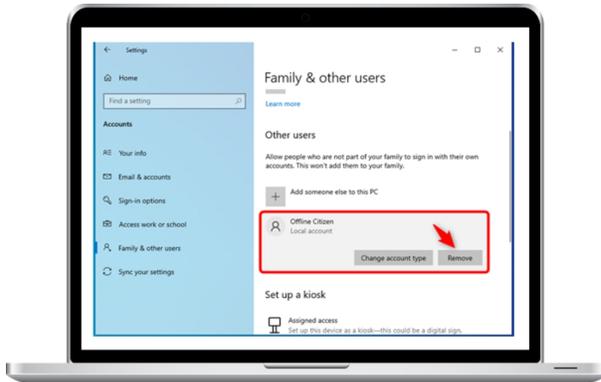
In Windows 11, the user account and all of its contents are automatically removed.

2. Using the Settings app, remove a user account in Windows 10.

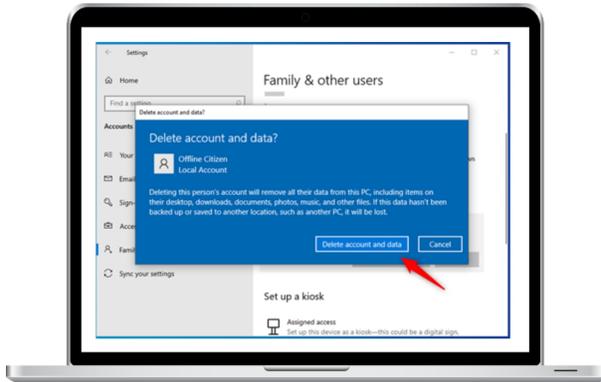
In Windows 10, the process for eliminating a user account is the same. Click on Settings (Windows + I) to open the Settings dashboard, then choose Accounts.



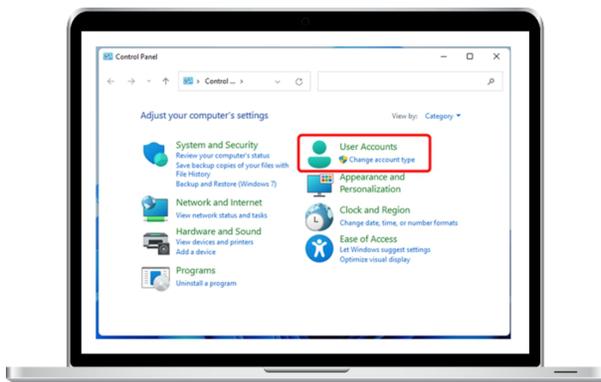
On the window's left side, click or touch "Family & other users."



On the right, find the user account that you want to remove. Next, select it and hit the Remove button.

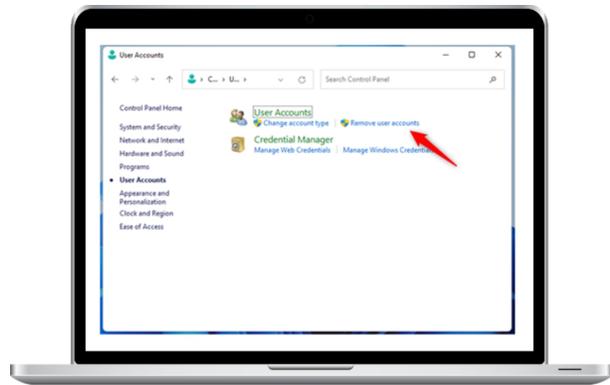


After that, Windows 10 asks you whether you want to "Delete account and data."



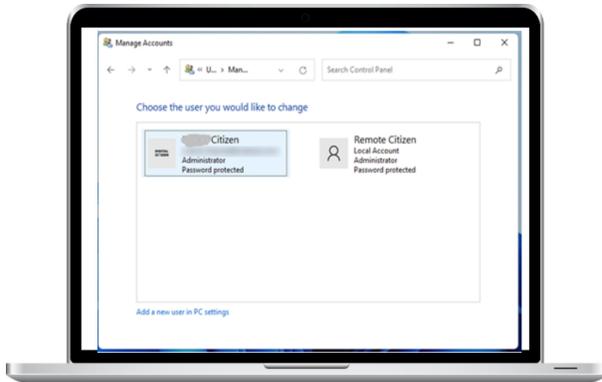
3. How to Remove a Windows Account Using the Control Panel

Files belonging to the user are retained when you remove an account using the Control Panel. Open Windows 10 or Windows 11 Control Panel, then click or touch User Accounts.

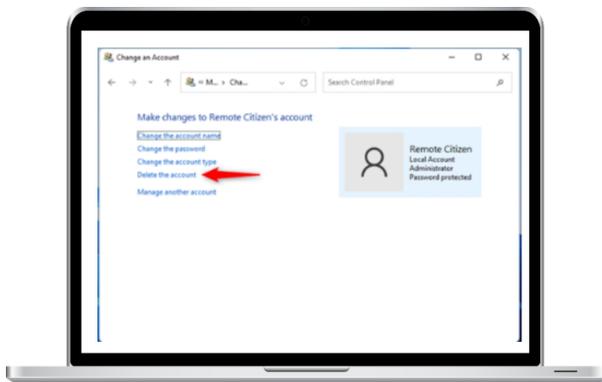


In the User Accounts section, click or touch the "Remove user accounts" link.

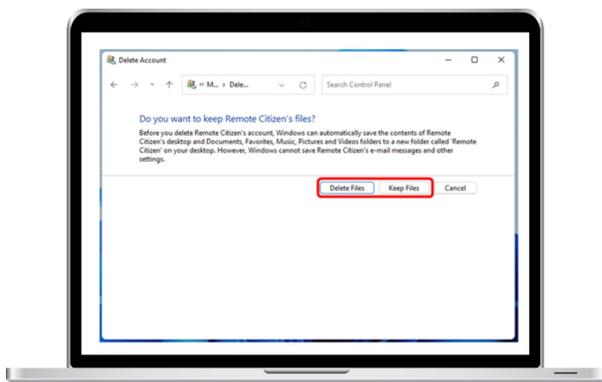
Click on Remove user accounts.



This brings up a list of user accounts that have been found on your Windows device or computer. Select the account that you want to remove.

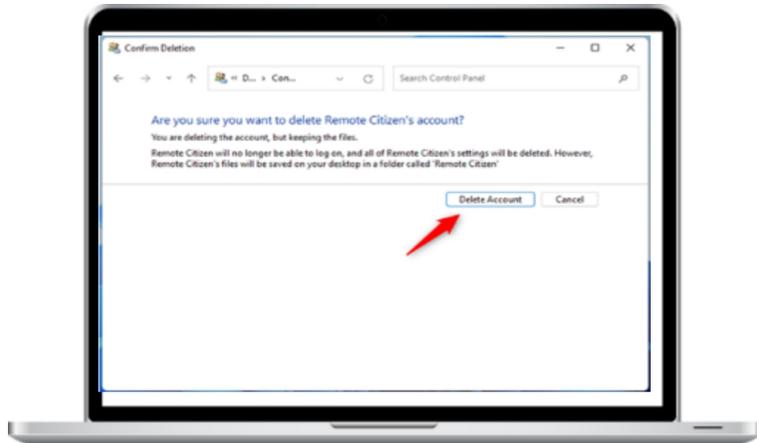


To remove a user account, click or press on it. This enables you to modify the chosen account. From the list of actions on the left, choose "Delete the account."



You are prompted to decide whether to retain the user's files. All information associated with that user account is erased when you choose Delete Files. Alternatively, you may choose Keep Files, which relocates the user files for that account to a desktop folder with the account name.

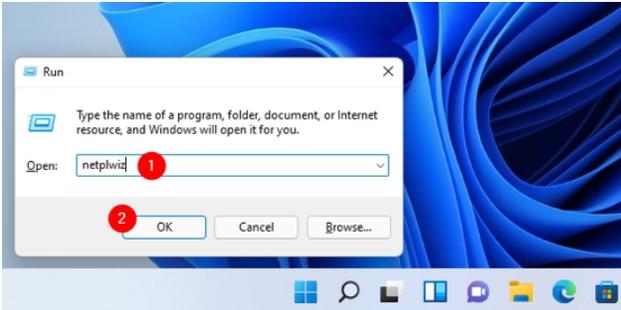
Select which files to preserve or remove.



You have to provide your approval for the user account to be deleted if you decide to Keep Files. Once you choose "Delete Account," you're done.

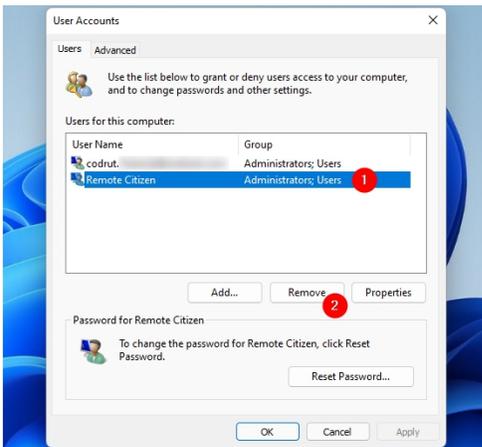
Verify that the account has been deleted.

The files will be kept on your desktop in a user-named folder if you want to retain them.

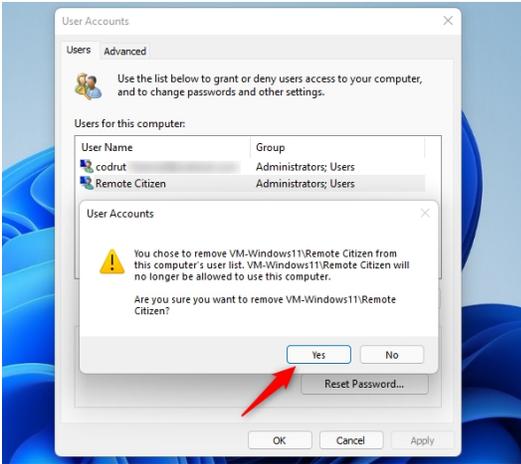


4. How to Delete a Netplwiz User Account

Using the netplwiz application is an additional method for removing an account from Windows 11 or Windows 10. To get started, type netplwiz into the Run window by using the Win + R keyboard shortcut. Next, click OK or hit Enter on your keyboard.



This opens the Users tab in the User Accounts window. Click or touch Remove after selecting the account that needs to be deleted from the list.



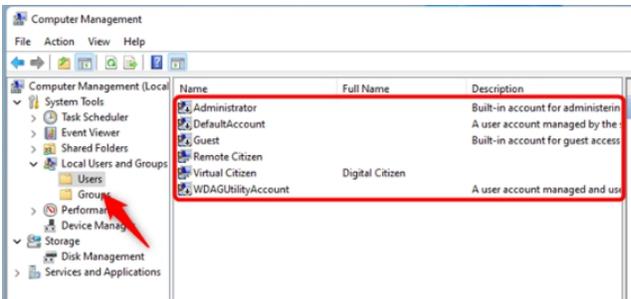
Click or touch Yes in the following pop-up window to confirm your choices.

To confirm deactivating your account, click Yes.

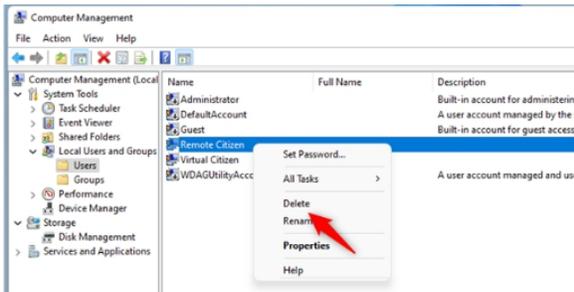
5. How to Remove a Windows Account Using Computer Management

Using the Computer Management application, you may also delete an account from a device or computer running Windows Pro or Enterprise version. Click or press the arrow next to "Local Users and Groups" under System Tools after

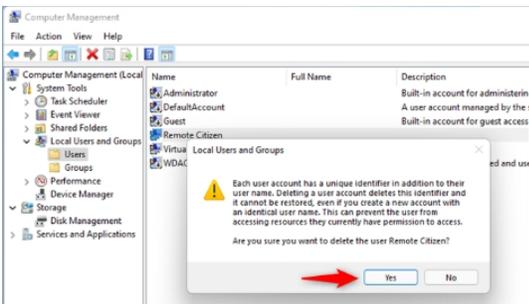
selecting Computer Management to see its contents. Next, choose the Users folder from the main pane.



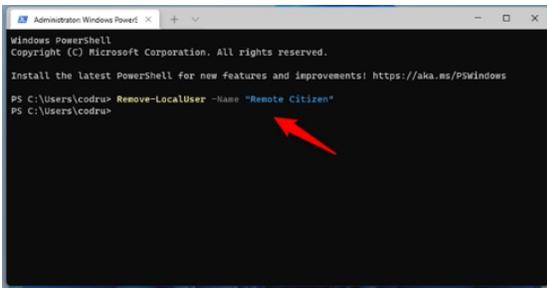
Next, choose the user you want to delete by doing a right-click or holding down the mouse button.



Within the contextual menu that displays, click or hit Delete.

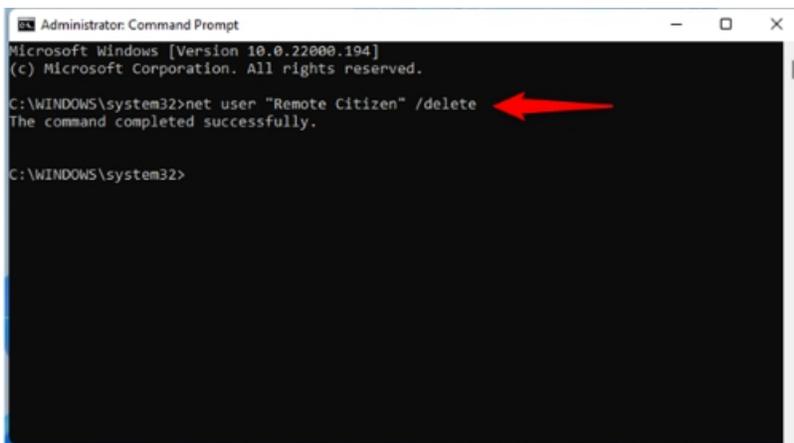


To verify your selection, press or click the Yes button on the pop-up.



6. Using Command Prompt, remove a user account on Windows (CMD)

Launch Command Prompt as administrator to get started. In the CMD window, type `net user "username" /delete`.



Put the name of the user account you want to remove in lieu of the username. Next, hit Enter on your keyboard. We used the command `net user "Remote Citizen" /delete` to terminate the Remote Citizen user account.

The account is immediately deleted from Windows.

7. Using PowerShell, delete a user account from Windows

If you'd like, PowerShell may be used to delete an account from Windows as well. Open PowerShell or Windows Terminal as an administrator. Type the following after that:

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- Title "username" Take-LocalUser Out
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Substitute the username with the name of the account that is going away. Next, press the Enter key.

Even if PowerShell doesn't ask for confirmation, the account is closed.

On your Windows machine, did you erase any user accounts?

Regularly, I empty out any accounts that I'm not using to make room on our Windows desktop computers and other devices.

DIRECTIONS FOR SETTING UP FOLDERS IN WINDOWS 11 STARTING MENU

Start menu folders have been reinstated by Microsoft with the Windows 11 upgrade for 2022.

In Windows 10, you may create and manage folders to keep programs in your Start menu.

This will keep your applications neatly arranged and prevent the menu from being too busy. That feature was not present when Windows 11 was introduced.

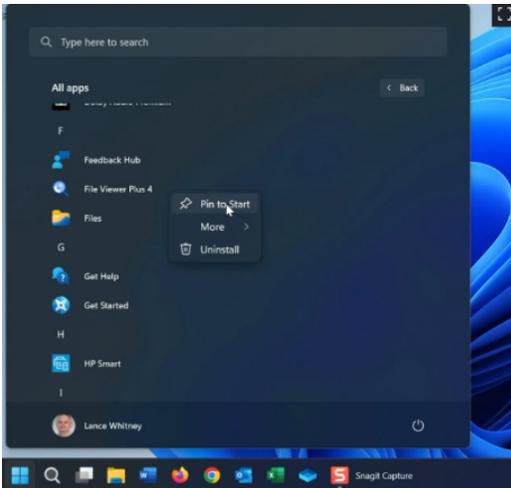
That feature has been restored by Microsoft in the most current version of Windows.

To better organize certain programs, you can create, move, and manage folders in the Start menu with the Windows 11 22H2 update.

How to Use Folders to Organize Your Windows 11 Start Menu

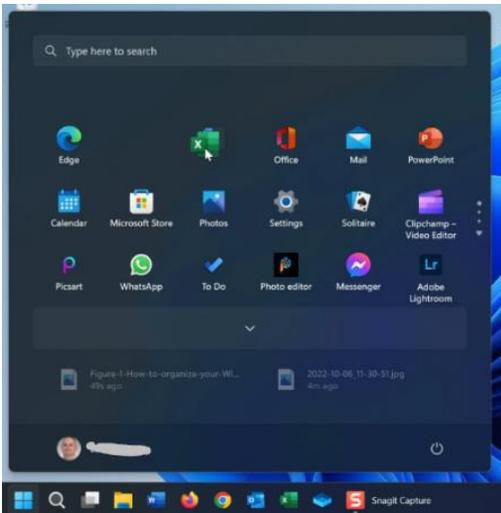
1. Upgrade your Windows 11 PC to version 22H2.

First, upgrade your Windows 11 PC to the 22H2 version if you haven't already. To check for updates, go to Settings > Windows Update and choose the button. If you would want to install the 22H2 update on your PC even if it isn't currently available, visit Microsoft's Download Windows 11 page. Here is where you may get the update via an ISO file, the Windows 11 Installation Media, or the Windows 11 Installation Assistant.



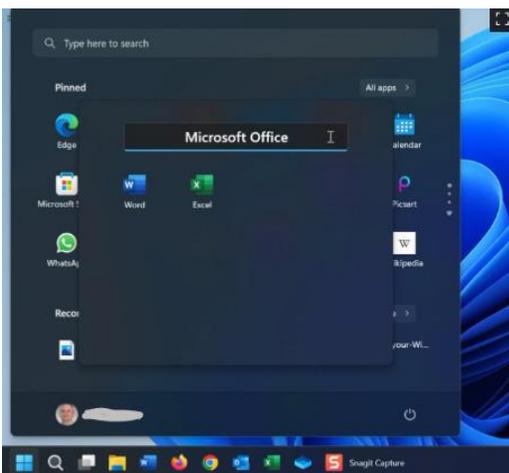
2. Press the Start button.

Press the Start button to open the menu. You should pin any often used programs that aren't on the Start menu so you can organize them into folders. Click the All Apps button at the top. To pin an app, right-click on it and choose Pin to Start from the menu.



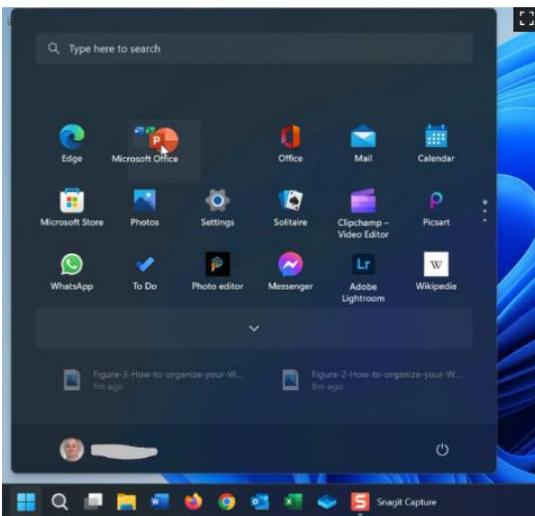
3. Look for apps to organize into folders.

Go back to the Start menu and search for the programs you want to file into folders. Search for programs that are associated with online browsers, picture and video editors, utilities, or Microsoft Office. Drag one icon across another to create a folder.



4. Modify the folder's name

The following two programs will be installed in a folder named Folder. Click on the folder to open it. In the Edit name area, give the folder a new name. Next, click anyplace to shut the folder and verify the new name from outside of it.



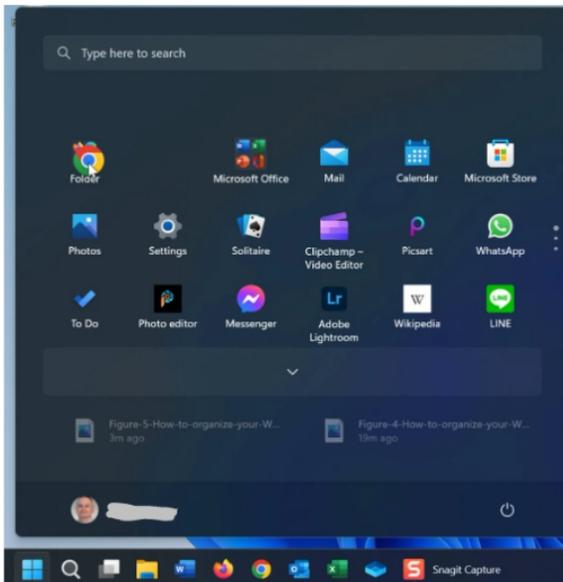
5. Keep adding apps to the folder.

To add more programs, drag and drop more icons that are relevant on top of the folder. In this way, add more programs to the folder.



6. As you continue to look for other apps, select "Move to front."

Next, search for more applications that you want to organize into a folder. Here's the catch, though. What happens if the programs in the Start menu are too far apart to be able to drag & drop one on top of the other? When they can both be positioned on the same row, there is no issue. Right-click an app to bring it to the front. This shifts the symbol to the first place in the top row.



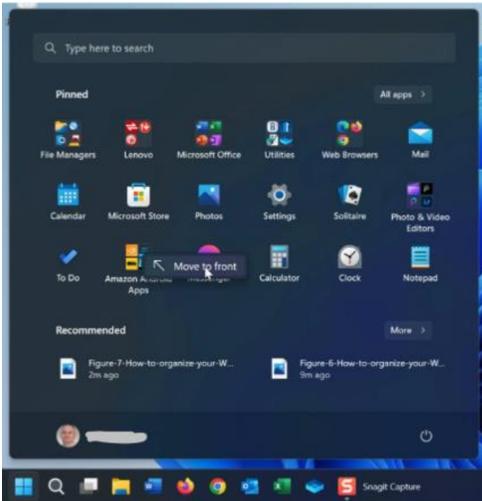
7. Stack apps on top of one another to make a new folder.

Repeat with any additional programs you want to move into the same folder so they are all arranged on the top row near one other. When you're finished, make a new folder by piling the programs on top of one another, which you should then rename.



8. View the icons in a folder by opening it.

Keep going until you've made every folder you desire. Open a folder to see its icons. To put the icons in the desired sequence, drag & drop them. Double-clicking an app will launch it.



9. Move folders around the Start menu with your mouse.

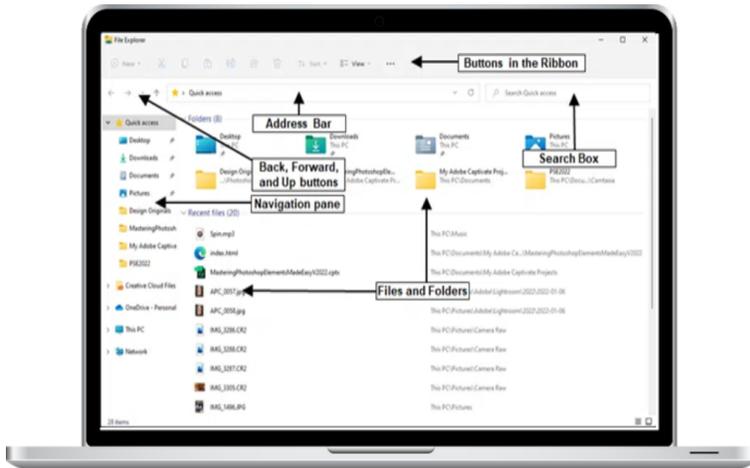
Once you're done, you may move the folders about the Start menu by dragging and dropping them. Right-click a folder and choose Move to front to move it to the front row.



10. To remove an app from a folder, open it and drag the icon outside of it.

Lastly, you can just enter the folder and drag the app icon outside if you want to remove it from a folder and put it on the Start menu by itself. The folder disappears if you uninstall all the programs but one.

FILE EXPLORER IN WINDOWS 11



The File Explorer in Windows 11 has been updated. In earlier iterations of Windows, File Explorer was known as "Windows Explorer". On the other hand, although they have somewhat different names and functions in various Windows operating systems, Windows Explorer and File Explorer are basically the same application.

You may view and manage the files and folders on your computer and in your OneDrive account using the File Explorer window in Windows 11. For instance, in Windows 11, a File Explorer window displays the contents of a library folder when you access it.

Click the "File Explorer" program icon on the taskbar to launch File Explorer in Windows 11. To enter the Start menu, you may also utilize the "Start" button on the Windows taskbar. Next, if the "File Explorer" app icon appears in the "Pinned" section of the Start menu, click it. Click the "All applications" button in the top-right corner of the "Pinned" section, navigate to the "F" apps in the alphabetical listing of all the programs, and choose the "File Explorer" app icon if it isn't visible.

In Windows 11, the Ribbon toolbar at the top of the window contains buttons for File Explorer. You may perform various

operations on the files and folders you select in the main File Explorer window by using these buttons. Let's take a closer look at the many tools and features available in a typical Windows 11 File Explorer window.

With Windows 11 File Explorer's Navigation pane, you may choose disks and folders and browse to computers, directories, and files on your network. Click the arrows to the left of the titles of the sections and folders in the Navigation pane to expand or collapse them. OneDrive, This PC, Network, and Quick access are all common elements in the Navigation pane.

Use the Back, Forward, and Up buttons in File Explorer in Windows 11 to move between the different windows. Click Back to go back to the previous folder. After hitting the Back button, click the onward button to proceed onward. To navigate up a level in the File Explorer window's folder structure, click the Up button.

Common file and folder management commands are available on the Ribbon, or toolbar, located at the top of the File Explorer window. The available Ribbon buttons for an item become active when you choose it from the Files and Folders list in File Explorer.

The Address Bar displays the location of the currently selected folder on your computer or network. Alternatively, you may put a folder's location in the Address Bar and hit the "Enter" key on your keyboard to open the folder in File Explorer. The Files and Folders list displays the contents of the Address Bar folder location that is currently chosen.

Selecting the "Details" mode and selecting a folder location from the Address Bar causes the general File Explorer window to display information about a folder's files and folders in columns. Each column has a name at the top that indicates the type of data that is included there.

To search for the text you input inside the currently chosen folder location, click the Search field in File Explorer and type the file or folder name, or just the first few letters in the file or folder name. This will look for the text you type in the chosen file or folder location. As soon as you start entering in the Search Box, the search procedure begins.

Instructions for Using Windows 11's File Explorer

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Windows 11 features File Explorer buttons on a toolbar called the Ribbon, which sits at the top of the window. You may perform various operations on the files and folders you select in the main File Explorer window by using these buttons.

The File Explorer window's Navigation pane is used to choose folders and drives as well as to navigate to computers, directories, and files on your network.

Click the arrows to the left of the titles of the sections and folders in the Navigation pane to expand or collapse them. Use the Back, Forward, and Up buttons in File Explorer to move between the different windows.

To get back to the folder you were viewing earlier, click the Back button.

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The location of the folder you are presently selecting on your computer or network is shown in the Address Bar.

To type into the Address Bar, input the folder's location, and then hit the "Enter" key on your computer to display the folder in File Explorer.

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How to Customize File Explorer in Windows 11

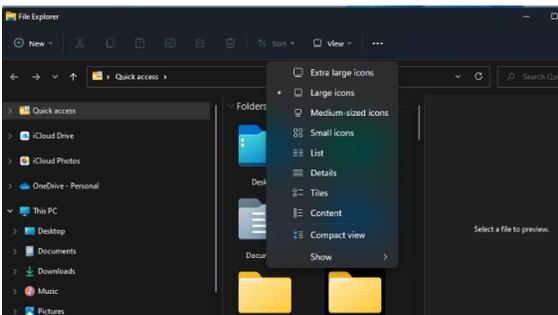
File Explorer is among the nicest features of the Windows operating system. Windows is what you'll use to manage your files, access all of your software, and view what's on your hard disk. File Explorer is therefore one of the most important Windows 11 programs.

Microsoft revamped File Explorer for Windows 11. All of the customization options are still there, but the way you may access them has been modified. You may personalize Explorer in many ways using those settings.

Change the size of the file and folder icons

Windows 11's File Explorer software features one additional view choice in addition to all of the previous ones. You may choose various icon sizes for the files and folders that are shown in Explorer by using these view settings. Additionally, you have a variety of layout options to examine the contents of folders.

To adjust the size of the icons, click the File Explorer taskbar button. Then, to see the menu below, click the View button on Explorer's new command bar. Extra-large, big, medium, and tiny icon sizes are available for selection.



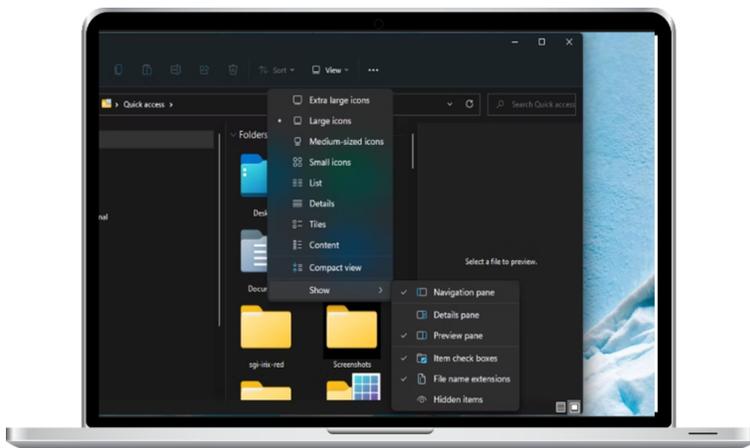
The icon size parameters are immediately below the four layout options. Explorer may be used to view files with different list, detail, tile, or content layouts. By choosing the List and Details options, you may view more date updated and size information for files and folders.

You may activate the new File Explorer setting known as Compact view by selecting that option. You may remove the extra visual element padding that Windows 11 added to Explorer by using this option. The graphic below illustrates how the folder navigation on the left panel shrinks when you choose it.

Panes, Item Check Boxes, and File Extensions can be shown or hidden.

The View menu now features a new Show submenu. From that menu, choose Show to view the choices as seen in the image below. To display or conceal the Explorer features, select the Navigation, Details, and Pane menu items.

There are three other notable customization choices located below the pane options. Little checkboxes will show up next to the files and folders you have chosen when you choose the Item check boxes option. Explorer will add extensions to all files in order to identify formats if you select File Name Options. All files and folders that have been designated as hidden are seen when you select the Hidden Items option.



Change the Icons of Folders

The folder icon pattern that Explorer uses by default is rather uniform. On the other hand, folders may be customized by altering their icons. By giving your most significant folders fresh icons, you may make them stand

out more. In Explorer, you may modify a folder's icon in this way.

In Explorer, right-click a folder and choose Properties.



Then, select the Customize button as seen immediately below.

Choose the option to Change Icon.

From the System32 folder, choose a new icon for the folder.



Select the OK button.

Select the Apply button located on the properties window.

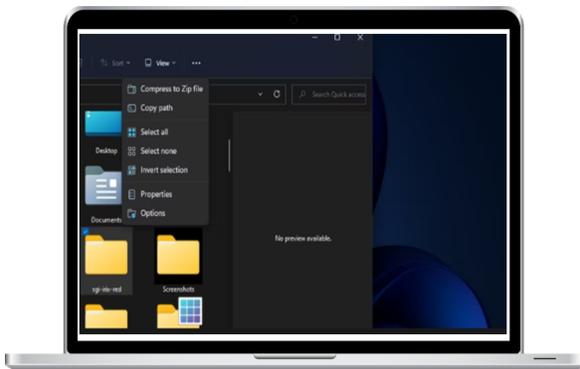
Go to websites like IconArchive, etc. to search for new File Explorer folder icons outside of the System32 folder. You may download and add as many of the eye-catching icons from that website as you like to your folders. To locate new icons, enter the term folders into the IconArchive search box. To download one, choose it and click the ICO button.

Once you've downloaded some new icons, add them to your Explorer folders by following the preceding instructions. On the Change Icon window, though, you have to select Browse. Next, click the Open option after choosing the downloaded icon from a separate folder.

Modify the Advanced File and Folder Settings

Explorer's Folder Options box offers a plethora of additional settings for both files and folders. You may fine-tune the detail of how Explorer shows files and folders by selecting the View tab in that window. You may customize how Explorer shows files and folders by using Folder Options.

Click the "See more" (three dots) button in Explorer to bring up the menu seen in the screenshot below.



Select Options by clicking the drop-down menu.

Then, select the View tab as indicated right below.

You may pick or deselect the advanced options to modify the way Explorer presents files and folders.



Click Apply to preserve your modified settings.

Try selecting and deselecting different combinations of those advanced options to see how Explorer shows folders and files. then view the results by checking Explorer. You may go back to the prior configurations at any time by using the Restore Defaults option.

Enable single-click file and folder opening.



By default, double-clicking an item in Explorer opens it. However, by choosing the Single-click to open an item option, you may modify this. Explorer will open files and folders when you single-click them. You may activate single-click item opening in this way.

To access Folder Options, click the See more button, then choose Options in Explorer.

Choose the Single-click to open an item radio button on the General tab.

Next, choose the option to just highlight icon names when I point at them or highlight icon titles consistent with my browser.

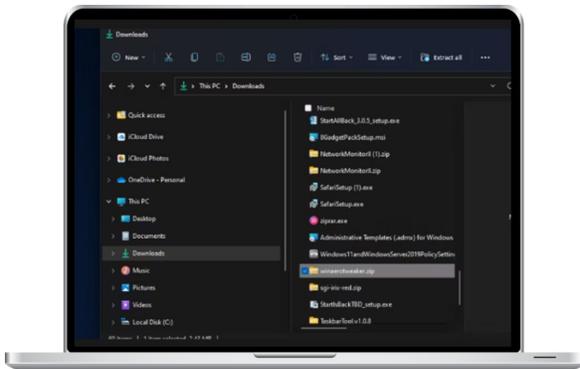
Click Apply to preserve the updated configurations.

Click OK to close Folder Options.

Winaero Tweaker can be used to customize File Explorer.

Try the free program Winaero Tweaker to further alter File Explorer. That is a sophisticated customization tool that lets you further personalize File Explorer to your preferences. The Winaero installation and download procedures are as follows.

Go to the website of Winaero Tweaker.



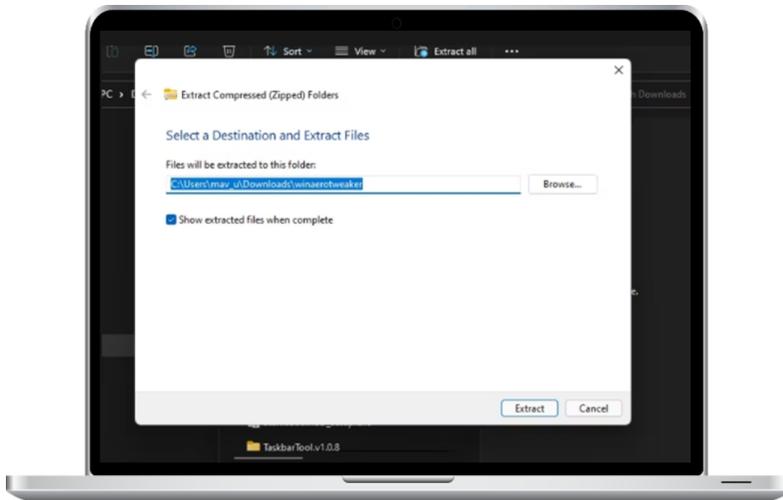
To download the Winaero Tweaker application in ZIP format, click the Download option on that webpage.

Launch the File Explorer window.

After downloading Winaero ZIP bundle, open it.

Choose the Extract all option located on the Explorer command bar.

Check the box adjacent to the choice When finished, display



the extracted files.

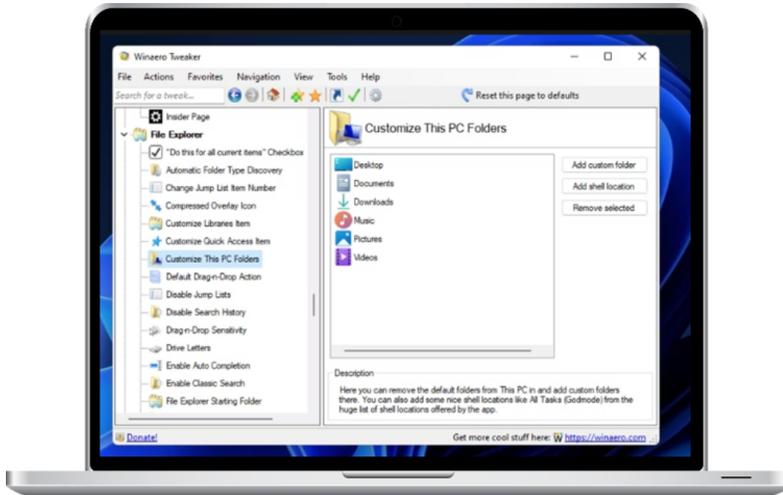
Click Extract to complete.

Next, double-click WinaeroTweaker-1.33.0.0-setup.exe in the unpacked folder.

Follow the setup wizard's instructions to install the Winaero Tweaker.

Launch the Winaero Tweaker application.

There are twenty-one customization settings in the File Explorer area of Winaero Tweaker. Double-click File Explorer on the window's left side to see its settings. Each setting is fully described in Winaero Tweaker. The following are a some of the more noteworthy Explorer customization options:



Custom Items: a configuration option that enables you add user folders, system locations, and Control Panel applets to the navigation pane.

Default Items in the Navigation Pane: Using this option, you may remove certain default items from the Explorer navigation pane.

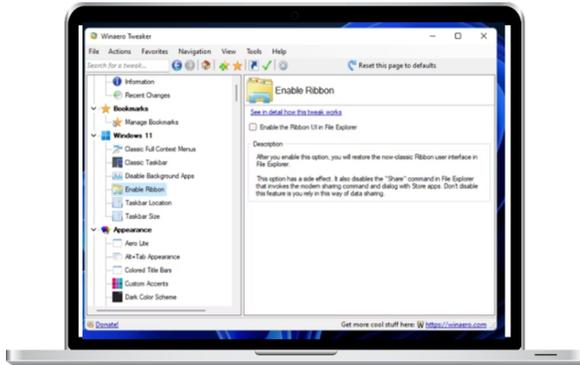
Modify This Computer Folder: This feature allows you to customize the icons for the folders on this PC.

Customize Quick Access Item: Using this option, you can give the Quick Access item a new name and icon.

Customize Libraries Item: Click this button to rename and alter the Libraries item's icon.

The ribbon tabs from the previous File Explorer may easily be restored with Winaero Tweaker. Double-click the Windows 11 category in Winaero and choose Enable Ribbon to accomplish this. Check the option to enable the Ribbon UI in

File Explorer. Click the Restart Explorer button to make the changes take effect.



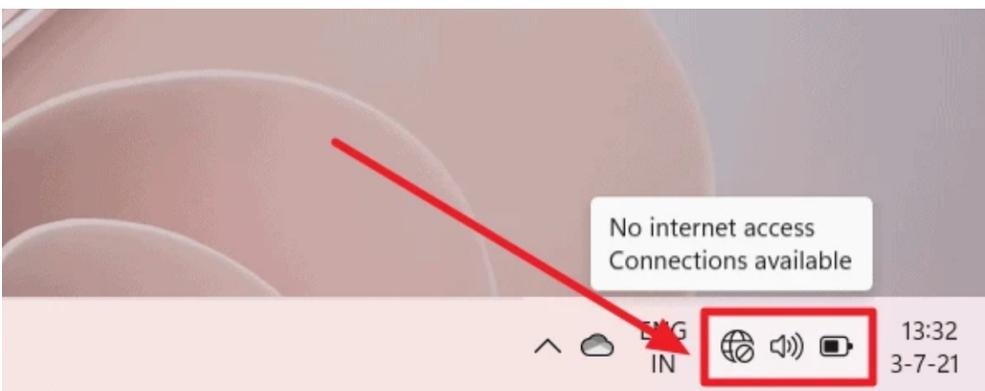
The former View, Share, File, and Home tabs are no longer visible in File Explorer. You may use the previously stated customization options for Explorer on the View tab. Click the Options button to bring up the Folder Options box.

CONNECTING TO A NETWORK

The majority of users are logged onto their Wi-Fi networks. If you pay your payments on schedule, this connection is dependable, honest, and loyal. Ten years ago or less, Wi-Fi was seen as a luxury. It is currently a requirement for all forms of housing, including public and private ones. Although it is necessary, we do not need it to survive. Our survival in a digitally connected society depends on wireless quality. In times of need, it serves as our ally, companion, and rock.

If we weren't connected to Wi-wonderful Fi, all of its benefits would be meaningless. Wi-Fi disconnections may occur after recent device upgrades and installations. If, for whatever reason, your Windows 11 device loses WiFi connectivity, here are a couple methods to go back online.

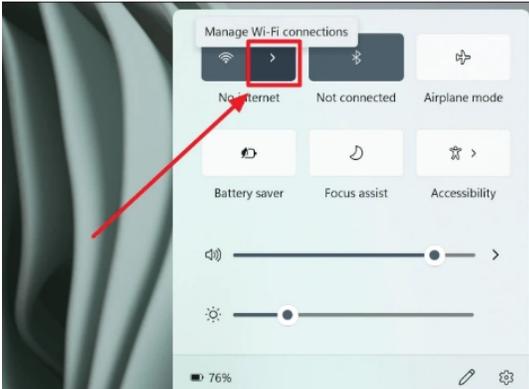
Connect to Wi-Fi via the Taskbar



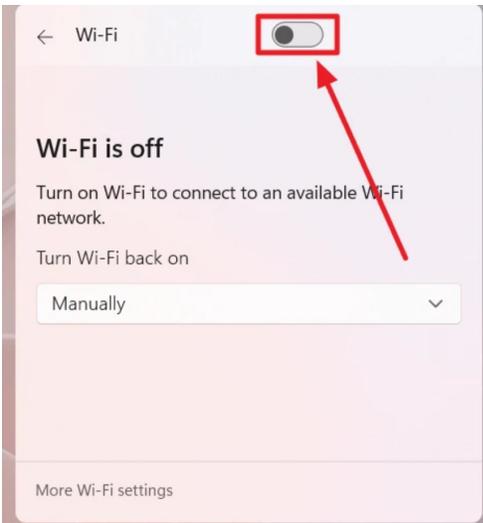
The Wi-Fi, Sound/Speaker, and Battery keys have been combined into a single little transparent box called the quick settings, which is located in the taskbar's lower right corner. The cursor may be moved over each icon to view its own

preview. But when you click a single button in the box, the options for each button show.

Click this transparent box to reveal the Wi-Fi settings.

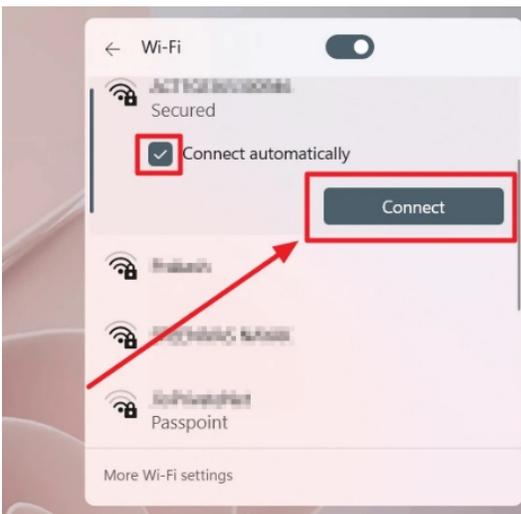


Select the "Manage Wi-Fi connections" option by clicking the right-pointing arrowhead next to the Wi-Fi emblem in the top area of the options box.



Click the toggle bar next to 'Wi-Fi' to turn on the network if it isn't already on. It is necessary to switch on the Wi-Fi when attempting to connect to one.

You will get a list of all accessible Wi-Fi connections when you turn on the Wi-Fi. When you find the link you wish to connect to, click 'Connect'.



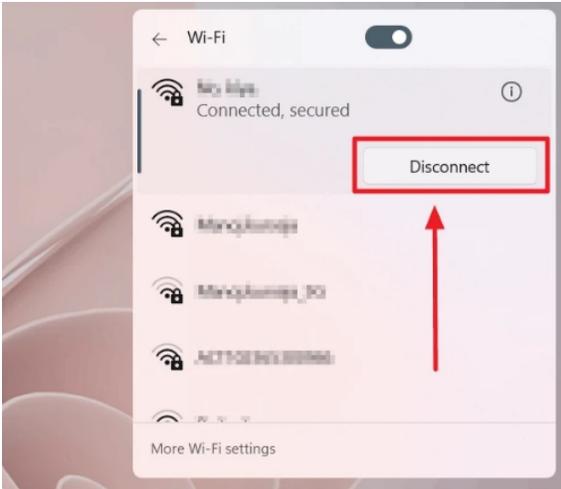
If you wish to connect to the same Wi-Fi network later on, check the box next to "Connect Automatically." Your device

will automatically establish a connection to the chosen Wi-Fi network as soon as it is turned on.

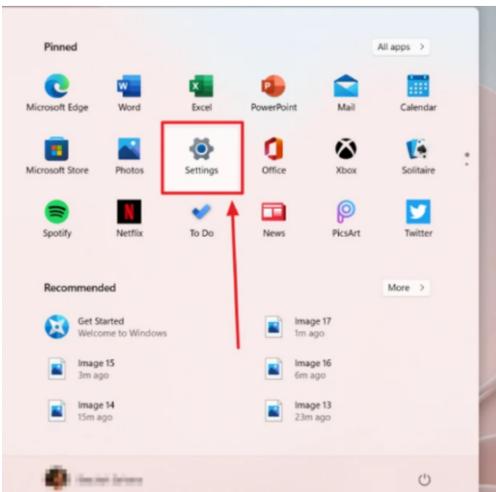


Input the network security key or Wi-Fi password for the selected network in the box next to "Enter the network security key." Click the "Next" button after that.

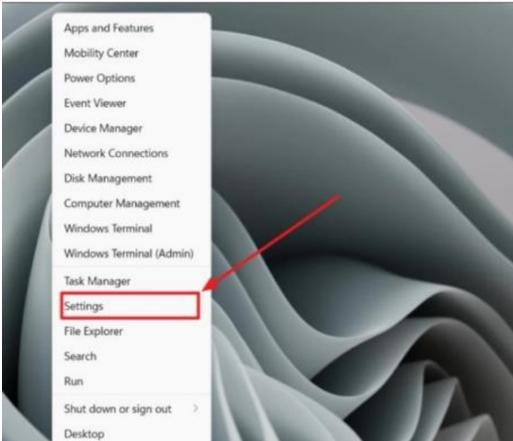
You are presently connected to the Wi-Fi network you have chosen.



Click the "Disconnect" button that appears when you choose a connected or stored Wi-Fi network in order to log off of any network.

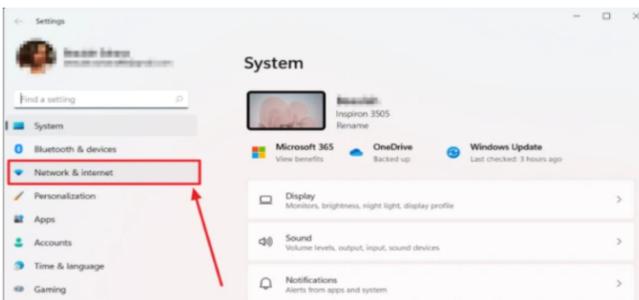


Using the Windows Settings menu, connect to WiFi.
Click 'Start' on the taskbar, then choose 'Settings' from the pinned items.

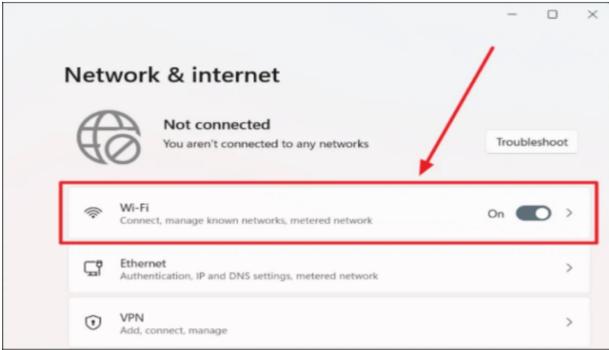


Alternatively, you may choose 'Settings' from the menu by performing a right-click or double-click on the Windows button.

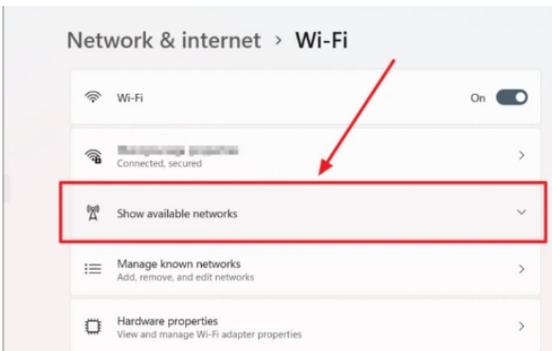
Now the 'Settings' page will show up. On this page, choose 'Network & Internet' from the menu on the left.



On the 'Network & Internet' tab that displays on the right, select the 'Wi-Fi' option. It'll be the first item on the list. Make sure the Wi-Fi toggle is turned on before moving further.



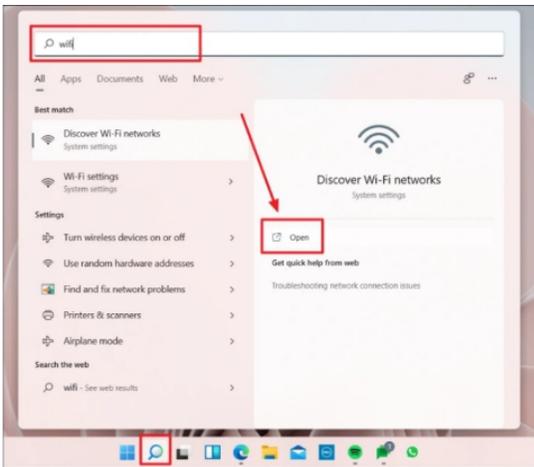
When you go to the 'Wi-Fi' menu, choose 'Show Available Networks'.



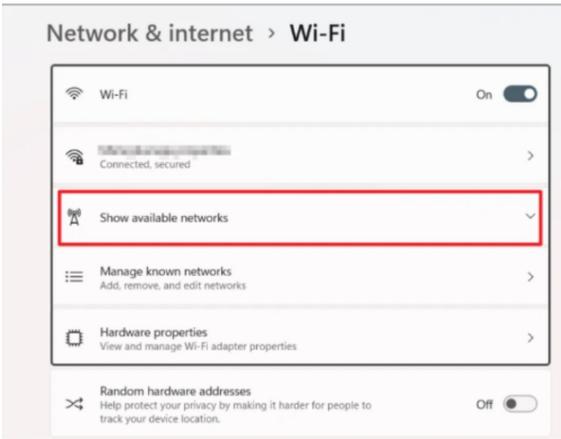
A list of nearby Wi-Fi networks that are available will appear. Once the desired connection has been selected and the password or network security key has been entered, click "Next".



You may also use this method in conjunction with the 'Search' icon. On the taskbar, click the magnifying glass icon, which represents the "Search" button. Enter "Wi-Fi" in the search field that shows up above the "Search" box. Choose "Discover WiFi Networks" from the search results on the left (under "Best Match"), or click "Open" next to the large app icon on the right.



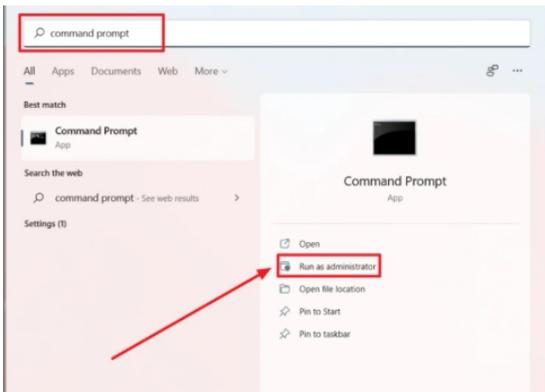
You'll be taken straight to the Wi-Fi configuration page as a result. Pick the 'Show Available Networks' option to carry out the preceding step.



Your Windows 11 device is now WiFi-enabled.

Connect to Wi-Fi using the Command Prompt

Press the 'Search' button located in the taskbar, input 'Command Prompt' into the search box, then select 'Run as Administrator' from the menu to the right of the application name.



When asked if you want to enable the program to make changes to your system, click "Yes."

Use the command `netsh wlan show profiles` and hit Enter to view the accessible WiFi networks.

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.65]
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>netsh wlan show profile

Profiles on interface Wi-Fi:

Group policy profiles (read only)
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<None>

User profiles
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All User Profile : all
All User Profile : C:\Users\All
All User Profile : P:\Users\user123456
All User Profile : P:\Users\user1234
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Locate the desired wireless network in the User Profiles list, then type its name after 'name=' in the subsequent command.

wlan connect name = <user profile name> in netsh

```
User profiles
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All User Profile : all
All User Profile : C:\Users\All
All User Profile : P:\Users\user123456
All User Profile : P:\Users\user1234

C:\WINDOWS\system32>netsh wlan connect name=all
Connection request was completed successfully.

C:\WINDOWS\system32>
```

You will be able to access the network of your choosing right away. This method's drawback is that pre-connection is necessary. You have to have connected to the wireless network(s) at least once in order to show up in the 'User Profiles' area.

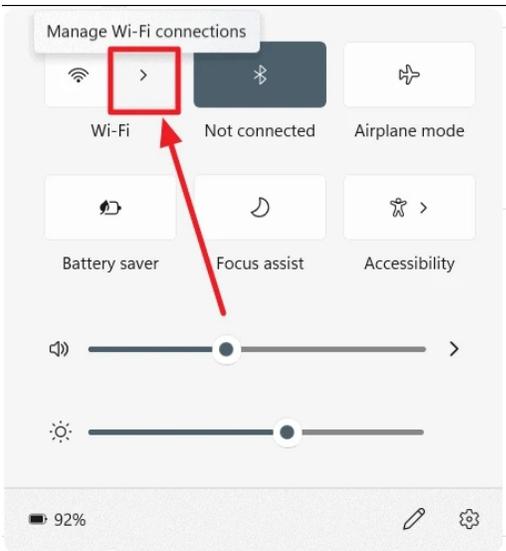
Connect to a Hidden Wi-Fi Network Manually in Windows 11

Sometimes, for whatever reason, some Wi-Fi connections won't show up under 'Available Networks' when you join to a wireless network. It can be a network that is now out of range or a secret network. Fortunately, you can always manually connect to the WiFi network, so there's no need to freak out.

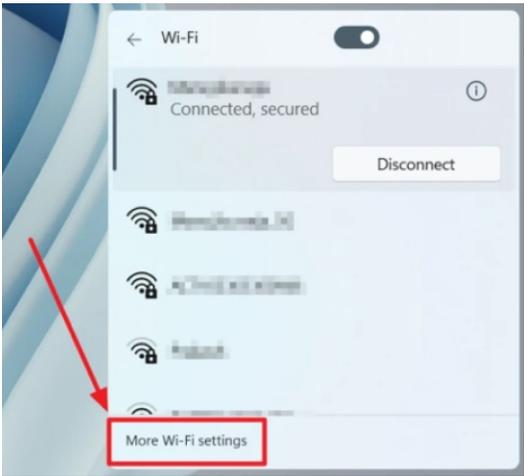


Choose the Quick Settings toggle option from the menu to the right of the Taskbar.

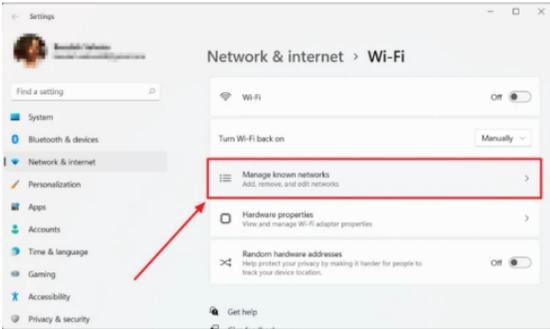
Next, click the right-pointing arrowhead next to the Wi-Fi symbol in the top section of the quick settings box.



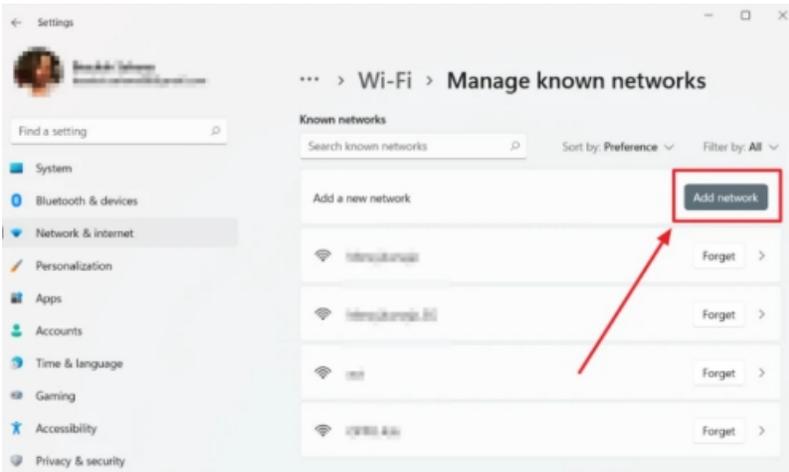
The "More Wi-Fi options" option at the bottom of the "Wi-Fi box," which shows a list of available Wi-Fi networks, should be selected if Wi-Fi is enabled.



Choose 'Manage recognized networks' under the Wi-Fi section of the 'Network & internet' settings screen.

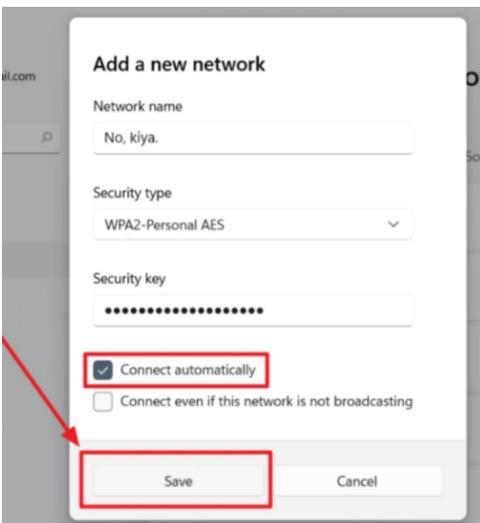


All previously stored wireless networks are listed on the screen. Click the 'Add Network' button located on the 'Add a new network' row at the top of this list.

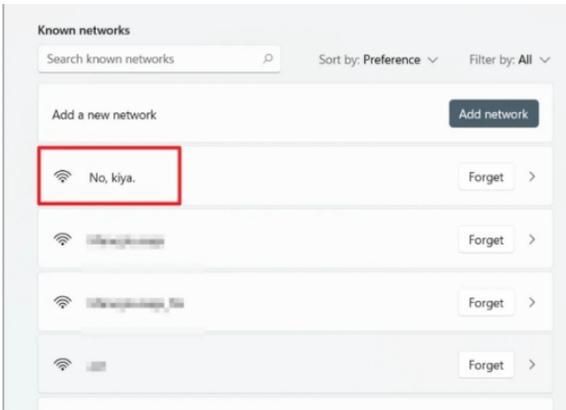


To manually add a wireless network, a box that looks like the one on the control panel will appear. This box asks for the same information as the last one, while having a slightly different look.

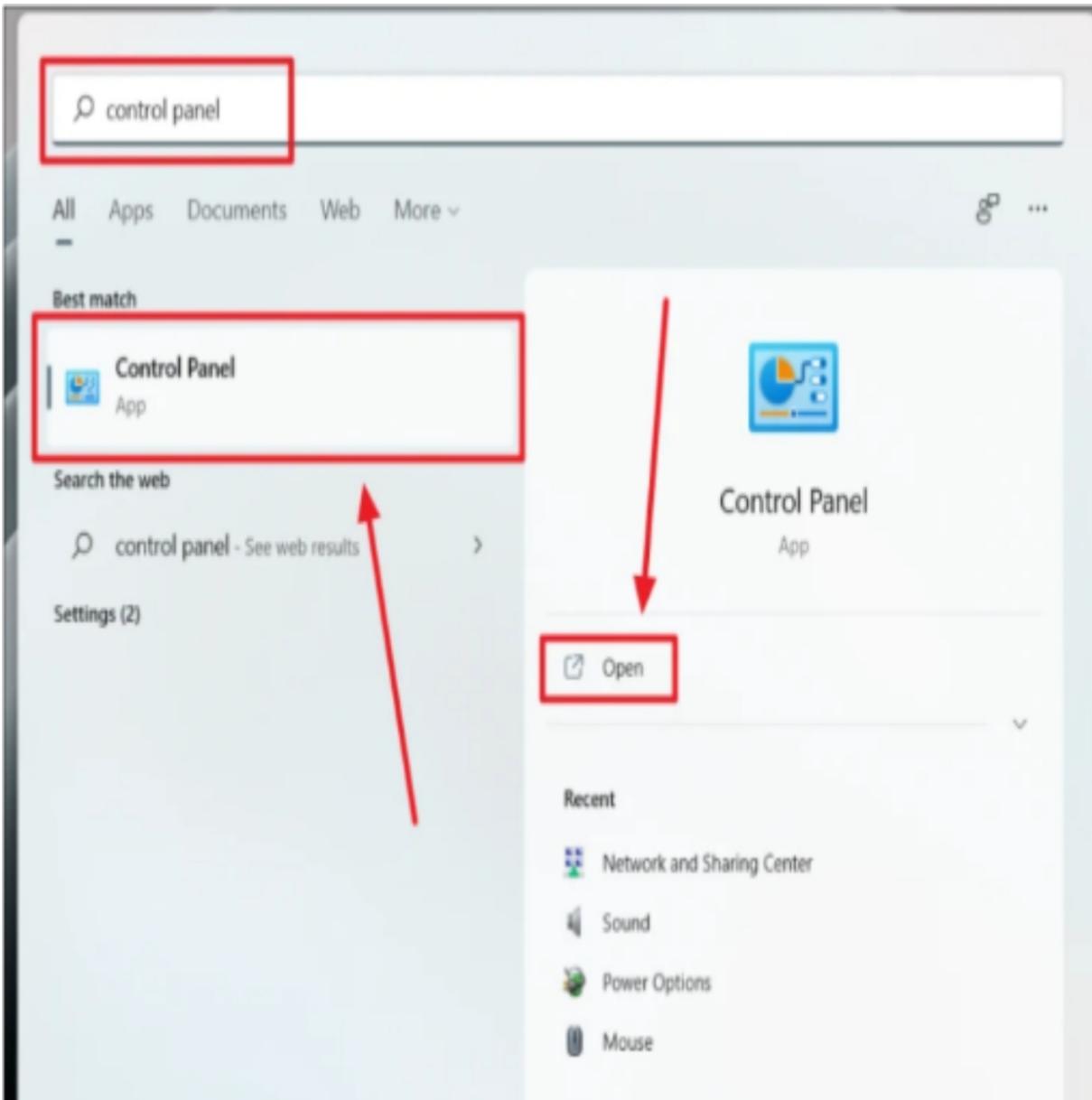
Enter the Network Name, Security Type, and Security Key as required. If you would want to connect to the chosen WiFi network automatically, check the box next to "Connect automatically."



Once finished, press the 'Save' button.



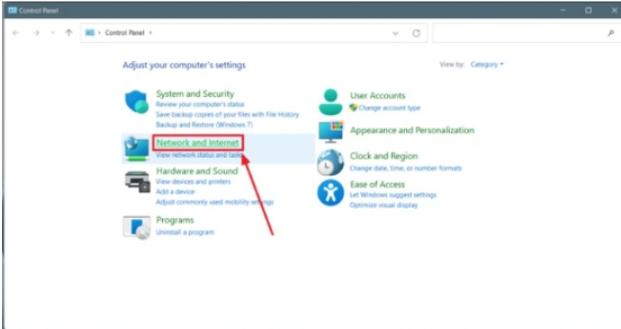
You may now see the new network listed among your saved and accessible networks. You will also automatically connect to this wireless network until you modify your settings.



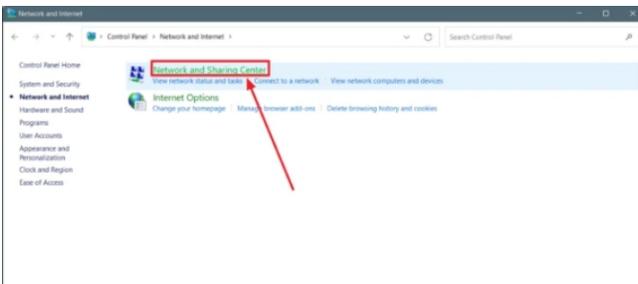
Connect to a Hidden WiFi Network Manually from the Control Panel

Alternatively, you may manually establish a WiFi connection from your PC's Control Panel.

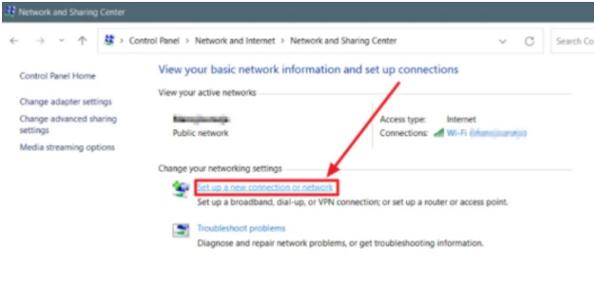
In the taskbar's search box, enter "Control Panel" after clicking the "Search" button. To access the control panel, either click the "Open" option located under the app icon on the right, or pick the name of the program located below the "Best Match" area on the left.



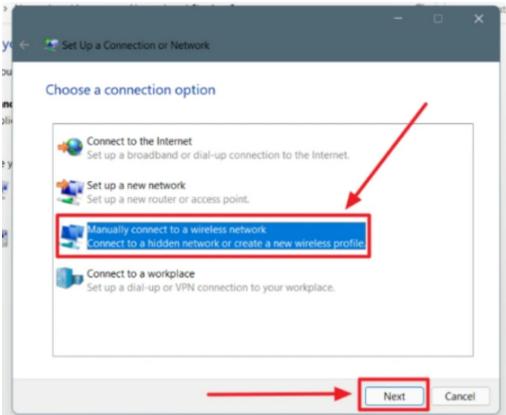
Click the 'Network and Internet' button on the 'Control Panel' window.



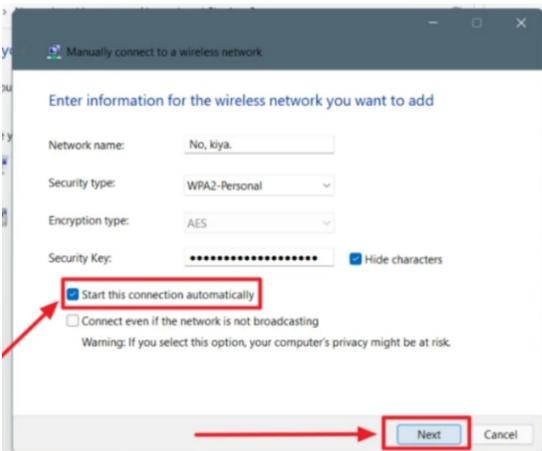
Choose 'Network and Sharing Center' from the 'Network and Internet' screen that displays.



Just underneath the 'Change your networking options' area on the 'Network and Sharing Center' page, choose 'Set up a new connection or network'.

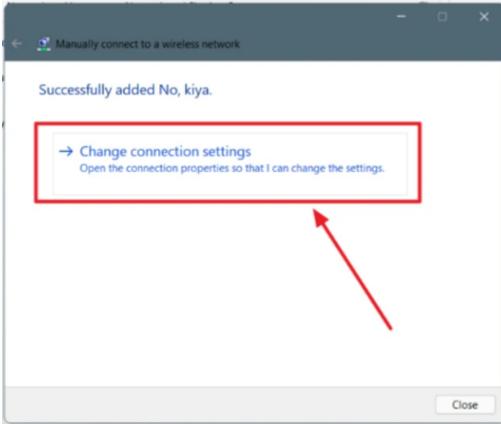


Click 'Next' after choosing 'Manually connect to a wireless network' from the pop-up window.

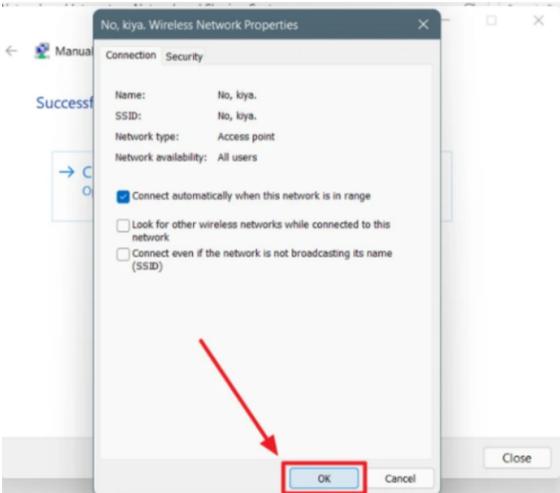


Now you'll need to input the network name and the network security key or password, security type, and encryption type (if applicable) for the connection you want to manually connect to.

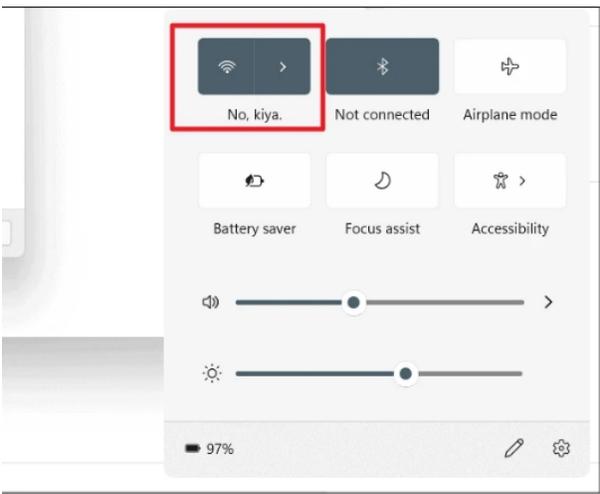
After supplying the required information, check the box labeled "Start this connection automatically." When the procedure is complete, you will be instantly connected to this network by performing this. Hit the "Next" option on the menu.



The list will be updated with the newly added wifi network. To continue, choose 'Change connection settings' from the next pop-up.



Now, a box on the screen with the name "Wireless Network Properties" will provide the information for the newly established wireless network. Since this network is set up to start automatically, the 'Connect automatically when this network is in range' option will likewise be pre-selected. Click the "OK" button to proceed.



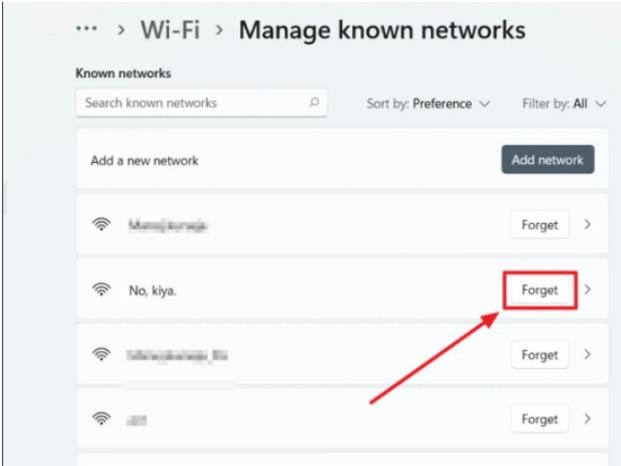
Click the Wi-Fi button to reactivate it if it was previously off. The wireless network that you manually established will now

be linked to you automatically.

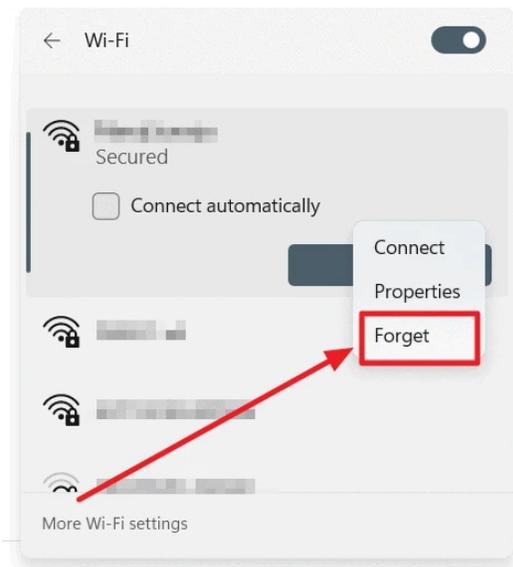
On Windows 11, how to Forget a Wireless Network/Wi-Fi Connection

Sometimes we all want to forget things. Forgetting a Wi-Fi connection is easy, but what occurs in the mind stays there and cannot be changed.

The steps outlined in the preceding section apply to forgetting a wireless network as well. Click the Quick Settings toggle in the Taskbar, followed by the > forward arrow symbol and the 'More Wi-Fi Settings' option located at the bottom of the box. Next, go to the Wireless Settings page and select the 'Manage recognized networks' option.



On the 'Manage known networks' screen, go to the Wi-Fi connection that you want to delete from your system's memory. Click the 'Forget' button next to that network.



In the quick settings, you can also delete the WiFi network from the list of WiFi connections. To erase a WiFi connection, right-click or touch on it, then choose 'Forget' from the drop-down menu.

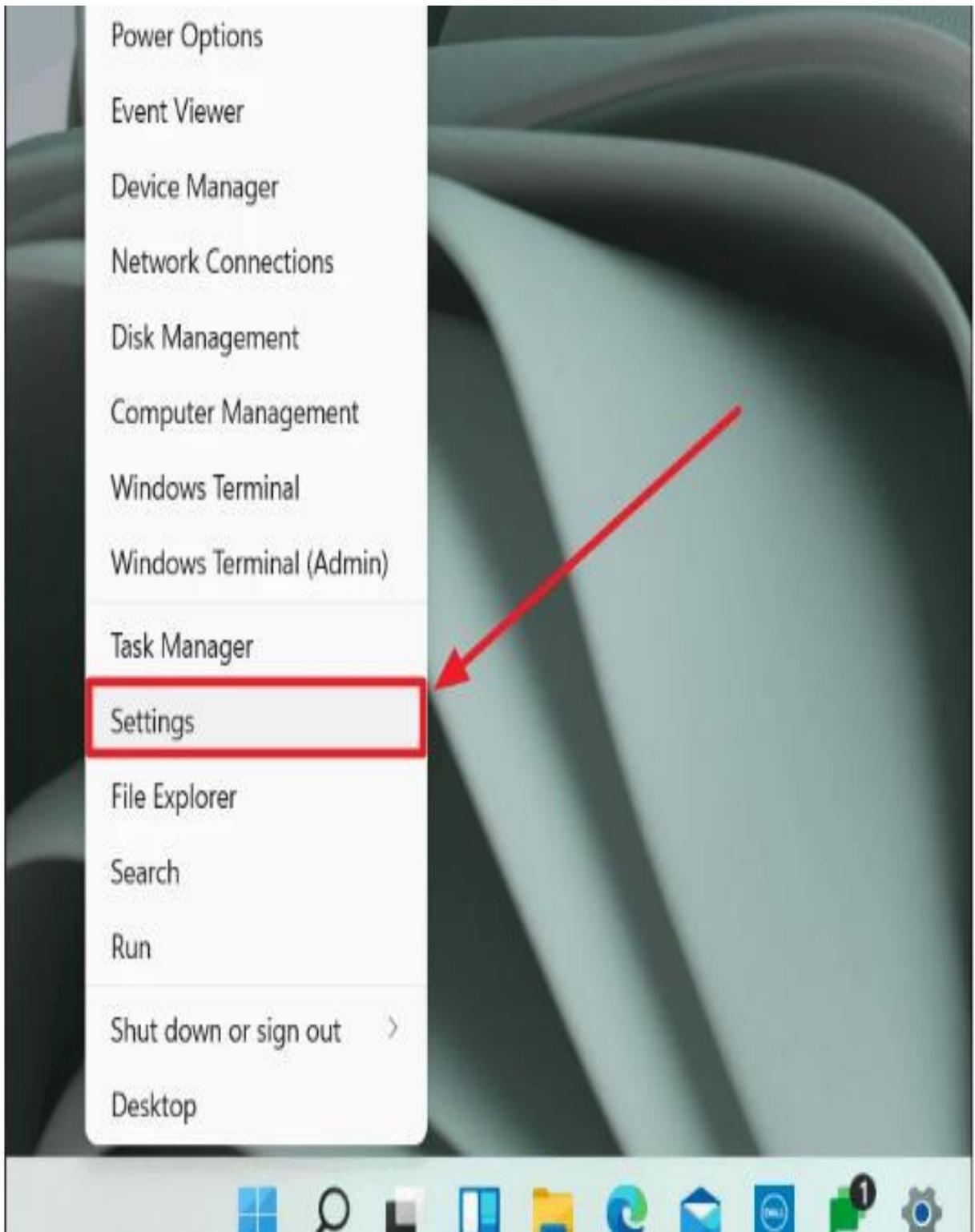
Your connection to that wireless network has been lost! It would vanish from your list of WiFi connections or recognized networks.

Can't connect to WiFi on Windows 11?

Your WiFi may not be functioning for a variety of reasons. It could provide weaker signals, stop functioning entirely, or prevent your computer from connecting to WiFi in the midst. These troubleshooting methods should fix your weak wifi connection, whatever the problem may be.

First and foremost, establish a relationship. You could not get complete wireless connection if your WiFi router is too far away from your PC. Try moving your computer's WiFi connection closer to the router and see if it helps. If it gets better, the distance between your system and the WiFi router or source was most likely the issue.

Examine the WiFi router directly if it doesn't resolve the issue. Turn off the WiFi router by unplugging it. Connect the router back after a few minutes. Check your computer's and the router's WiFi connections. Restart the router or reset it if needed if the issue continues. Next, try to get your device to connect to WiFi.



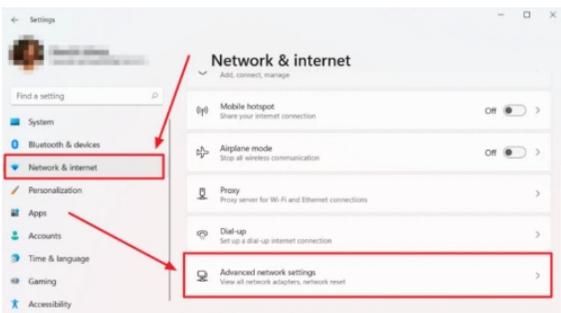
Fix 1: Reset your

computer's network.

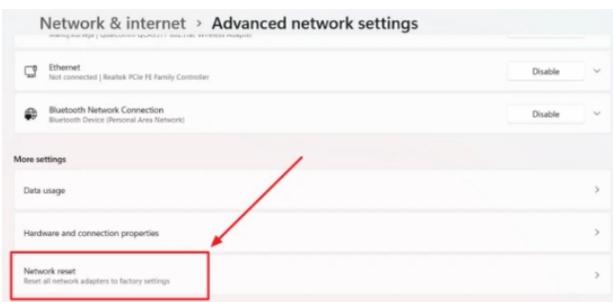
You may reset your Windows 11 device's WiFi network adapter if none of the other solutions work.

Click the Windows key + X to launch the Settings menu, and choose the 'Settings' option.

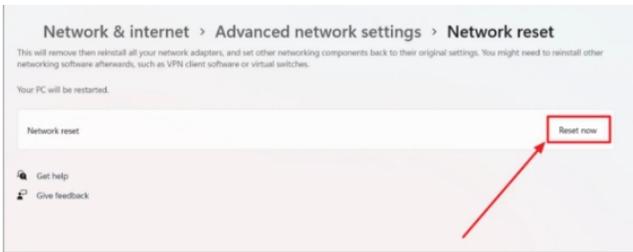
From the Settings app, choose 'Network and Internet' from the left panel of choices. Click 'Advanced Network Settings' at the bottom of the 'Network and Internet' settings page.



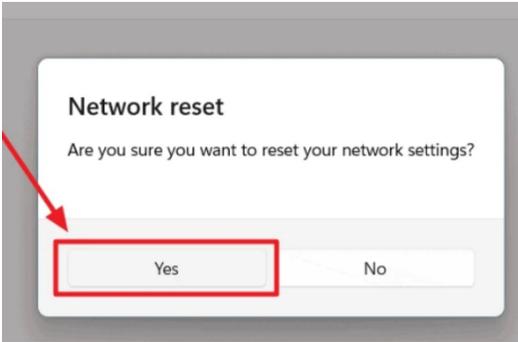
To access "Advanced Network Settings," go to "More Settings" and then "Network Reset."



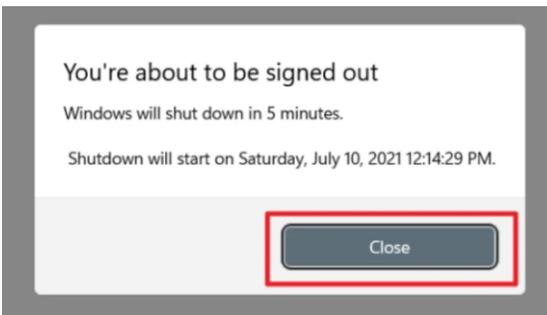
Select the 'Reset Now' button located at the far right of the 'Network Reset' option on the 'Network Reset' screen.



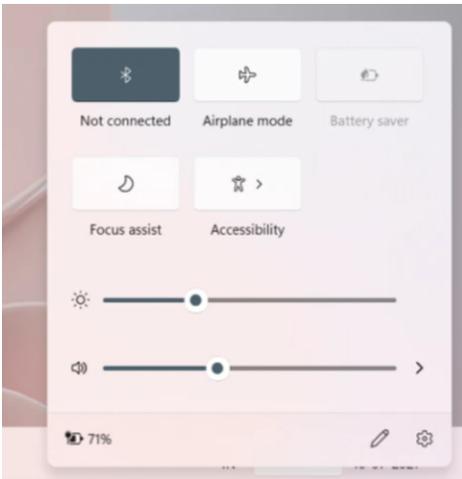
The next prompt will appear; click 'Yes' to accept it.



To reset the network, you must first log out of WiFi. All stored WiFi passwords will thus be removed. Your Windows 11 machine will shut down automatically once you've rebooted the network. Another option is to manually shut down your machine.



There is no "WiFi" option in the quick settings box, and the "Wifi" symbol on the taskbar has been replaced with a disconnected globe icon. We are presently in the process of wiping the WiFi.

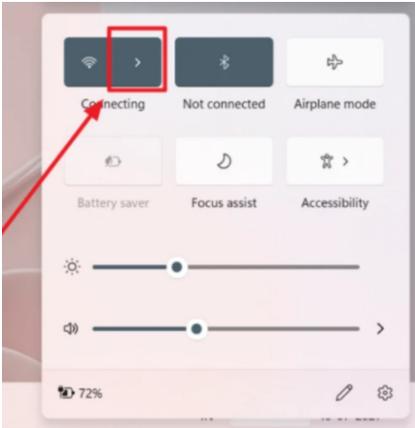


The WiFi button in the quick settings will return once you restart your computer. Reconnecting to the WiFi network is necessary.

Click the fast settings box located in the taskbar's lower right corner to get started.



Next, click the arrow next to the WiFi indication on the right.

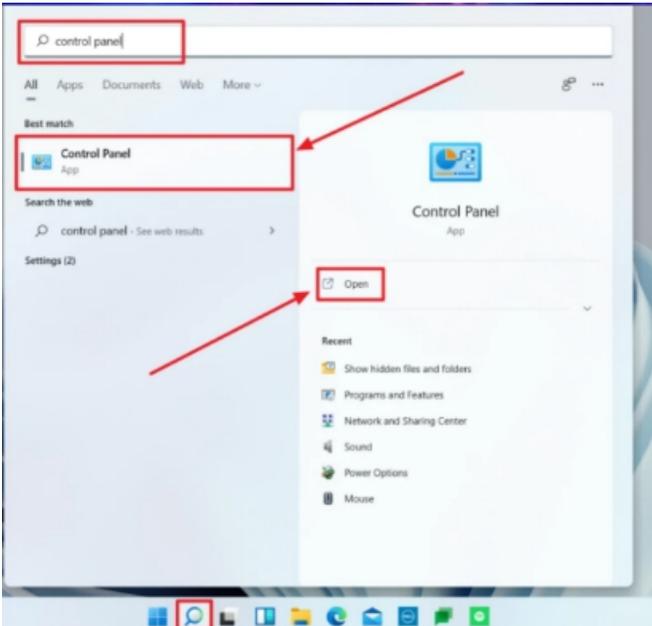


After choosing the desired wireless network to rejoin to, enter the WiFi password or network security key. Press the 'Next' button once you're done.



Now, you may reconnect to the WiFi network. Nevertheless, this technique is limited to fixing WiFi connection problems with the Windows 11 operating system. Any other technical problems causing the WiFi disconnection would remain unresolved. The techniques provided below could be helpful.

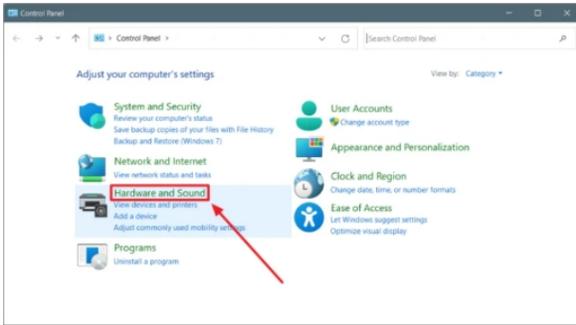
Fix 2. Update the Wireless Network Adapter Driver.



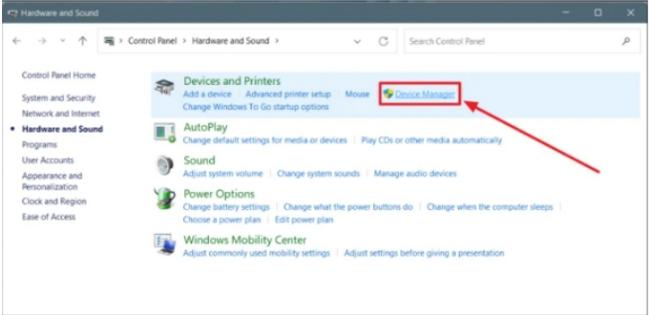
Your Windows 11 device may have a poor wifi connection if the system's wireless drivers are outdated. You may be able to get the WiFi working normally again after updating these drivers. Here's how you go about it.

Click the "Search" button on the taskbar (the magnifying glass symbol) and type "Control Panel" into the search box. To launch the Control Panel, click the program name found in the search results or the "Open" button located to the right of the search results.

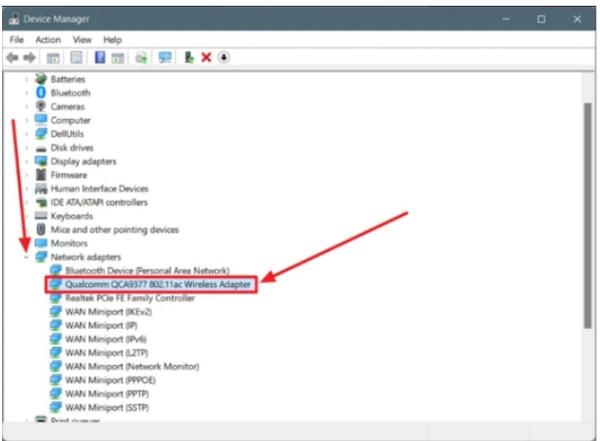
Click on the Control Panel and choose "Hardware and Sound".



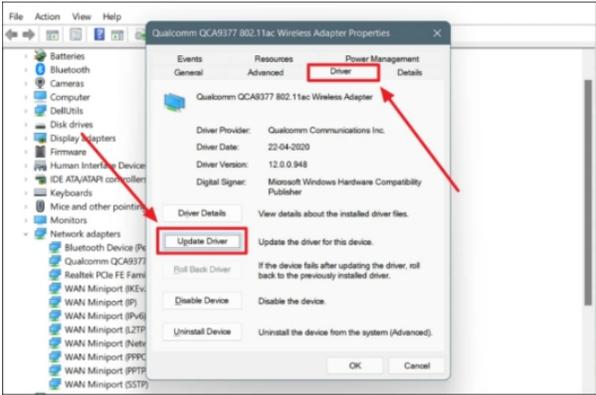
Select the 'Device Manager' option located under the 'Device and Printers' menu option, when the Hardware and Sound page appears.



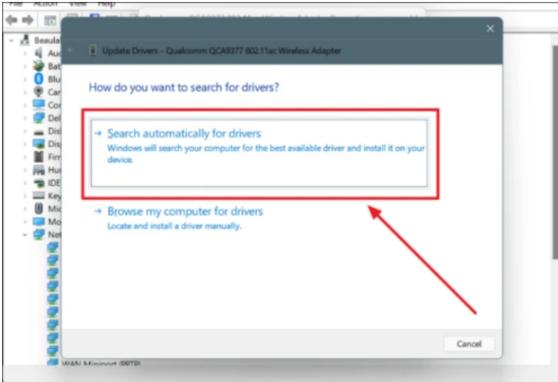
Navigate to the "Network Adapters" section of the Device Manager page to expand this option. The name of your wireless adapter is the second option under "Network adapters." Double-click it.



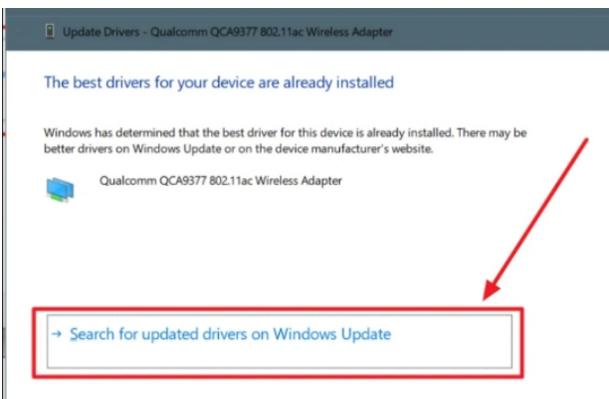
Your wireless adapter's properties will now show the 'Driver' tab. Select the 'Update Driver' button located under this tab.



You will now be given the option to choose the method of searching for driver updates. Please tick the box next to "Search automatically for drivers" to begin an automated search.

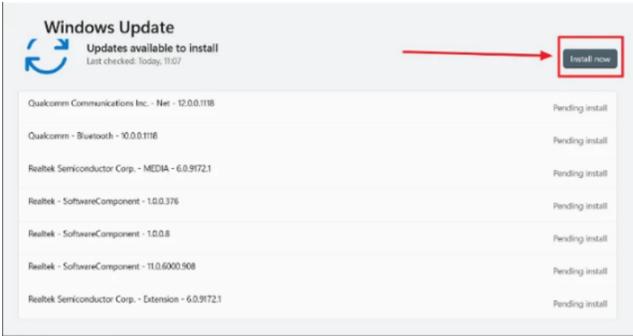


Choose the option to 'Search for updated drivers on Windows Update' if the driver updates for your wireless device are not shown in the ensuing window.



The 'Windows Update' setup page will be shown to you. If there are any updates, they will be shared here.

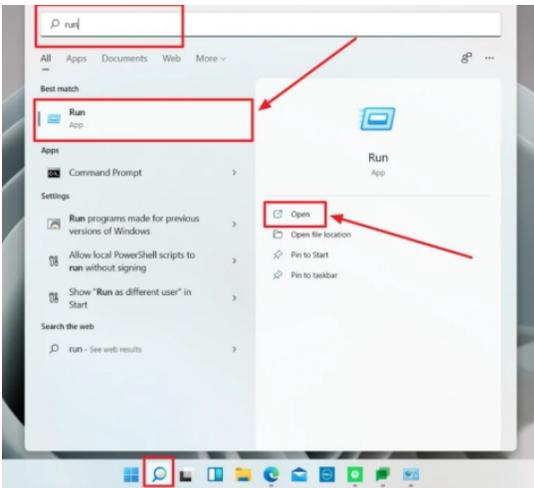
Click the 'Install Now' button above the list of pending installs to begin installing the pending updates.



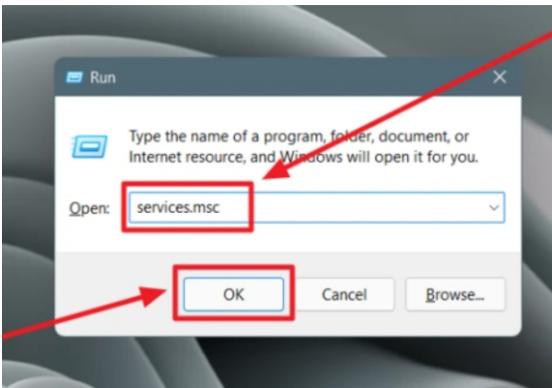
After the updates have been installed, restart your device and check your WiFi connection.

3. Execute WLAN Auto-Configuration

In the event that all else fails, you may set up your system's wireless LAN connection to continuously look for wireless networks that are accessible to connect to and connect you when one does.



Enter "run" into the search field, then choose "Run" from the list of results on the left or "Open" from the menu below the app name on the right to start the "Run" program. Another way to launch this application is to hit Windows Key + R.



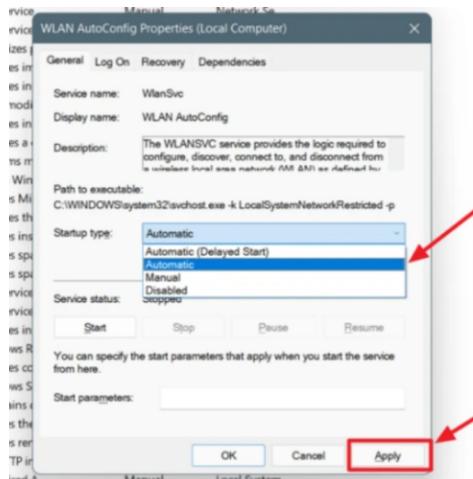
Press the 'OK' button after entering services.msc in the 'Open' box of the 'Run' dialog box.

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	Work Folders	This service ...	Manual	Local Service
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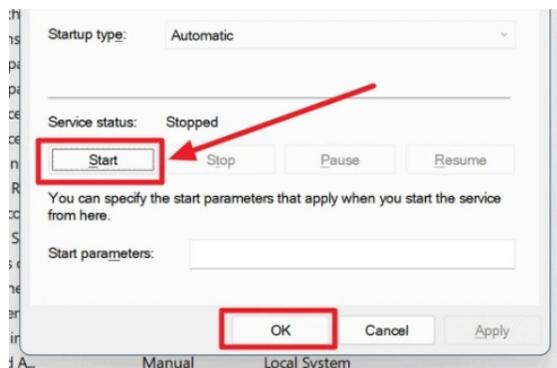
You'll get a list of every service that is active on your system right now. Navigate to the 'W' section located below the alphabetized list of services.

Locate the service known as "WLAN AutoConfig". In the event that the service indicates "Running," there isn't a fix for your WiFi issue here. But if it indicates something other than "Running," like "Disabled," double-click the WLAN AutoConfig option to open it.

The WLAN AutoConfig properties dialog will appear; stay on the 'General' tab.



The 'Startup Type' option is selected. After choosing 'Automatic' from the drop-down option, click 'Apply'.



Click 'Start' to start the service in the same dialog box, then click 'OK' to confirm. 'Running' is the new status for the service.

Note: Your WiFi will automatically shut down if WLAN AutoConfig is not functioning. This will function as a prompt

to verify these settings once again.

Verify the WiFi connection on your device once the WLAN AutoConfig service has started.

HOW TO MAKE EVERYTHING IN WINDOWS 11 SMALLER

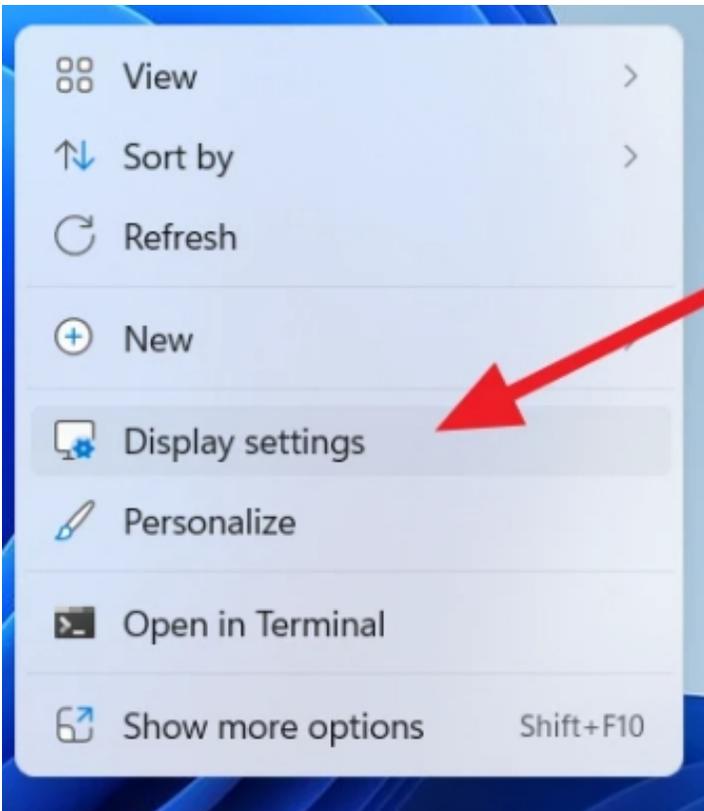
Here's how to reduce the size of your Windows user interface if you feel that it's too large.

You may make your computer simpler to view and operate by lowering the size of text, icons, and other elements if you feel that everything on Windows 11 is too huge. To make sure that UI components (text, icons, taskbar, and other things) are legible and the right size, Windows automatically detects and modifies display settings depending on screen size and resolution.

But it doesn't always function. You may have to manually alter the settings in order to match your display settings to the real screen size. To prevent eye strain, users with smaller screens or lower resolutions will need to manually decrease the size of everything. Furthermore, if you are using an app that occupies too much screen real estate, lowering the scale may help make things simpler to view and utilize.

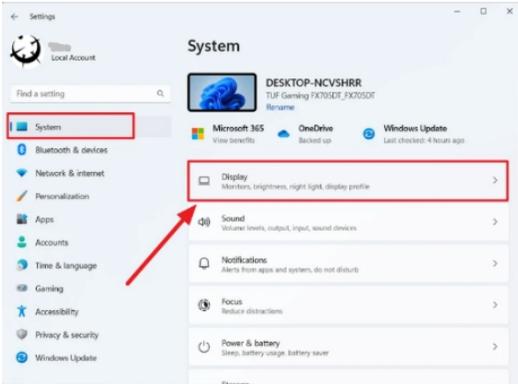
This section will examine several approaches to reduce the size of all Windows 11 UI components, including fonts and icons.

To reduce the size of everything, modify the display scaling in Windows 11.

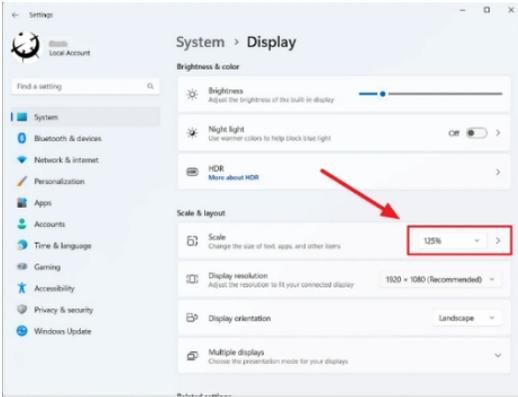


The number of individual pixels that may fit into a one-inch line on a display is known as the DPI (Dots Per Inch) scaling. You may use it to change the size of programs, text, icons, and other user interface components on your screen. Everything seems bigger when the DPI level is greater, and everything appears smaller when it is lower. In Windows Settings, change the display scale to make the typeface, program, and other elements smaller.

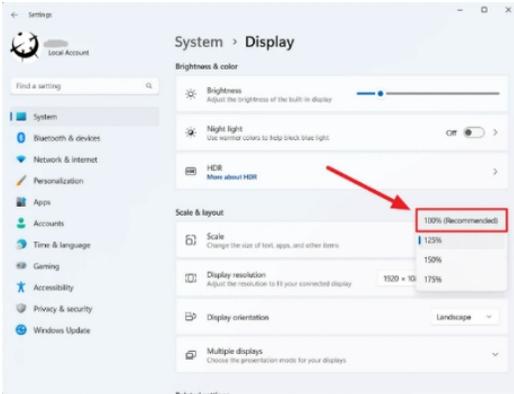
Select 'Display settings' from the context menu by right-clicking anywhere on your desktop.



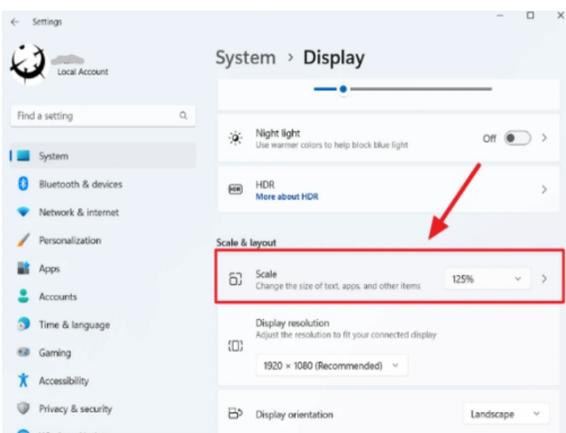
Alternatively, press Windows+I to open the Settings app, then choose 'Display' from the System tab.



Navigate to the 'Scale & layout' section and choose 'Scale' from the dropdown menu when the Display options panel appears.



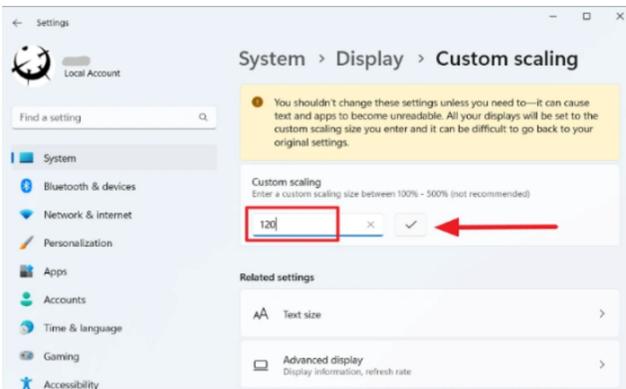
From the list of scaling possibilities, choose the lowest percentage that best meets your demands, such as 125% or 100%.



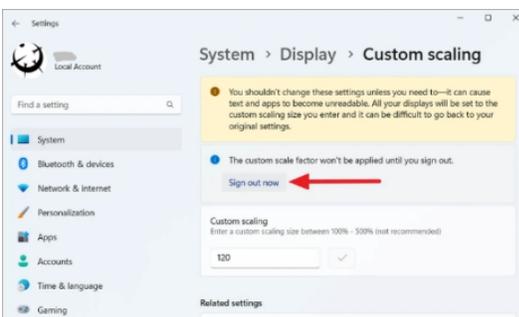
The typeface, icons, and user interface components will all go smaller when you choose this option. There are just four

percentage possibilities available in the drop-down list: 100, 125, 150, and 175 percent.

You may adjust the display scale if you're not happy with the preset settings. Instead of using the drop-down list, use the Scale option to alter the scaling size.



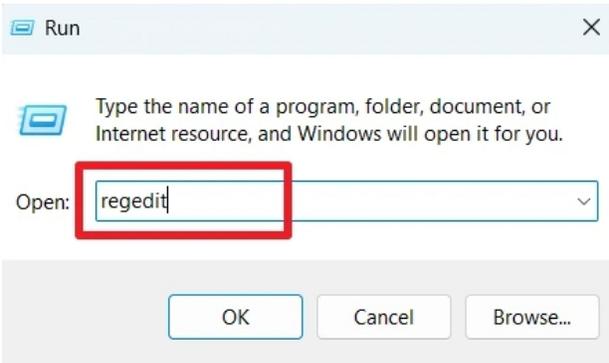
Type a custom scaling size value between 100% and 500% in the text area, then click the Check button.



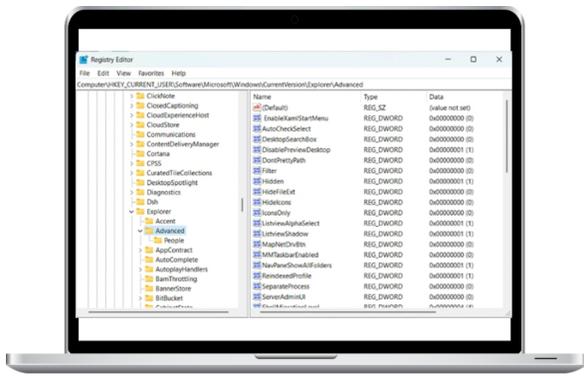
Then sign out of your PC to apply the scaling level.

Change the height of the taskbar and the size of the icons in Windows 11.

If all you want to do is adjust the taskbar's and its icons' sizes, then follow these instructions. You have to use the Registry Editor to make the taskbar and its icons smaller since there is no natural method to adjust the taskbar height and icon size.



Start Windows Registry Editor by using Win+R, entering "regedit," and selecting "OK."

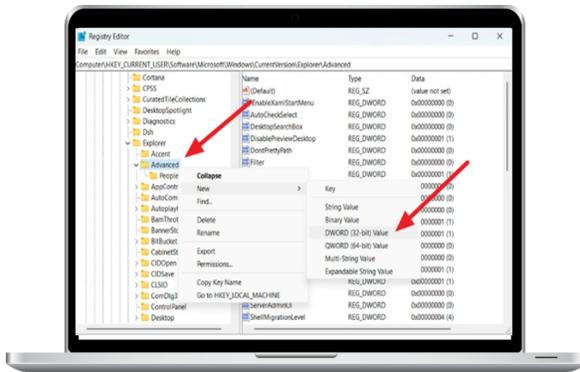


When the Registry Editor opens, go to the location below or copy and paste the path below into the Registry Editor's address bar and click Enter.

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`USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\A`
`dvanced` should be entered.

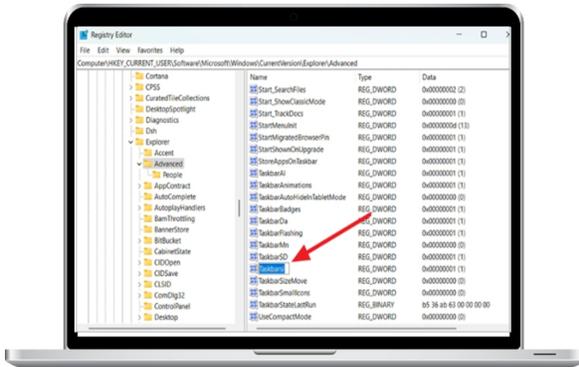
Go to the Advanced folder and look for the REG DWORD TaskbarSi. You have to make it if it doesn't already exist.

To access DWORD (32-bit) Value, right-click the "Advanced"



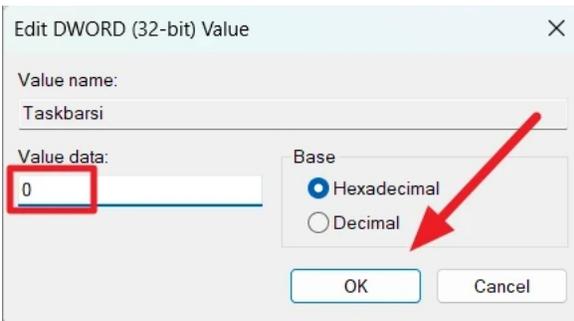
key, choose "New," and then "Value." As an alternative, you may choose 'New' > 'DWORD (32-bit) Value' by right-clicking on any empty area in the right pane.

Next, give the newly created registry item TaskbarSi a new name.



Next, double-click "TaskbarSi" and choose one of the following values for its Value data:

- 0 - Small size
- 1 - Medium Size (Default)
- 2 - Larger Size

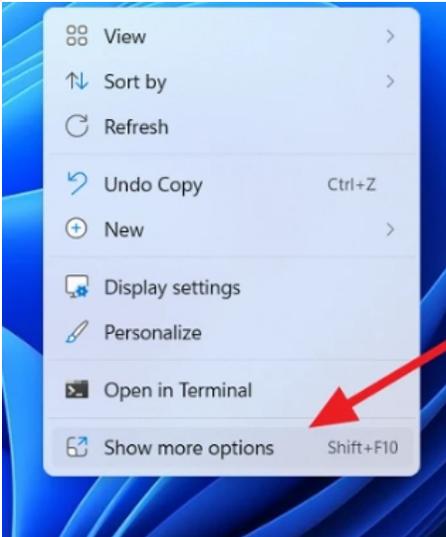


To make the taskbar smaller, change the number to 0 and click "OK".

Once the Registry Editor has been closed, restart your computer. You'll notice that the taskbar and icon sizes have changed when the machine boots up.

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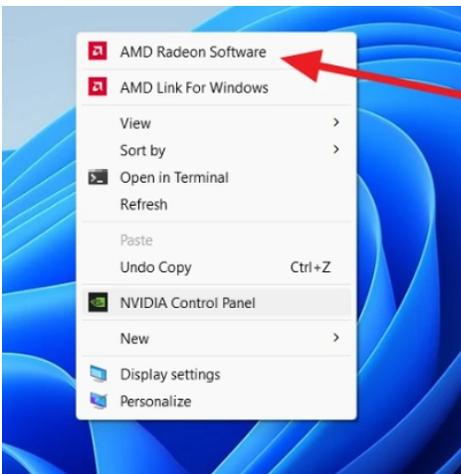




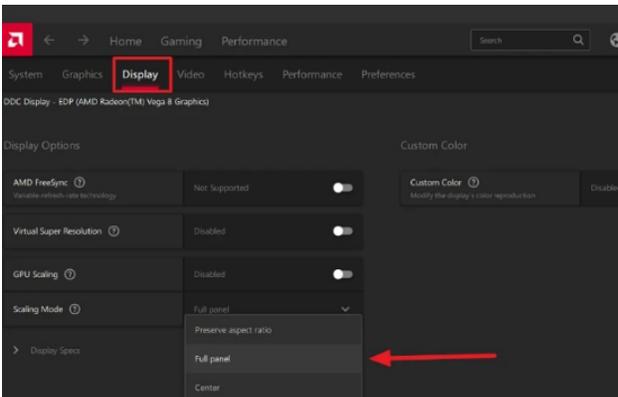
You may reduce the size of everything by using an AMD or NVIDIA display panel.

Using AMD or NVIDIA panels to adjust Windows display settings is another option to modify the size of Windows icons. Here's how you go about it:

Using the right-click menu, choose 'Show additional options' to open the Control Panel for AMD or NVIDIA graphics cards.



Click on 'AMD Radeon Software'. Choose 'NVIDIA Control Panel' if your graphics card is an AMD graphics card by default.



Locate the 'Scaling Mode' option by navigating to the 'Display' settings in the Graphics control panel. From the drop-down option, choose 'Full panel'.

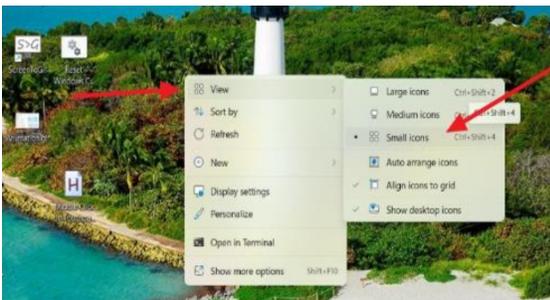
Restarting your computer will then cause the adjustments to take effect.

In Windows 11, you can make icons smaller without scaling them.

You must use keyboard shortcuts, context menus, or mouse scroll to adjust the size of your Windows icons (desktop, File Explorer, and taskbar icons) without modifying the resolution or scale.

Decrease the size of desktop icons

In Windows 11, you may manually adjust the size of desktop icons by performing a right-click on an empty spot on the desktop. Next, choose 'Small icons' from the sub-menu and 'View' from the context menu.



Alternatively, you may use the Ctrl key to hold down and scroll up or down to adjust the size of your icons. You may also use the shortcut key Ctrl+Shift+4 to make the icons smaller.

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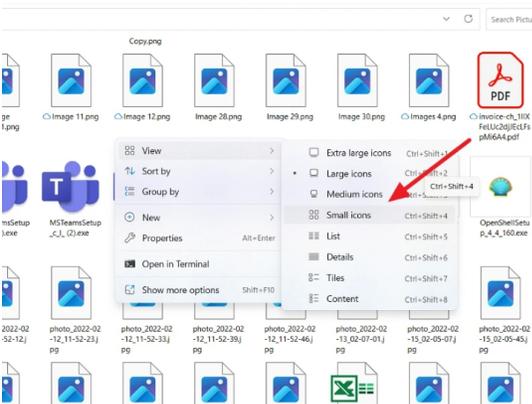


Shrink the File Explorer icons in size.

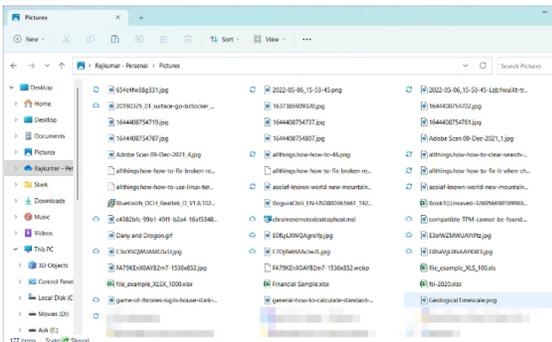
Using the same procedure as on the desktop, you may reduce the size of the file explorer icons.

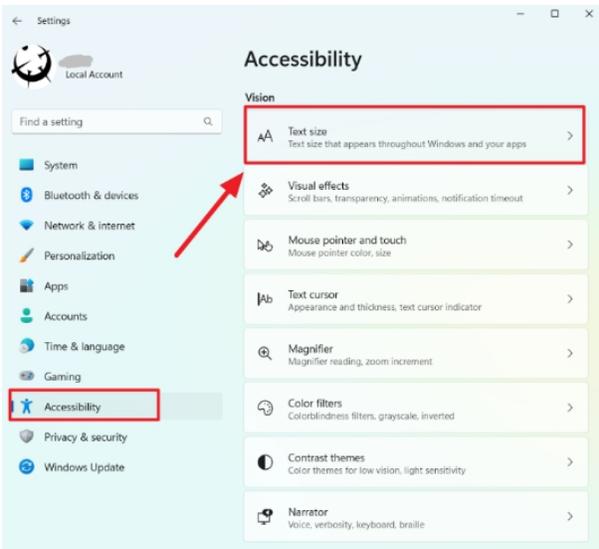
Right-click in the File Explorer on an empty spot, then choose 'View' from the sub-menu.

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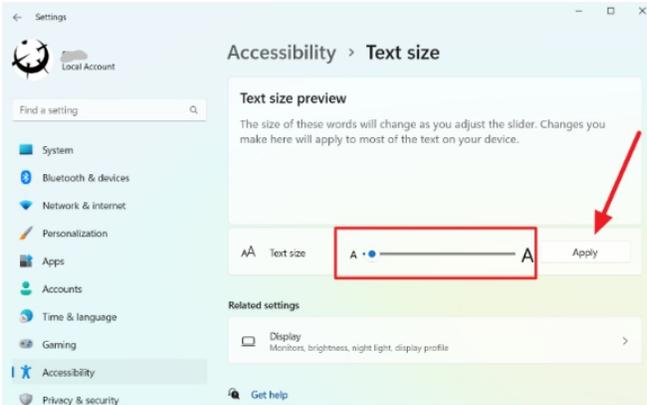




Text in Windows 11 can be made smaller.

If all you want to do is reduce the text's size without altering the size of other UI components, you shouldn't adjust the scale settings. Use these procedures to modify the font size:

You may enter Windows Settings by pressing Windows+I. Next, choose "Text size" on the right after selecting "Accessibility" on the left.

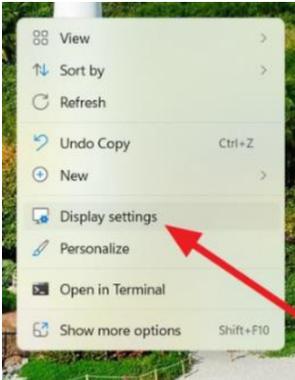


Use the slider next to 'Text size' to shrink the text if it has been altered or if it is too big for your machine. A preview of the size change will show up above as you adjust the slider. Press 'Apply' to ensure that your changes are saved.

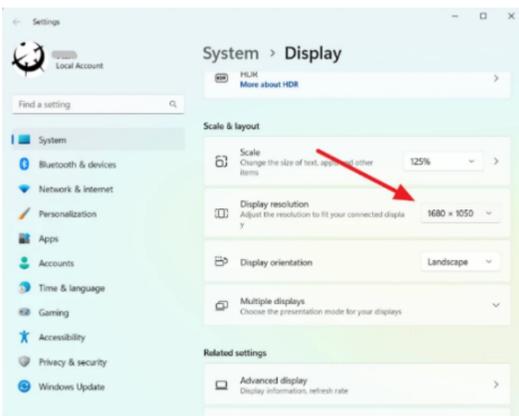
To make things smaller on your screen, adjust the resolution.

The number of unique pixels that may be seen on the screen in each dimension—horizontally and vertically—is known as the screen resolution. Images on tiny displays, such as tablets or mobile phones, are crisper and more vibrant because smaller screens have a greater pixel density (the number of pixels per inch) than bigger panels.

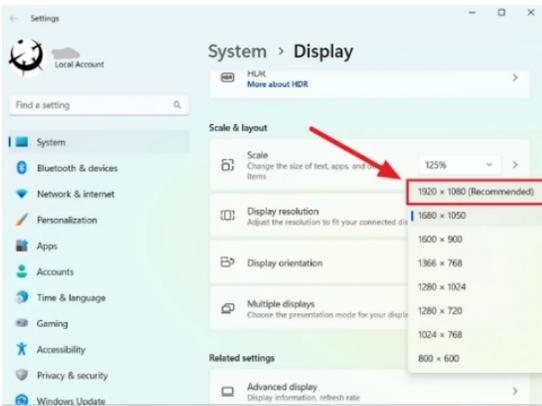
Increasing the screen resolution will make items smaller if your display is operating at a lower resolution than the maximum resolution of your monitor. Because a higher resolution increases the number of pixels on the screen, visuals become more crisp and clear. With increasing resolution, the picture and other components become smaller. The resolution decreases with increasing picture and other UI element size. Here's how to adjust your Windows 11 computer's resolution:



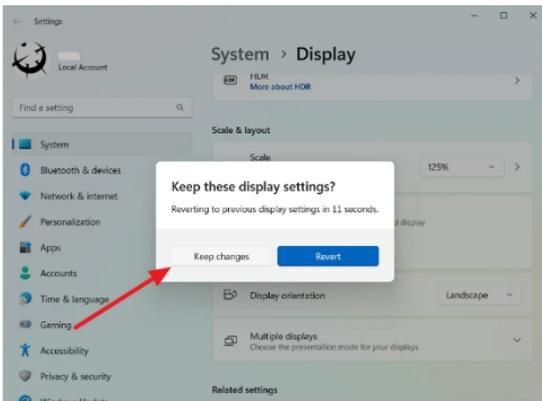
To adjust the display resolution, right-click anywhere on your desktop and choose 'Display settings'.



This will open the Display options in the options app. In the 'Display resolution' tile, under Scale & layout, choose the drop-down menu.



In addition to the current resolution in the drop-down menu, you'll see a list of resolutions that your monitor supports. Select the maximum resolution available to reduce the size of all icons, text, and other elements (Recommended resolution).



Click the 'Keep changes' button on the popup before the timer goes off.

Upon changing the resolution, you will see a shift in size.

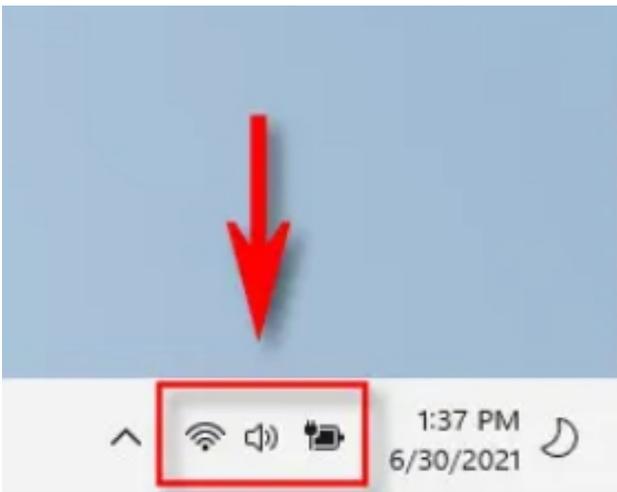
That's it. With Windows 11, you may effortlessly change the size of any element on your screen by using the previously

mentioned techniques.

HOW TO ENABLE BLUETOOTH IN WINDOWS 11

For wirelessly connecting accessories to your Windows 11 PC, such as mice, keyboards, controllers, headsets, and other devices, Bluetooth is perfect. Here's how to turn it on and make your very first connection.

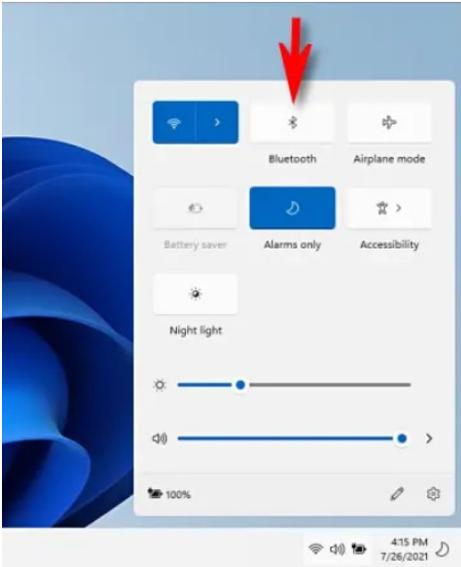
In Windows 11, Bluetooth may be activated either the Windows Settings app or the Quick Settings menu. We'll cover both options and some fundamental troubleshooting below.



Using the Quick Settings Menu, enable Bluetooth.

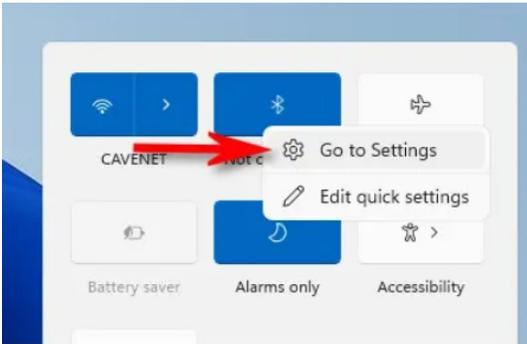
In Windows 11, the simplest method to activate Bluetooth is via the Quick Settings menu. Click the group of indicator icons on your taskbar, directly to the left of the time and date, to get access to it.

This secret button will cause the Quick Settings menu to appear. The Bluetooth symbol is a stylized "B" with sharp angles; choose it.



(Click the pencil symbol in Quick Settings if the Bluetooth button or icon is not visible. Next, click "Add," and choose "Bluetooth" from the drop-down option.)

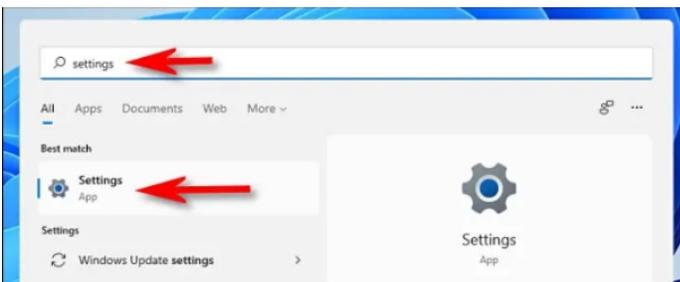
The button changes color and turns on Bluetooth when you click. To establish a connection, right-click the Bluetooth icon and choose "Go to Settings".



Proceed to the section below, labeled "Adding a Bluetooth Device to Windows 11," after that.

Get Bluetooth working in Windows Settings.

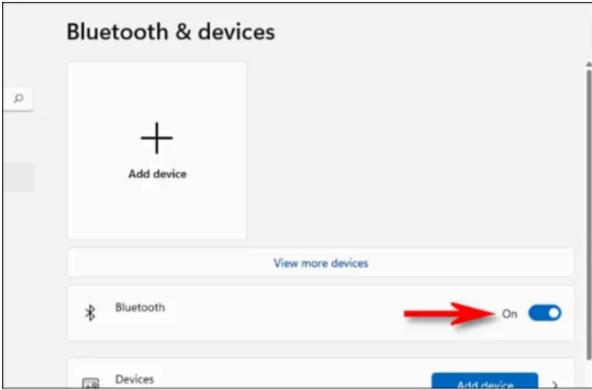
You may also turn on Bluetooth in Windows Settings. To launch Settings, either type "settings" into the Start menu or press Windows+i on your keyboard.



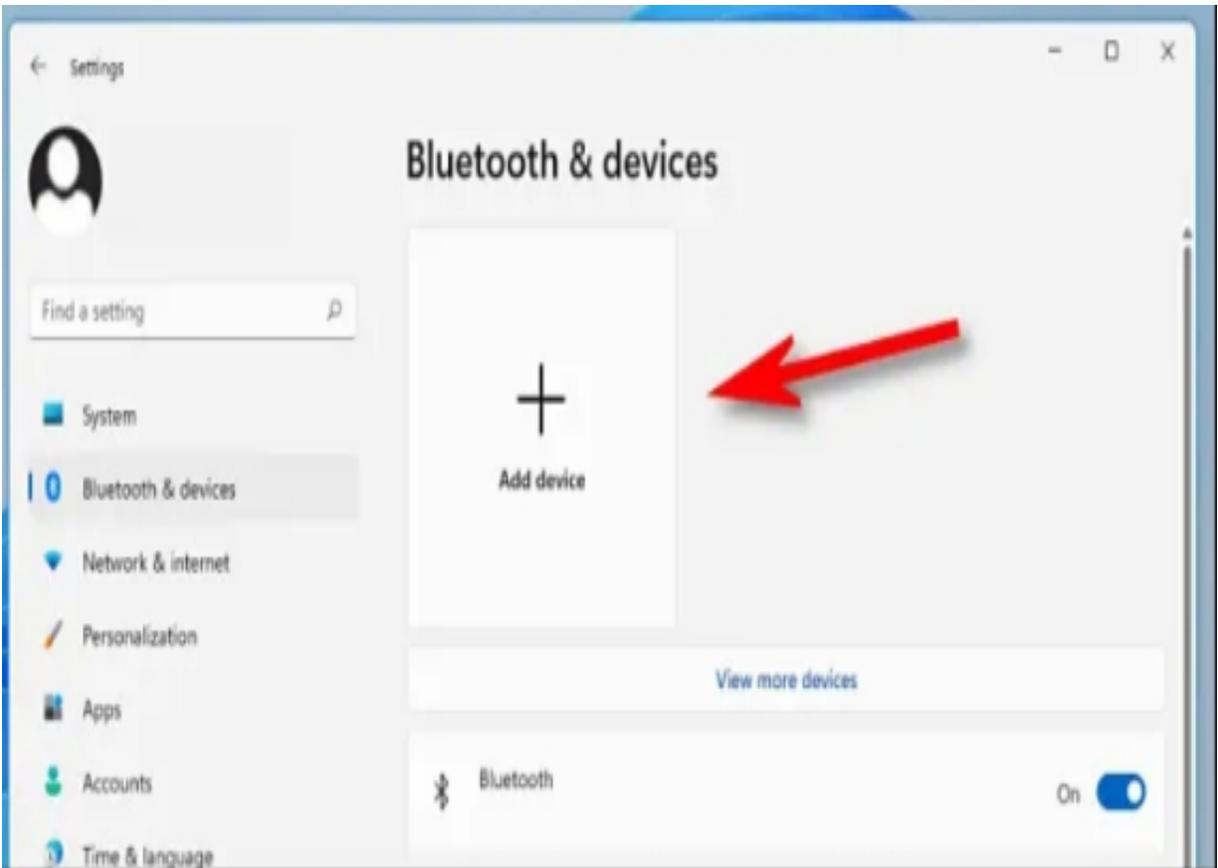
Click "Bluetooth & Devices" in the sidebar of Settings.



In the Bluetooth settings, flip the switch next to "Bluetooth" to the "On" position.



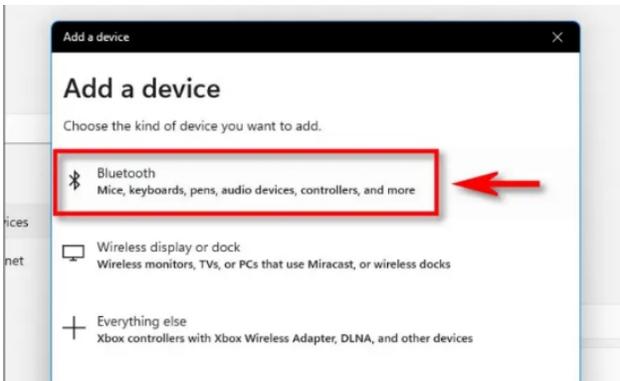
It's now time for you to establish your first connection.



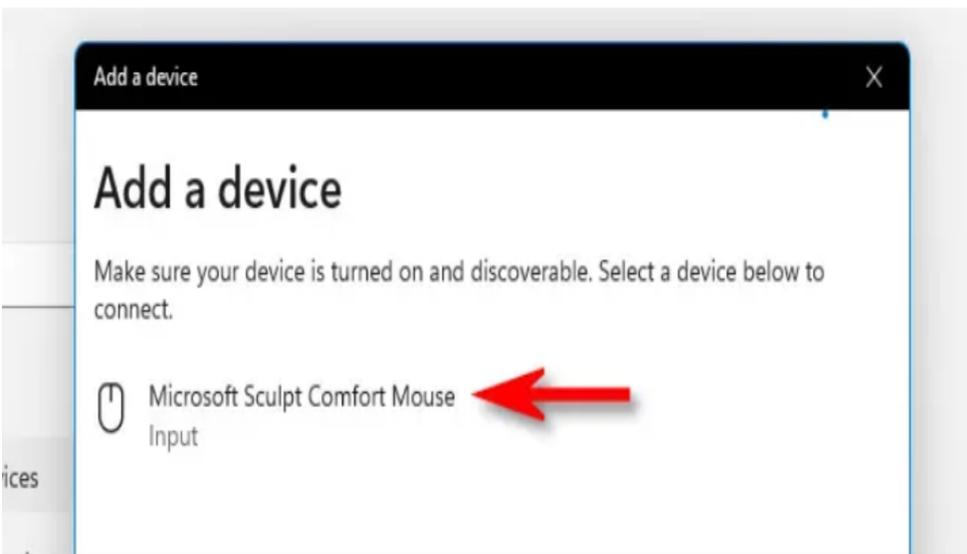
How to Add a Bluetooth Device to Windows 11

Now that you've located Settings > Bluetooth & Devices (using any of the two sections above), it's time to pair a Bluetooth device with your Windows 11 PC.

Click the large "Add Device" button with a plus sign ("+") at the top of the Settings window, under the "Bluetooth & Devices" section.



In the "Add a Device" box that shows up, click "Bluetooth".

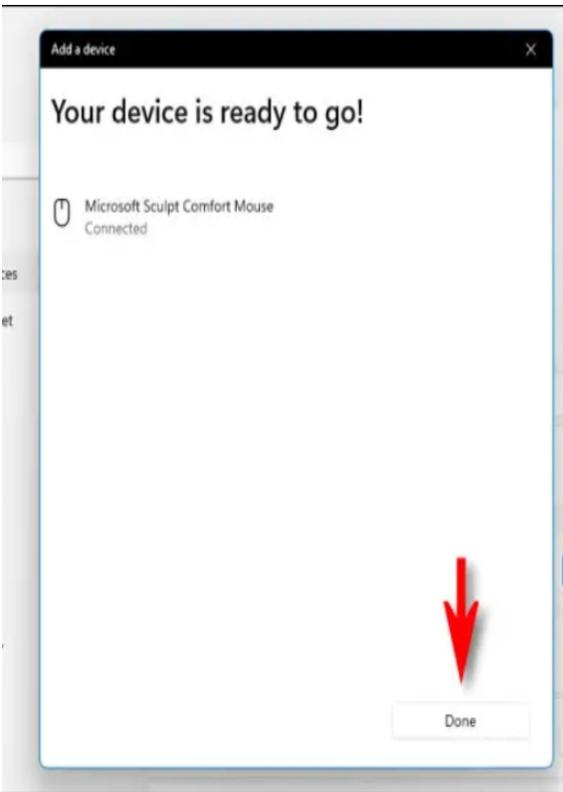


Next, confirm that the device you're trying to connect to is in pairing mode and has been switched on. See the guidebook for instructions on how to do this since the process varies according on the device.

After switching to discovery mode, Windows will keep searching for devices that are in pairing mode. They will be listed in the pop-up window as soon as it discovers them.

Click the name of the device you want to connect to when you see it in the list.

If it's a mouse, gaming controller, or headset, it ought to connect on its own. If Windows 11 detects a keyboard, it can ask you for a passcode. If that is the case, input that passcode into the Bluetooth keyboard that you are trying to link.



When you get the notification "Your device is ready to go," your PC and Bluetooth device are linked. Choose "Done."

After that, all you need to do is close Settings and get going.

It is important to remember that once you couple Bluetooth devices with Windows 11, they stay paired with your computer until you pair them with another computer, smartphone, or tablet. This suggests that using your Bluetooth device shouldn't need linking it each time.

To save battery life, the majority of Bluetooth devices shut down automatically after a certain amount of time. If the Bluetooth device has a power button, use it to switch on and reconnect with your PC right away. If not, hit a button on a keyboard or mouse to continue where you left off.

RUNNING ANDROID APPS

The Windows Subsystem for Android platform in Windows 11 allows you to run Windows applications alongside Android apps on your laptop or desktop. Even if you can only install applications from the Amazon Appstore, you can still sideload Android apps using the Android Debugging Bridge (ADB) tools.

For devices running the latest version of Windows 11 and the Microsoft Store app, the platform is now in preview mode. The platform is now available in 31 more regions, including Canada, Australia, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, and the UK. Previously, it was only available in the US and Japan.

You will be walked through the necessary procedures in this part to begin downloading and using Android applications on Windows 11.

A Guide to Installing Windows Subsystems on Windows 11

First, you need to make sure your computer meets all the requirements.

System requirements

The following prerequisites must be met in order to install Android applications on Windows 11:

8GB RAM is the minimum; 16GB is recommended.

AMD Ryzen 3000, Intel Core i3 8th Gen, Qualcomm Snapdragon 8c, or a similar CPU.

SSD stands for solid-state disk.

The Microsoft Store app must be used with at least version 22110.1402.6.0.

It must be Windows 11 with version 22000.526 or above.

Assess the system requirements.

Use these procedures to verify the system requirements: Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose a System.

Navigate to the "About" page on the right.

Verify the CPU and RAM specifications in the "Device specs" section.

Verify that the build number in the "Windows specs" section equals or exceeds 22000.526.

System Selection.

Navigate to the Storage page on the right.

From the "Storage management" section, choose "Advanced storage settings".

Click on the Disks & volumes menu.

Press the Properties button after selecting the main drive.

Verify that the SSD is the kind of media. (If the label reads "HDD," WSA cannot be installed.)

After completing the procedures, check for updates to ensure the system has the most current patches and the most recent version of the Microsoft Store.

Checking for Windows 11 updates

To download and install updates for Windows 11, adhere to following instructions:

Open the Settings.

Click on Windows Update.

From the menu, choose "Check for updates".

When the process of installing the system updates is complete, restart the computer.

Check for Microsoft Store update

To download the Amazon Appstore app, the computer also needs to have the most current version of the Microsoft Store software installed.

To confirm the Microsoft Store version and to get updates, follow these steps:

Open the Microsoft Store application.

Choose Library.

Click on the "Get updates" option.

From the Profile menu, choose App settings.

Make sure the version matches or exceeds 22110.1402.6.0.

You may use Windows 11 and the UEFI firmware to enable virtualization when you've finished the necessary steps.

Allow virtualization

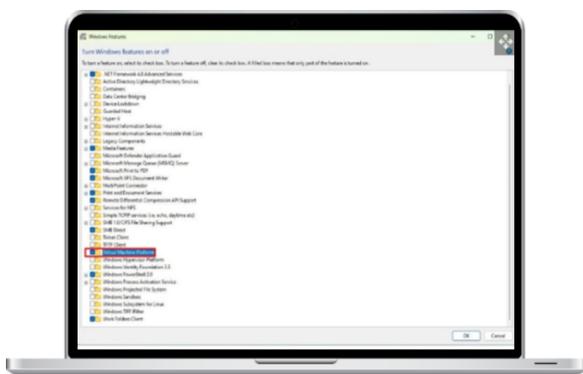
The Windows Subsystem for Android also needs virtualization to be enabled at both the hardware and software layers in order to run the virtual computer that powers everything. For information, see the support page of your device's manufacturer since these procedures differ based on the product. On a PC equipped with modern hardware, this feature could already be enabled. You may activate Windows 11's "Virtual Machine Platform" feature after you've enabled virtualization.

To make Windows 11's Virtual Machine Platform functioning, adhere to following instructions:

Launch the software.

Click the first result after searching for "Turn Windows features on or off" to launch the experience.

From the drop-down option, choose "Virtual Machine Platform".



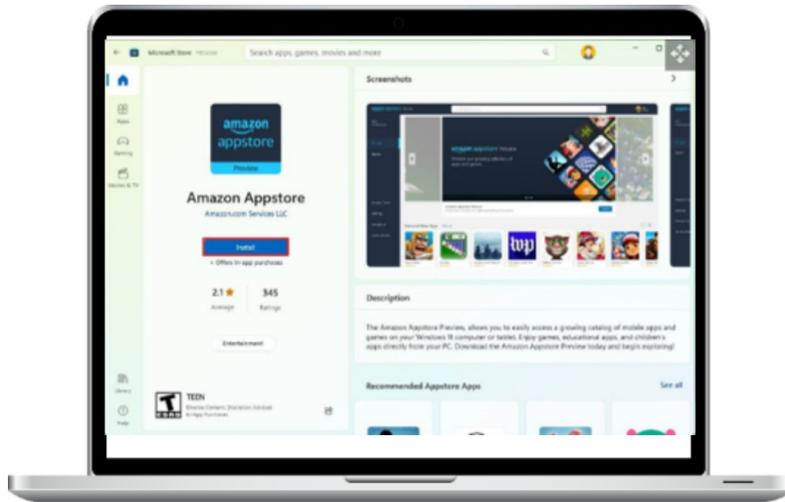
Press the OK button.

Choose the option to restart.

After the processes are finished, you may install the Amazon Appstore and the Windows Subsystem for Android.

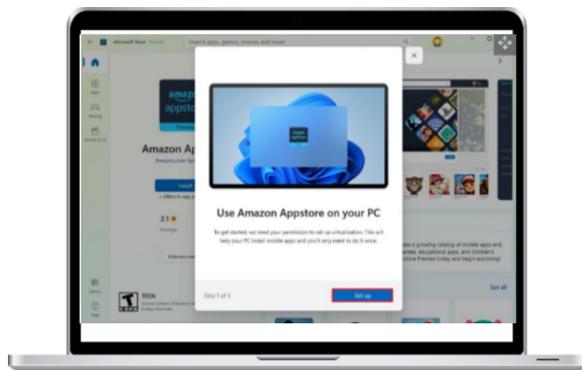
Install the Windows subsystem for Android.

Installing the Windows Subsystem for Android and the Amazon Appstore together may be done by following these steps:

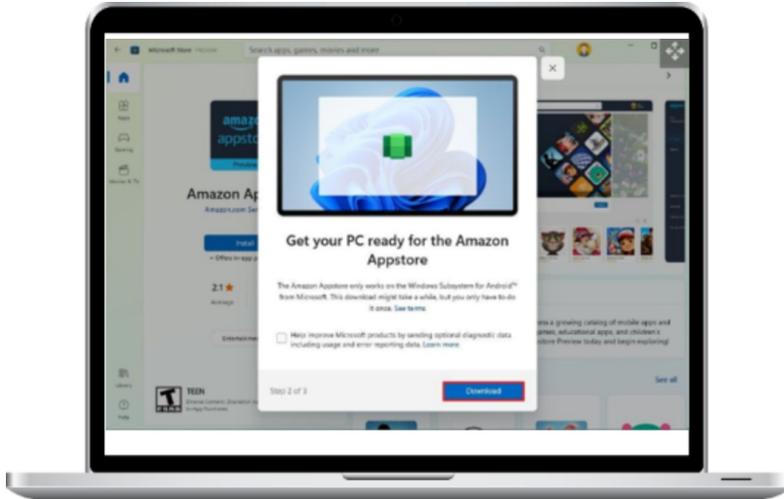


Open the Amazon Appstore website in a new tab.

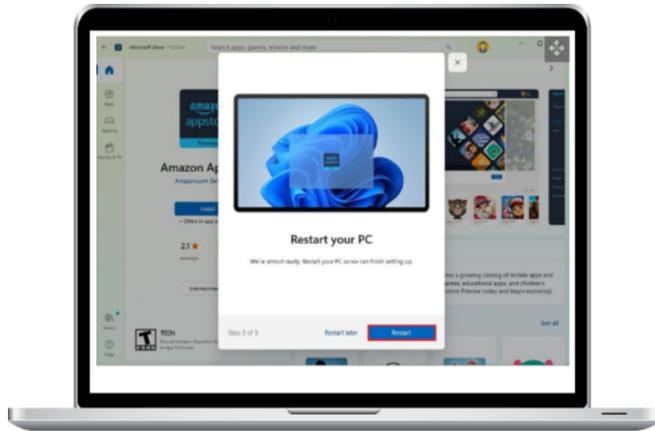
Select the Install option.



Select the Setup option.



Select the Download option.

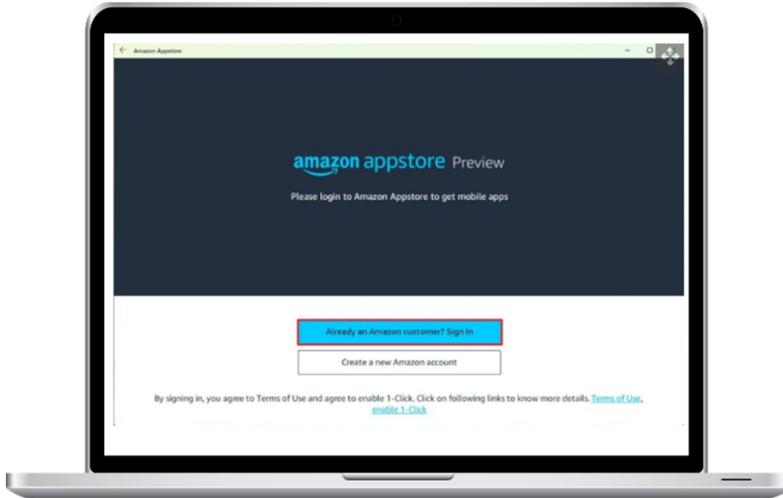


Click the button after that.
Choose the option to restart.

You may install Android applications on Windows 11 after the steps are finished.

INSTALLING ANDROID APPS ON WINDOWS 11

Use these guidelines to set up Android applications on your PC:



Start the program.

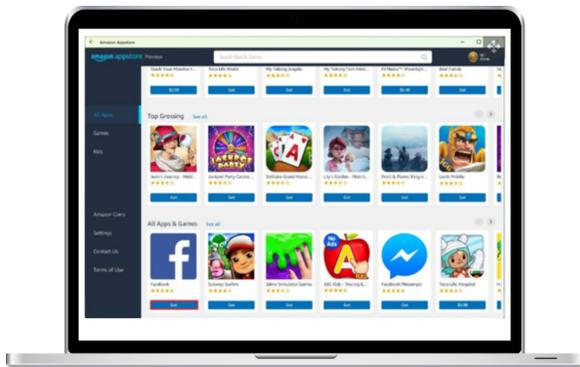
Choose the top result from the search for Amazon Appstore to open the app.

Click the Sign in button to log in.

Use your Amazon account to log in.

Select a program.

Click the "Get" option.

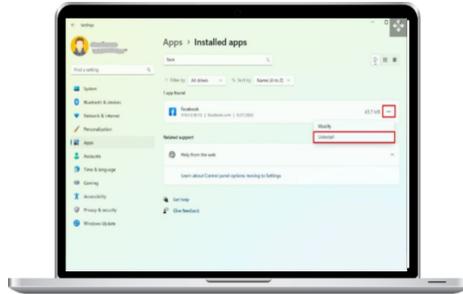


Click on the "Download" option.

Again, click the Download button.

After following the steps, you may open the app from the Start menu or the Amazon Appstore. It's most likely in the "All apps" area if you can't locate it.

An Android app operates just like a regular Microsoft Store app when you launch it. Input may be done using the mouse and keyboard, and windows can be enlarged, maximized, and minimized. Like any other software, you may end the application by clicking the Close button, however it can take some time.



HOW TO REMOVE ANDROID APPS FROM WINDOWS 11

In Windows 11, Android applications may be removed from the Start menu or Settings app, just like any other Microsoft Store product.

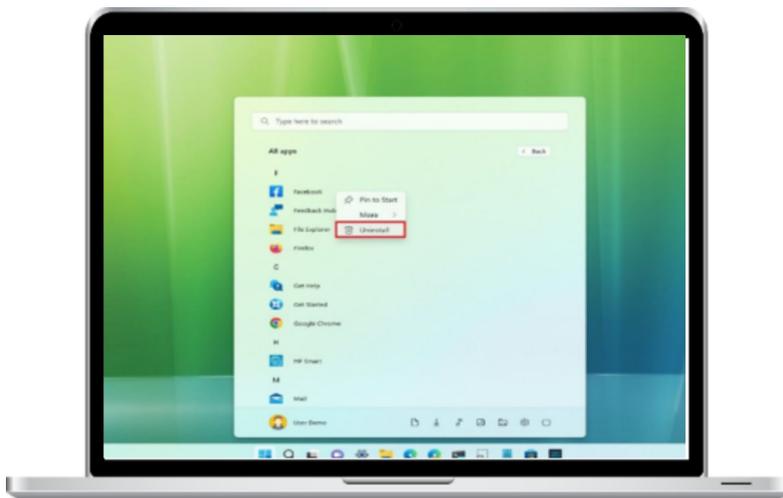
Take the apps off of the Start menu.

To remove Android applications from the Windows 11 Start menu, do these steps:

Launch the software.

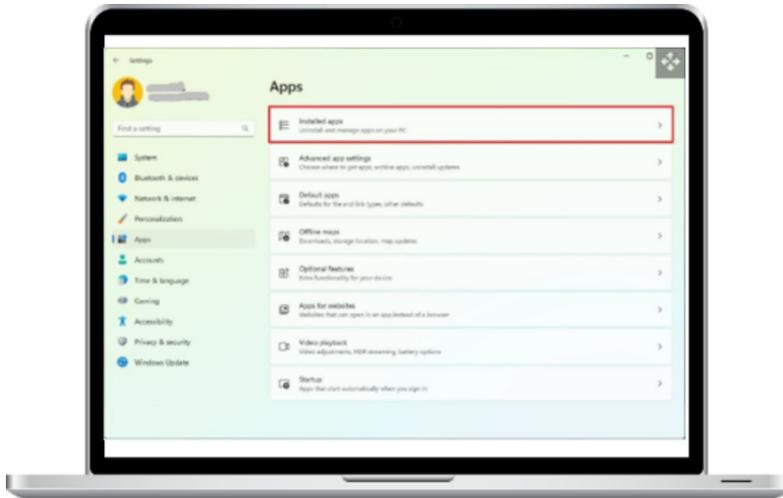
Seek out the application.

Right-click the Android applications to uninstall them.



Take the apps out of the Settings.

To remove Android applications from the Settings app, follow these steps:



Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Applications.

Go to the Installed applications page from the right side menu.

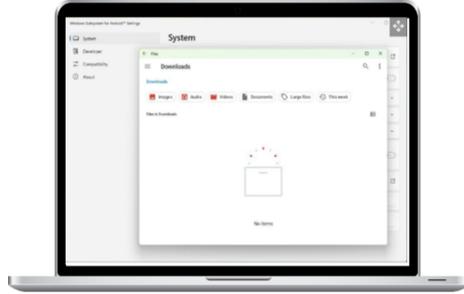
Choose the Android app.

From the menu, choose the Uninstall option by clicking the three-dotted button.

Press the Uninstall button again.

Once you've finished the instructions, the app won't be accessible on the smartphone.

These instructions are applicable to sideloading applications using the Android Debugging Bridge (ADB) tools as well as removing apps from the Amazon Appstore.



DIRECTIONS FOR REMOVING THE ANDROID WINDOWS SUBSYSTEM FROM WINDOWS 11

Follow these instructions to delete the Windows Subsystem for Android, Amazon Appstore, and installed apps:

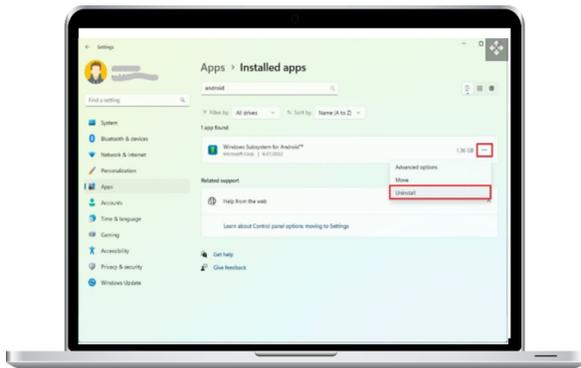
Go to the option that says Settings.

Choose Applications.

Go to the Apps & Features page from the right side menu.

Select the program "Windows Subsystem for Android".

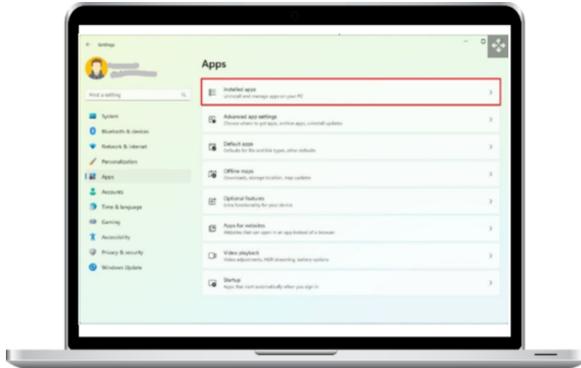
From the menu, choose the Uninstall option by clicking the three-dotted button.



Press the Uninstall button again.

Restart the computer.

Just a friendly reminder: Although you don't have to restart the system, it may need to be refreshed in order to remove any residual configuration and data. Additionally, you can



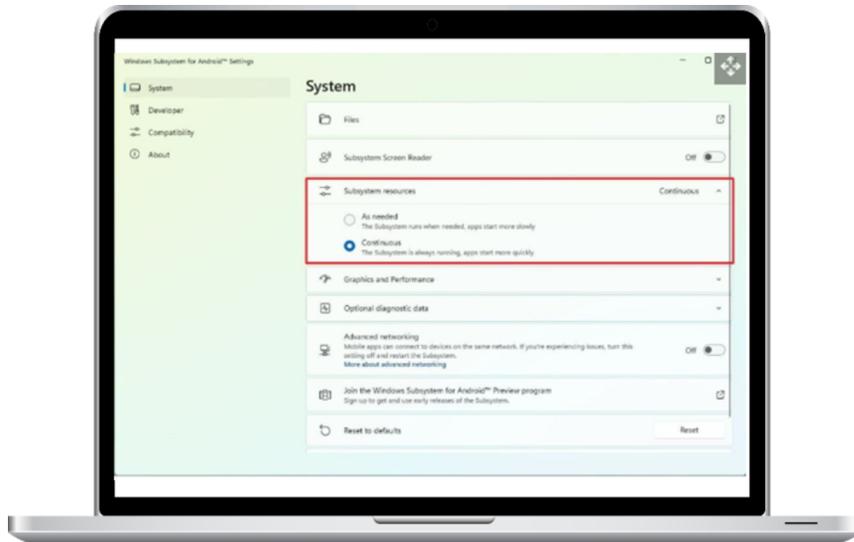
run into trouble getting the necessary files from the Microsoft Store if you don't restart the platform after reinstalling it.

After the procedures are finished, the Windows Subsystem for Android, the Amazon Appstore, and Android applications will be removed from the device.

Additional information

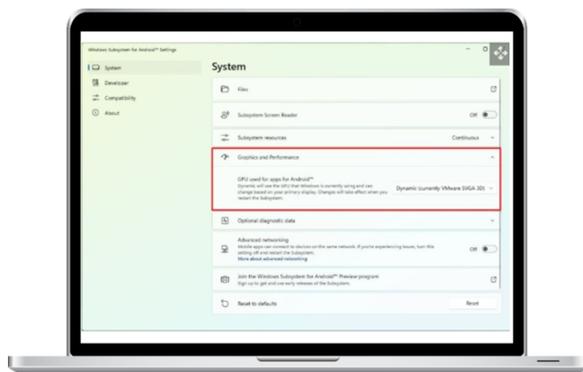
Though the platform works well straight out of the box, the Windows Subsystem for Android provides a variety of options that may be accessed via the Start menu.





On the settings page, you could notice items generated or downloaded using the platform, such as documents, music, video, images, and more.

By default, WSA won't do anything until you launch an application. On the other hand, a feature called "Subsystem resources" on the settings page gives you the option of running the virtual machine continuously or not.



The "Graphics and Performance" function also allows you to choose the graphic card the platform uses to run applications.

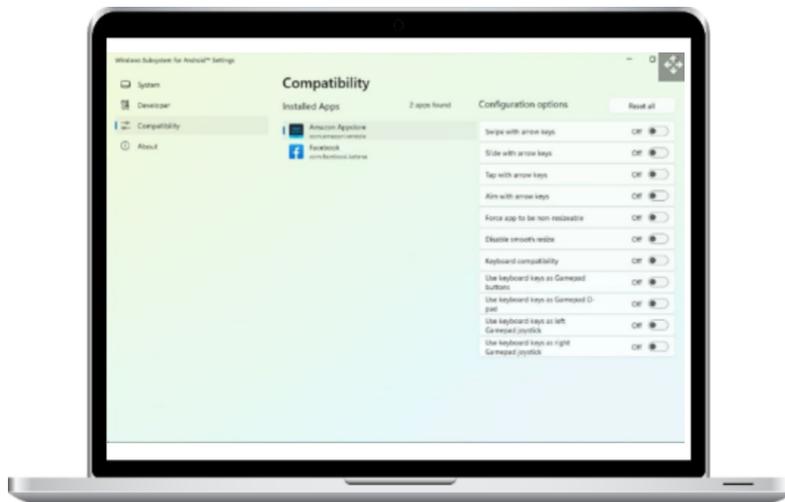
In the "Developer" area, you may activate "Developer mode" for testing and troubleshooting.

There are many shims under the "Compatibility" area that may be activated for individual applications to improve the compatibility of Android apps with Windows 11.

While it's a positive development that Windows 11 now supports Android apps, you still can't run any program you want. Consider the mere 20,000 or so applications available in the Amazon Appstore. Though it may seem like a lot, the most are games, so it's not really that many. Additionally, although you may be able to sideload programs, other apps—like Gmail, Google Maps, and others—won't work if they need Google Play Services.

In this section, we installed WSA via the

Amazon Appstore; however, you may alternatively use the Windows Subsystem for Android app (opens in new tab), which installs the Amazon Appstore.



The platform is only available in a few countries. If your nation is still not supported, you may get around this by adjusting the region settings. Under Settings > Time & language > Language & region, change the "Country or region" option to the United States.

Microsoft has released several tools (opens in new tab) for developers to help them optimize Android applications for the Windows Subsystem for Android.

The process of establishing the platform settings and setting up the development environment is walked through in the documentation. You will also find details on resizing windows, adding keyboard and mouse functionality, and learning more about the virtual machine, security, and Amazon Appstore.

COMMON WINDOWS 11 PROBLEMS

Like every previous iteration of Microsoft's legendary operating system, Windows 11 contains a number of persistent bugs. Others of the issues are small annoyances, but others may really ruin the experience.

Either way, certain problems are more common than others. You could have problems with audio, network connection, battery life, display, and other parts in addition to Windows 11 system requirements.

To help you make the most of the best Windows OS version to date, we've put together a list of common Windows 11 issues along with their fixes.

1. Inability to upgrade from Windows 10 to Windows 11

Windows 11, which brings much-needed visual improvements, lacks several security measures as well. Many competent but older PCs were left out of the upgrade queue when the OS was originally released.

Windows 11 may only be installed on systems that are compatible with Secure Boot and TPM 2.0. The complete list of system requirements for Windows 11 can be seen [here](#). You won't be able to update without difficulty otherwise.

For Windows-based computers, there's always a workaround, however. An unsupported Windows 11 PC may be made compatible with a registry change. There is a

catch, however. If you install Windows 11 on an inappropriate PC, you may not be able to get updates automatically. Because Windows 10 won't get security updates until late 2025, behave with care.

2. Unable to Install Windows 11 Updates

It is possible for Windows to fail to install updates on computers that are compatible with Windows 11, notwithstanding this. This will prevent you from being able to install the most recent build of Windows 11 OS.



The update problem might also be caused by a faulty software distribution folder or a lack of storage space.

3. No Sound Issues in Windows 11

The main cause of Windows 11's audio deficiency is external sources. On your Windows 11 PC, you could sometimes encounter poor audio as well. Incorrectly setup playback devices are a common source of audio issues.

Make sure any installed audio tuning software is configured to utilize your default sound device. Restart the Windows audio services and use the Windows audio troubleshooter to fix any problems.

Take these actions to launch the audio troubleshooter:

Right-click on the speaker icon in the Taskbar.

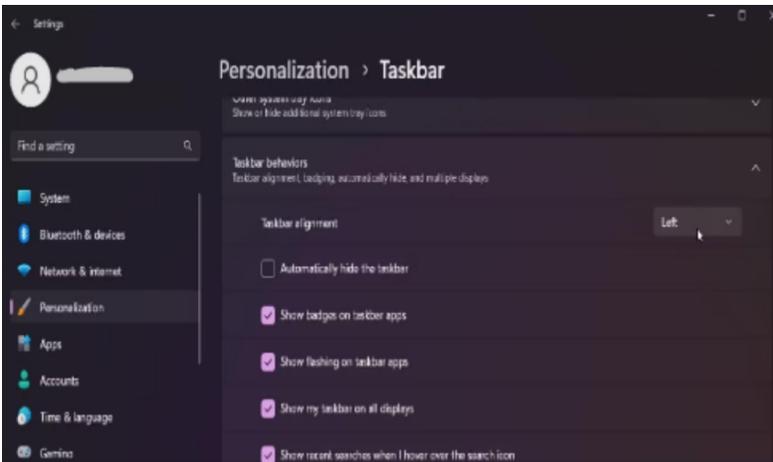
Select Troubleshoot Audio Problems.

To implement the recommended modifications, adhere to the on-screen instructions.

See our guide on fixing Bluetooth audio not functioning on Windows 11 if you're experiencing issues with Bluetooth.

4. The Windows 11 Start Menu Is Inoperable

The default orientation of the Start menu has been moved to the middle of your screen in Windows 11. This makes aesthetic and functional sense for most people. Additionally, compared to its predecessor, it seems more polished and new overall.



You may adjust the Start menu in Windows 11 to bring back the conventional left-side arrangement if you like it. Here's how you go about it.:

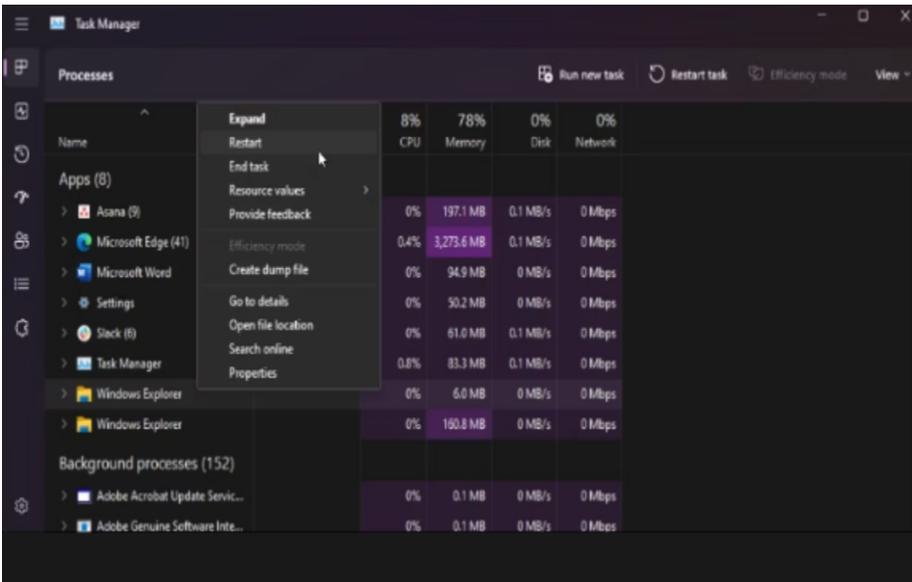
To access Settings, just hit Win + I.

Go to the Taskbar after selecting the Personalization option.

Expand the Task Behaviors section, then choose Left from the drop-down selection for Taskbar Alignment.

The Start menu is still prone to mistakes, however. One common issue is that the Start menu icons are missing. The critical error in the Start menu may then appear. Often, these issues are the result of a brief conflict between third-party applications and the Start menu services, which may be swiftly resolved.

5. Windows 11 File Explorer Not Working



There has been a File Explorer since Windows 95. It's a very practical file manager that simplifies the process of accessing the file directories on your computer. With Windows 11, Microsoft has made improvements to the venerable file manager.

You are able to multitask by using several tabs in Windows 11 File Explorer with the latest 22H2 version. Among other things, you may alter the folder and file icons in File Explorer to further customize it.

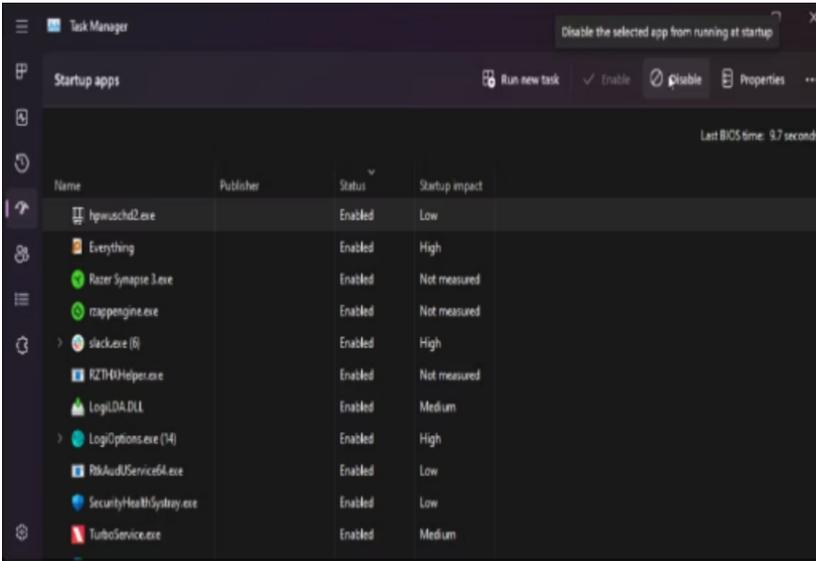
Any problems with File Explorer may be fixed with a restart. Restart the File Explorer process in Task Manager to fix the problem:

When you right-click on Start, a context menu will appear; choose Task Manager.

Choose to restart Windows Explorer by doing a right-click.

If so, continue reading for further solutions to Windows File Explorer not opening.

6. Fixing Windows 11's Slow Performance



64GB of storage and 4GB of RAM are needed to install Windows 11. Nonetheless, you will want a least of 8GB of RAM and ideally a 128GB SSD boot drive for seamless daily operation.

There are occasions when Windows 11 performance problems affect even the most powerful computers.

Ensure that unnecessary startup programs are turned off in Task Manager if a sluggish starting is the reason for the performance problem. To make this happen:

When you right-click on Start, a context menu will appear; choose Task Manager.

Open Task Manager and choose the Startup Apps tab.

One by one, choose each worthless app and disable it.

If you find that excessive disk utilization is causing your system to crash, check out our guide on how to fix 100% disk usage on Windows 11.

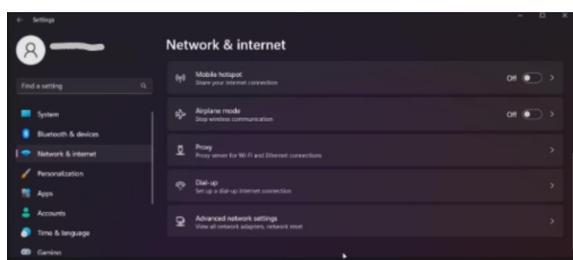
Performance issues may probably be fixed by modifying system settings and looking into internal causes. In rare

instances, a hardware update could be necessary to enhance system performance.

7. Wi-Fi and Ethernet Connectivity Issues with Windows 11

Network connection is another issue that Windows 11 may present for you. Whether you are using a cable or wireless connection, there are a number of reasons why network issues might arise.

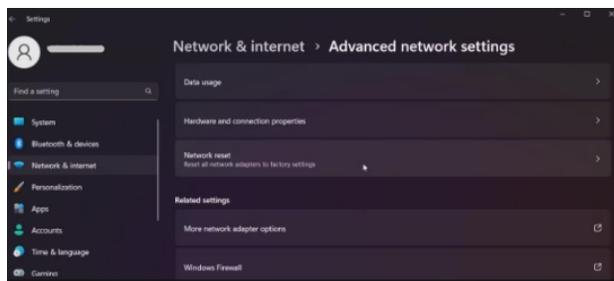
If your Internet connection stops working for no apparent reason in Windows 11, you may want to try a network reset. It may also help you fix your Windows 11 computer's missing Wi-Fi option.



To accomplish this:

To access Settings, just hit Win + I.

To access the Advanced network options, first choose the Network & internet tab.



After swiping to the bottom, choose Network reset.
Now click Reset to complete the operation.

8. Flashing, Flickering, Blurry, and Black Screen Issues in Windows 11

Windows 11 comes with a Microsoft Basic Display Adapter pre-installed. It's a generic display driver that helps with setup and lets you use your display after a clean install.

Installing all outstanding Windows updates should ideally happen after a fresh install or on the first boot of your newly acquired computer. This might help you fix problems with fuzzy screens and display quality on a brand-new or newly configured system. To install updates for Windows, use these steps:

- To access Settings, just hit Win + I.
- Click the Windows Updates tab in the left pane.
- Choose Check for updates after that. Prior to restarting your computer, download and install any outstanding updates, if they are available.
- Update your Windows GPU driver if the issue continues. The flashing and flickering screen on your computer should go away after installing the necessary drivers.

If you are seeing a black screen, you may want to try a Windows 11 repair installation. It could be necessary to do a

reset or fresh install if that doesn't work and there isn't a hardware issue.

9. Turning Off Bing Web Search in Windows 11

The built-in Windows Search bar may be used to locate files and folders with ease. However, it goes well beyond what the user requested. Windows Search defaults to displaying matching Bing search phrases.

Microsoft's search engine marketing cannot be configured to show results from other search engines, including Google, despite the fact that it may seem like a useful feature.

Moreover, this might prevent the search dialog from opening by displaying pointless info. Thankfully, Bing web searches may be prevented on Windows 11 with a registry modification.

10. Turn Off Ads on Your Windows 11 Device

Portable Windows 11 devices are commonly observed to contain bloatware from the vendor. It's possible that your Windows 11 Start menu contains some useless program suggestions in addition.

There are even more subdued ways to advertise. It's possible for notifications, the start menu, File Explorer, and use advice to all contain advertisements. Thankfully, turning off the majority of these advertisements is easy.

11. Turn off Windows 11's automatic updates.

Windows 11 automatically downloads essential updates to keep your machine up to date with the newest security patches and performance enhancements. Some changes, meanwhile, can make matters worse rather than better.

You can turn off automatic updates in Windows 11 if you'd like to install updates one by one. One method is to use UpdateBlocker, a third-party tool. To enable this to occur:

- Visit the Windows Update Blocker page to get the Windows Update Blocker application.
- Launch the tool, then select Disable updates.
- Click Apply Now and restart your computer to apply the changes.

Suggested Troubleshooting Steps for Windows 11

These are some of the typical problems with Windows 11 that you can run into after setting up the newest software from Microsoft on your system. Even though a flawless Windows OS is ideal, you can handle most of these issues on your own. To find more in-depth answers to the current topic, click on the links provided within the article.

CONCLUSION

Finally, upgrading is logically justified.

Since its release more than a year ago, Windows 11 has seen a steady increase in use. By December 2022, it accounted for almost 17% of the worldwide Windows installation market. It will take several years for Windows 11 to surpass long-standing favorites like Windows 7, even with a 1% increase in share per month, since it still lags well behind Windows 10's 68% market share.

Anyone thinking about updating to Windows 11 should do so since it's a good upgrade. Numerous early flaws have been resolved by Microsoft, and the Windows 11 2022 Update demonstrates the company's commitment to continuously improving the platform for all users while also taking early adopters' opinions into consideration. There's also a free Windows 11 update available.

Don't panic if you can't update to Windows 11 just now. Since Windows 10 will be maintained until 2025 and features from Windows 11, such as the redesigned Microsoft Store, are already being rolled down to Windows 10, you have plenty of time to move.

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