

4 ways to return to the previous version of Windows 10 without losing data

To maintain your computer's system security or bring new features to your Windows, Windows is updated automatically every month. However, a new version may cause conflicts with older programs or other problems.

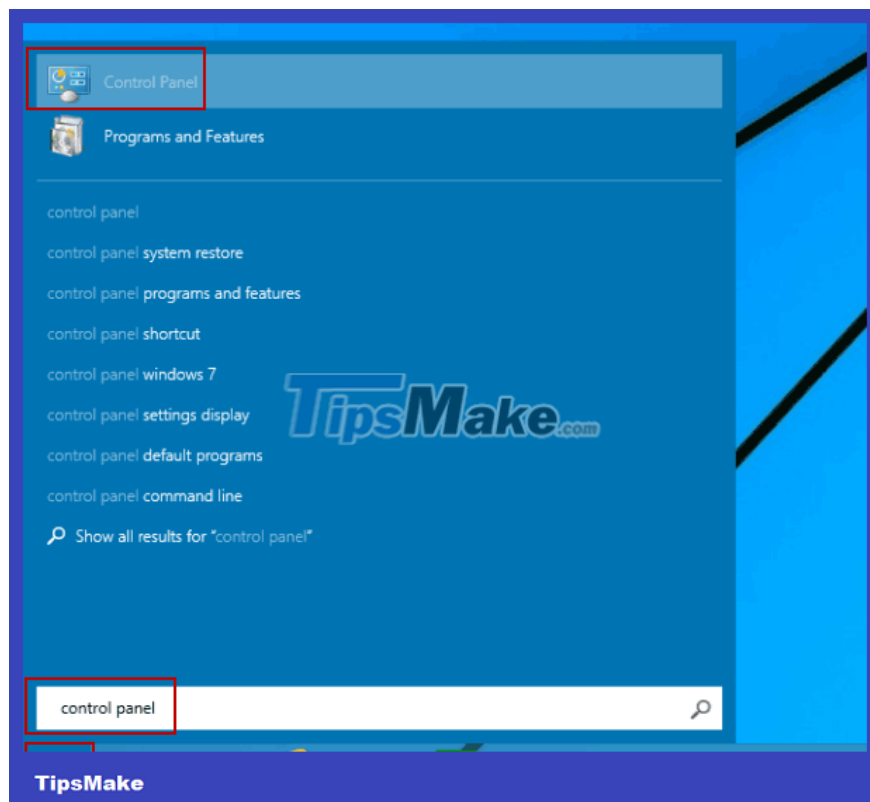
To avoid this, you can **enable or disable automatic updates in Windows** . If something happens to your computer after updating Windows, you should uninstall the Windows update to **go back to the previous version of Windows 10 without losing data** .

1. Method 1. Uninstall Windows Update via Control Panel
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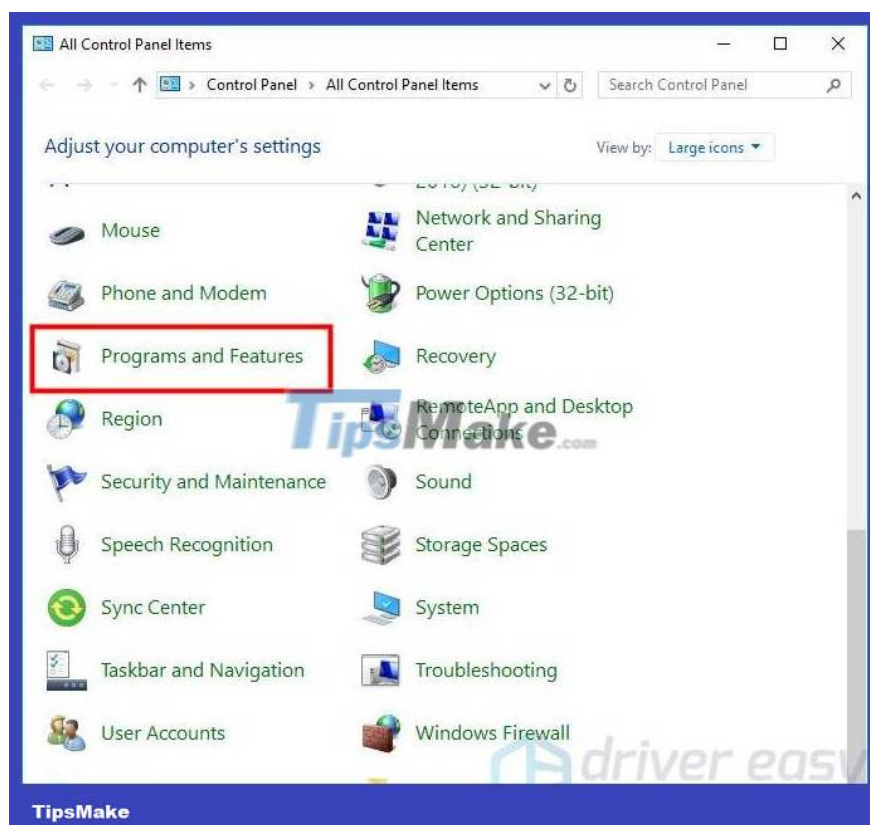
Method 1. Uninstall Windows Update via Control Panel

To uninstall Windows Update, the simplest way is to uninstall it directly in **Control Panel** .

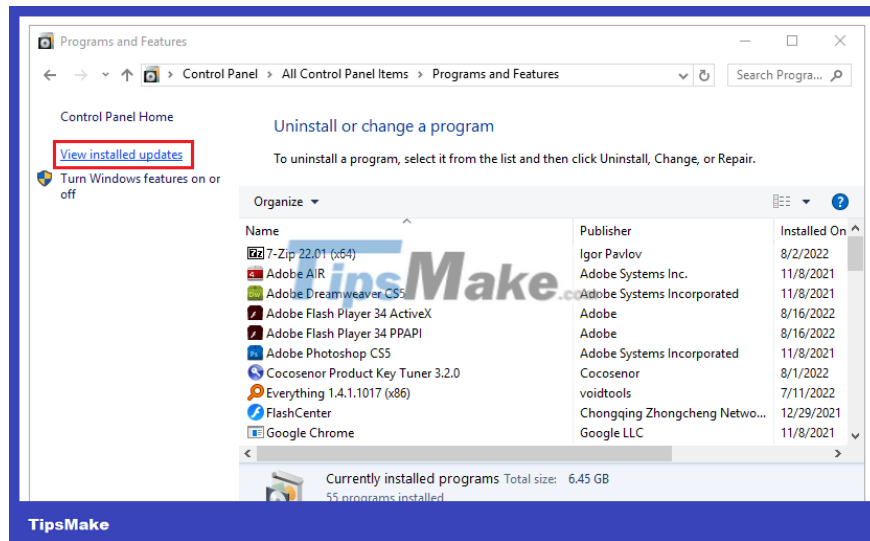
Step 1: Type control panel on the search bar and double-click **Control Panel** to open it.



Step 2: Find **Programs and Features** and double-click it to open.

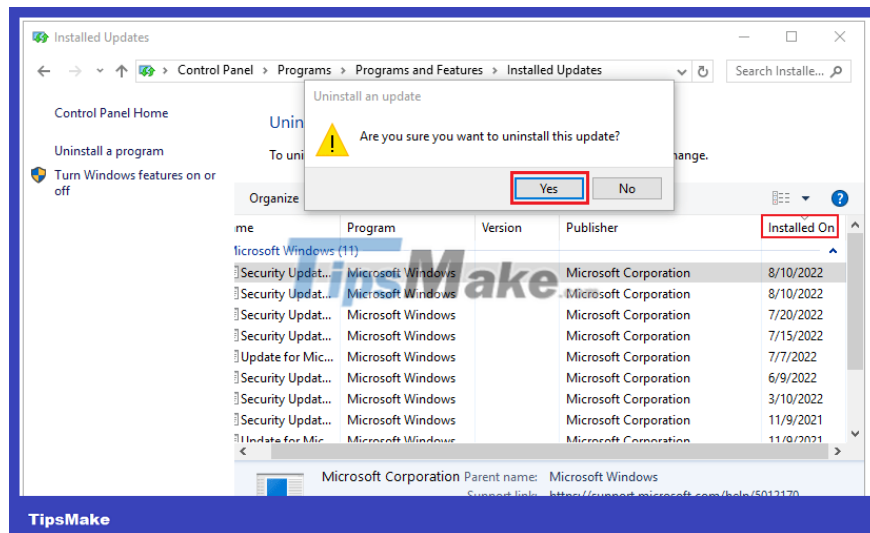


Step 3: Click **View installed updates** .



Step 4: All Windows Updates will be displayed on this page. You can right-click on the version you want to uninstall and click **Yes** to uninstall.

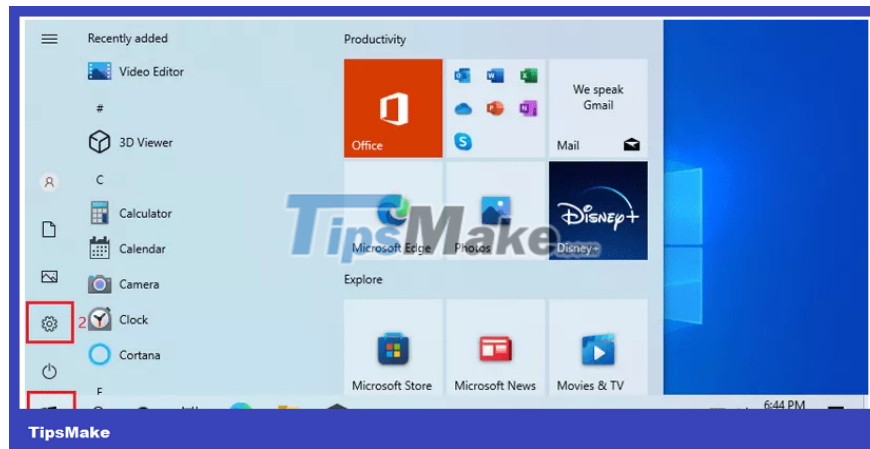
Tip: If you don't know which version you want to uninstall, you can click **Installed On** to identify them with the installation date.



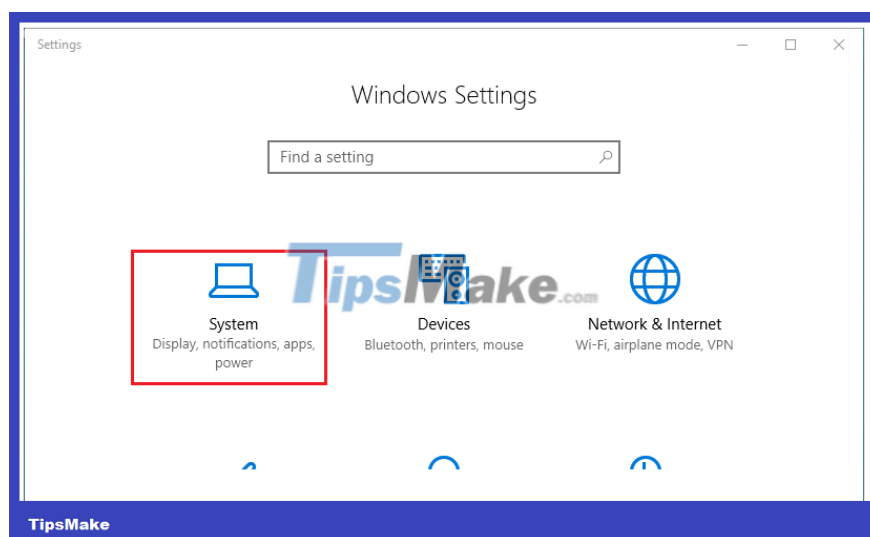
Method 2. Uninstall Windows Update via Windows Settings

This way, you can find out the contents of every Windows Update before uninstalling it.

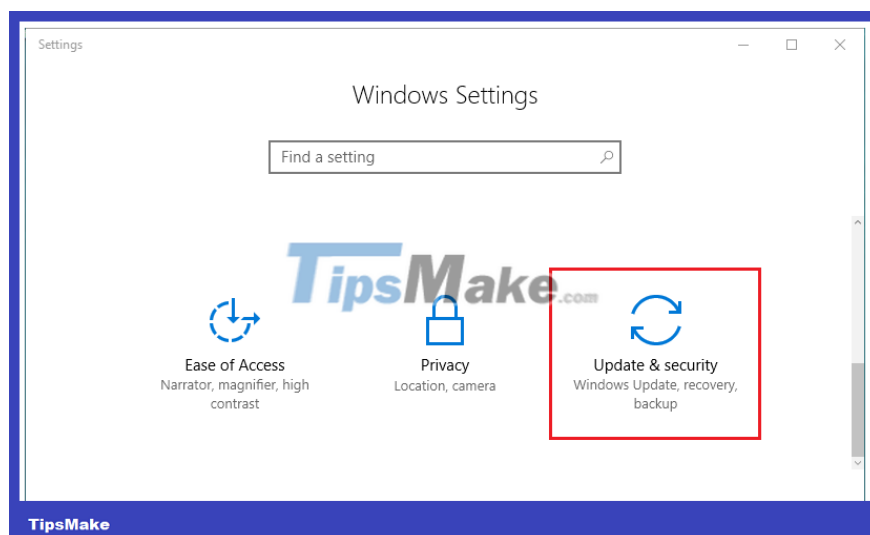
Step 1: Press the **Win** key or click the Windows icon and then click the **Settings** icon .



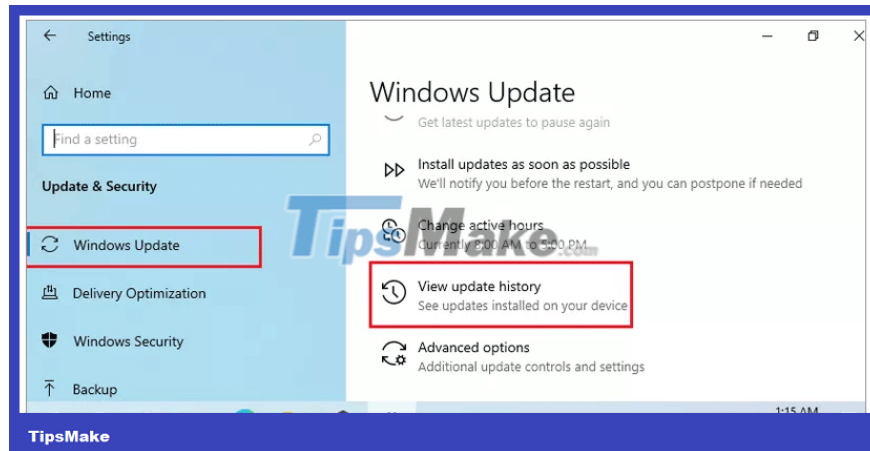
Step 2: Click **System** .



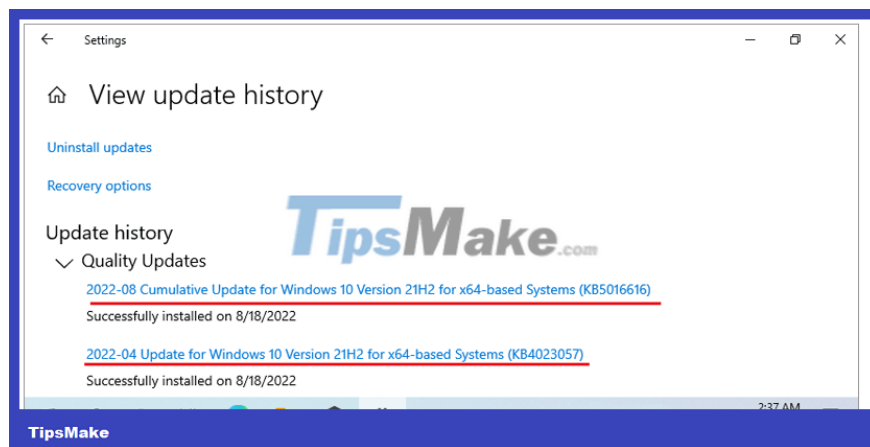
Step 3: Click **Update and Security** .



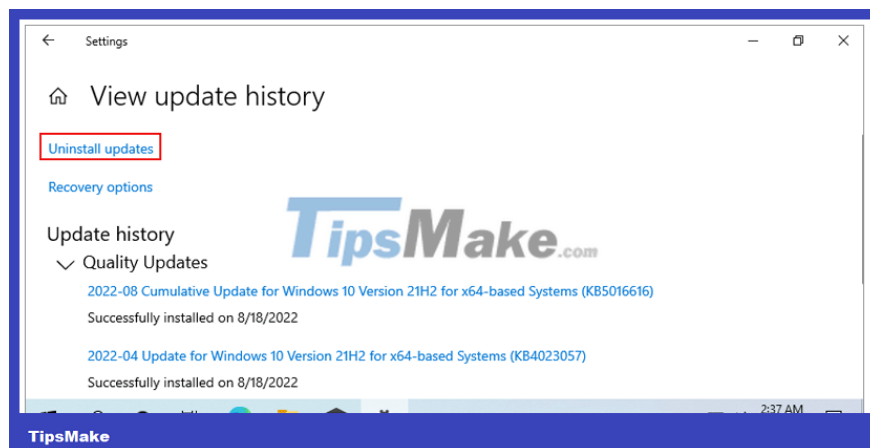
Step 4: In the **Windows Update tab**, click **View update history** .



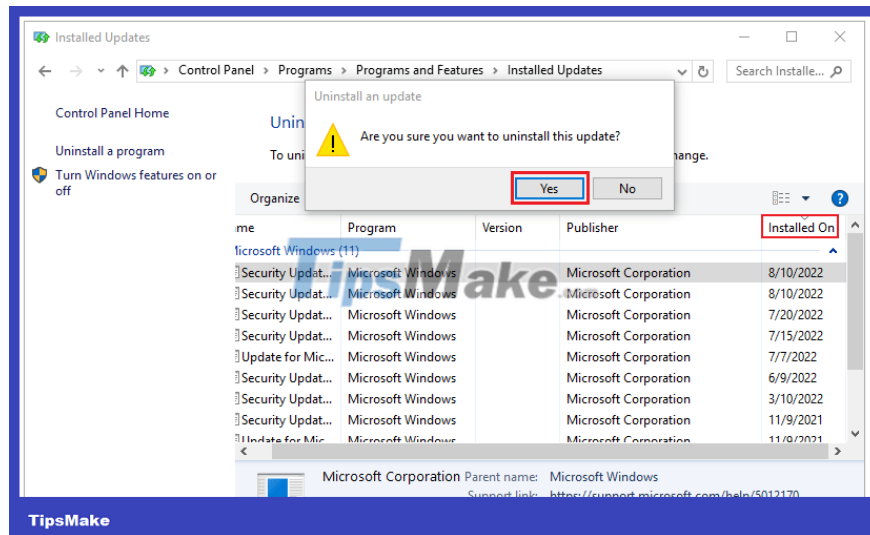
Step 5: Before uninstalling, you can click on them to see version features.



Step 6: Click **Uninstall updates** .



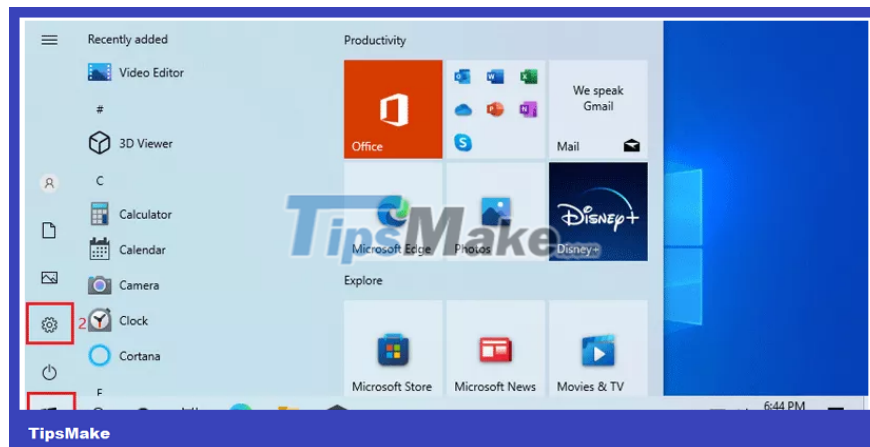
Step 7: All Windows Updates will be displayed on this page. You can double-click the version you want to uninstall and click **Yes** to uninstall.



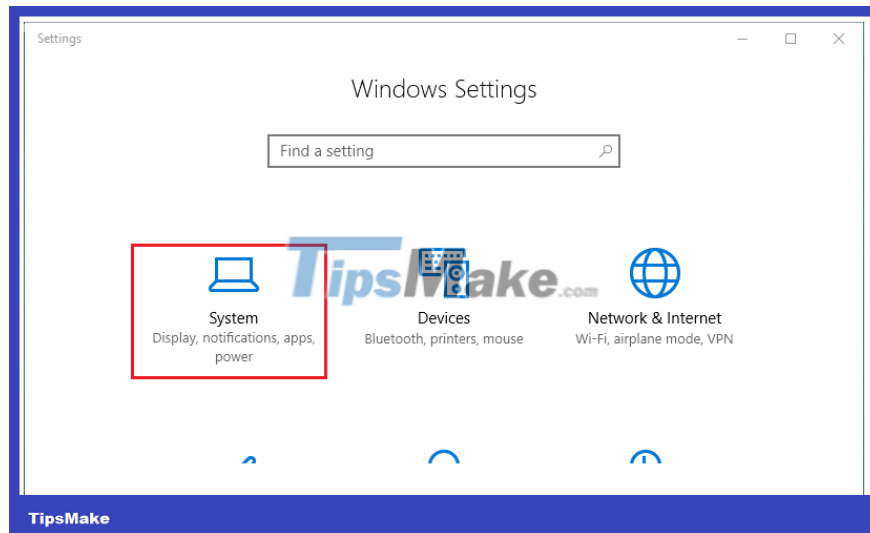
Method 3. Uninstall Windows Update via Windows troubleshooting tools

If you just want to uninstall the latest update, this may be the most appropriate.

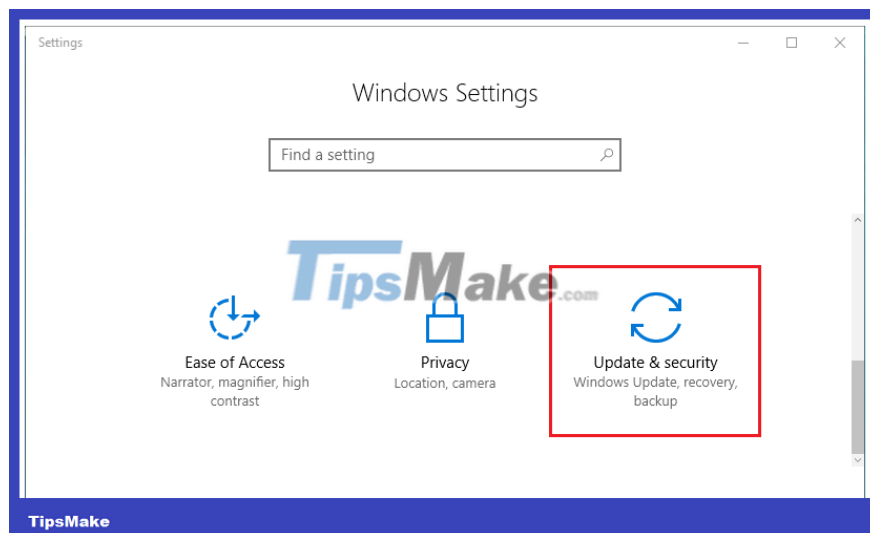
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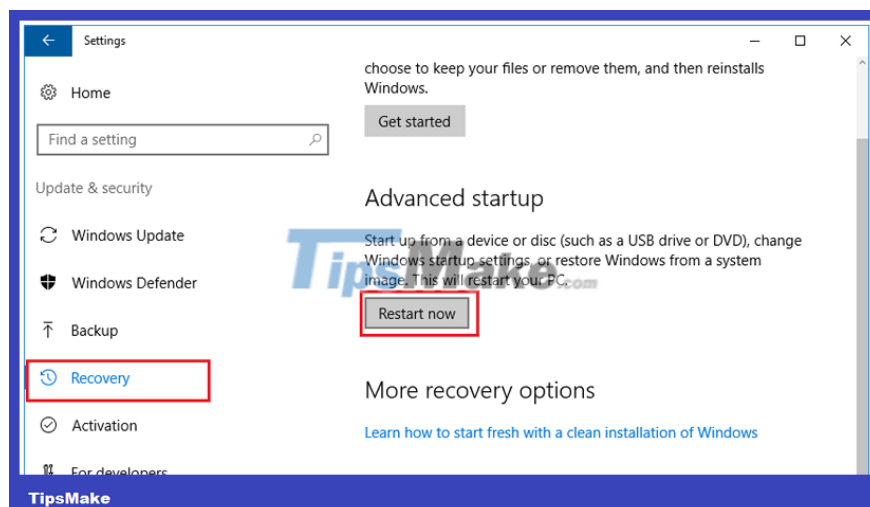
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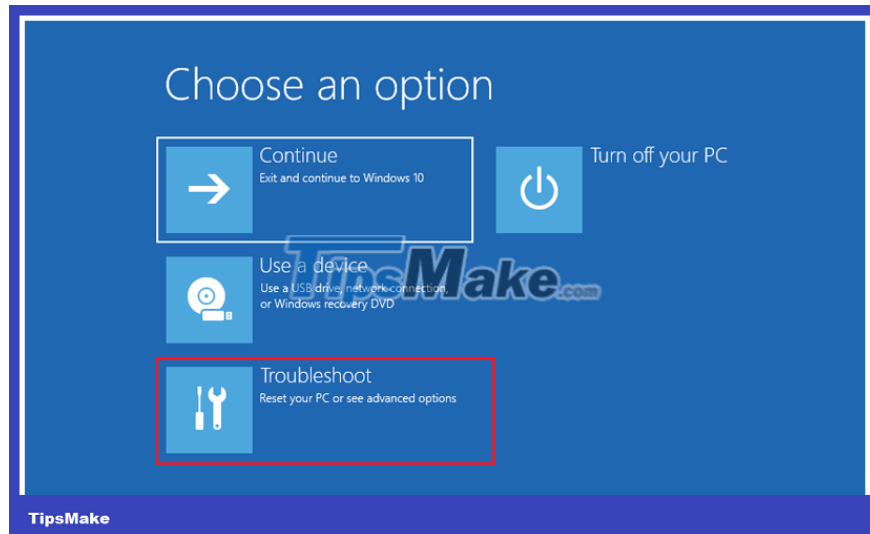
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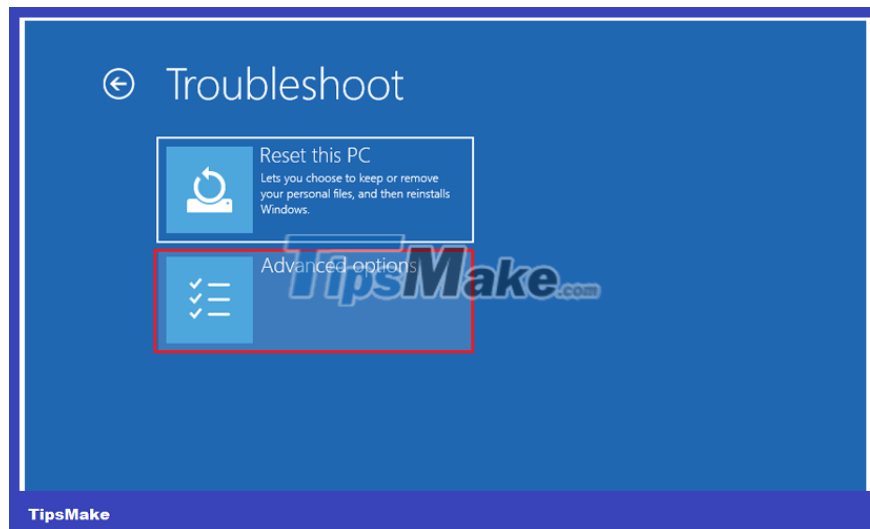
Step 4: Select the **Recovery** tab and click **Restart now** under **Advanced startup** .



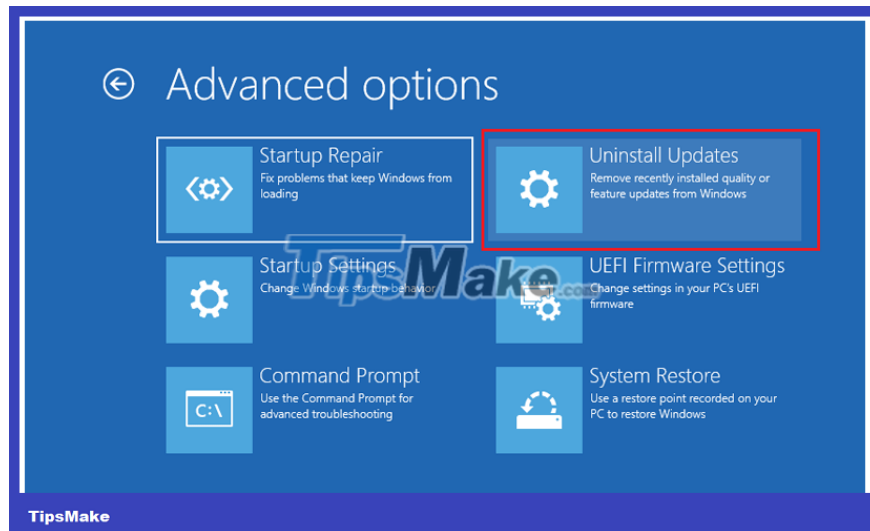
Step 5: After rebooting, click **Troubleshoot** .



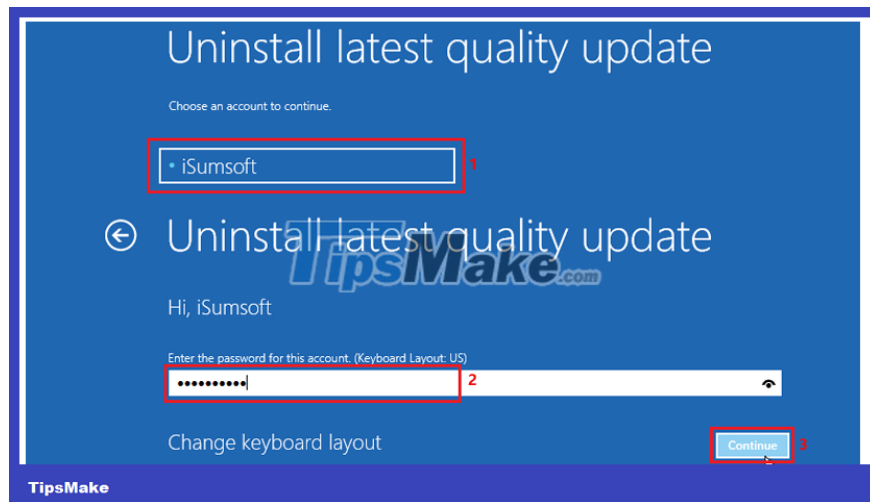
Step 6: Click **Advanced options** .



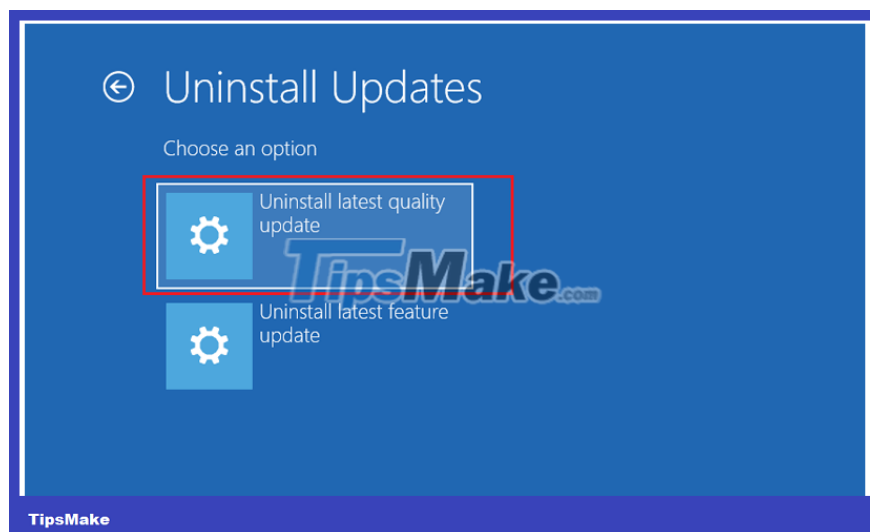
Step 7: Click **Uninstall Updates** .



Step 8: Select user and enter password.



Step 9: There are two options on this page. We choose **Uninstall latest quality update** and then complete the simple operations according to the prompts.

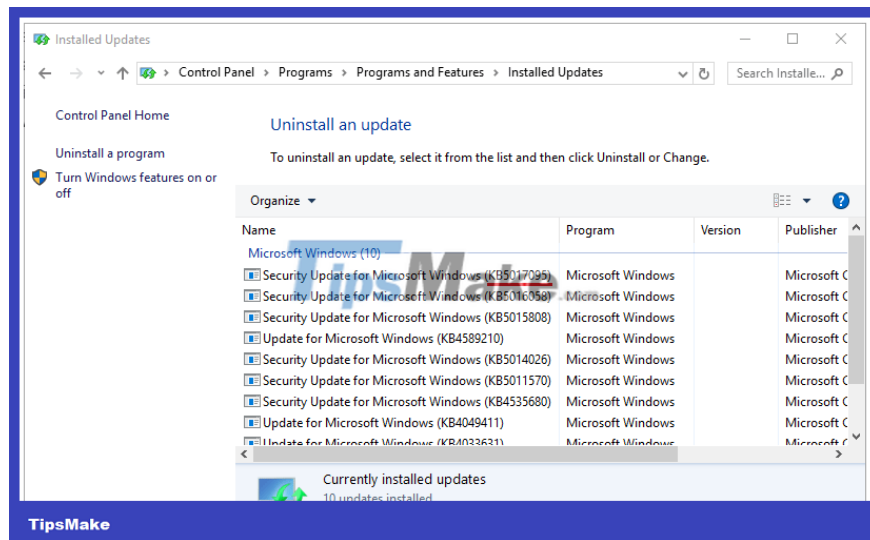


Tip: Quality Updates refer to maintaining your computer's system security, which should be performed monthly. Feature updates bring some new functionality to your computer, which happens twice a year. In general, Quality Updates are more likely to cause problems on your computer than Feature Updates.

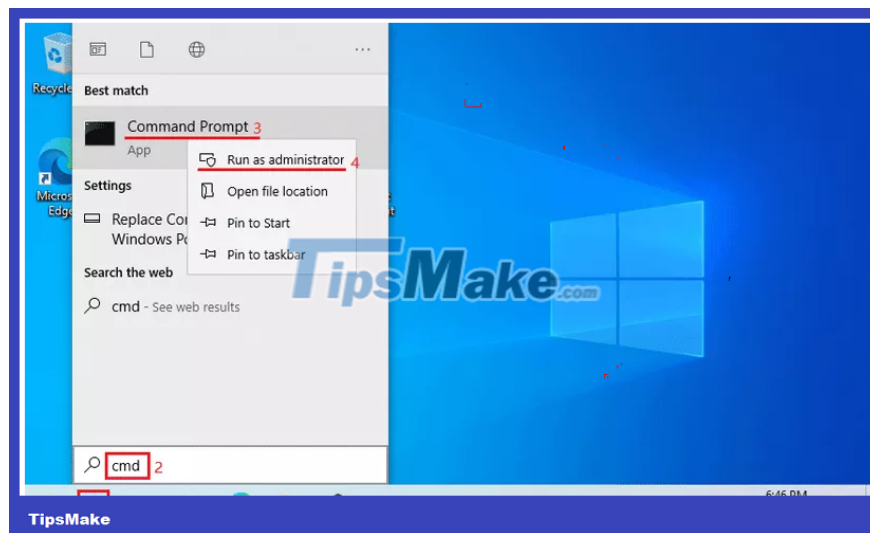
Method 4. Uninstall Windows Update via Command Prompt (CMD)

Are there stubborn Windows updates that can't be removed from your computer? Don't worry, this section tells you **how to restore Windows updates using cmd** .

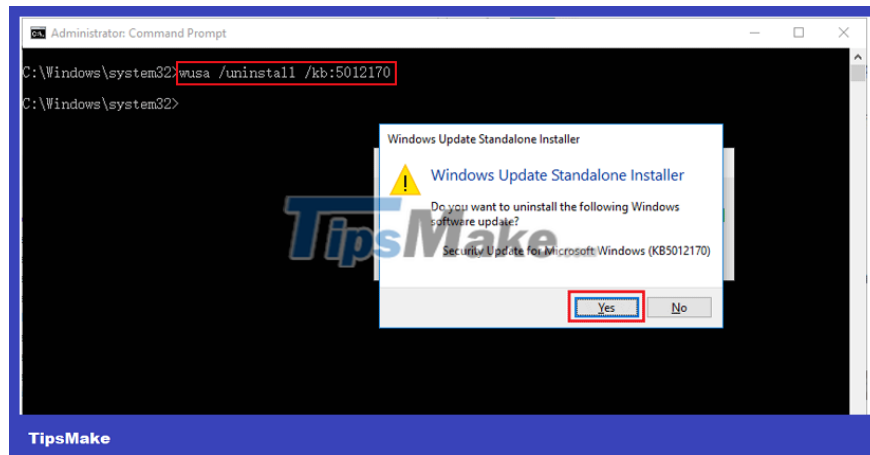
Step 1: Repeat Step 1 – Step 3 in How to show installed updates. Behind each item's name, KBxxxx is its id. Find the version you want to delete and note down the id that will be used next.



Step 2: Enter **cmd** in the search bar, right-click **Command Prompt** , then click **Run as administrator** to open.

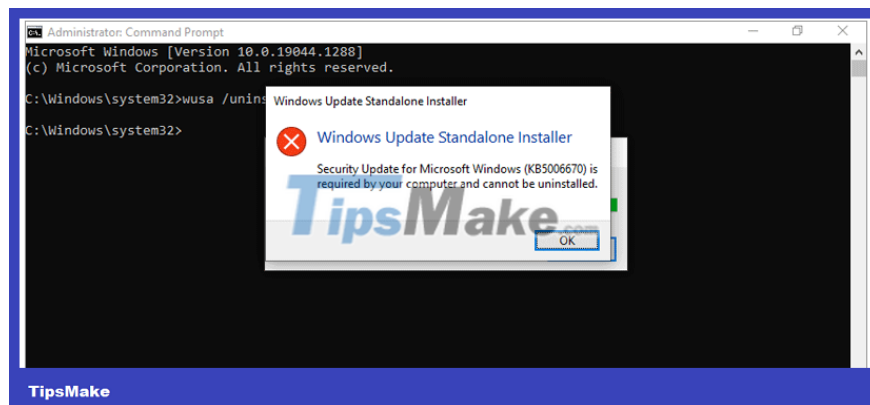


Step 3: Enter the command **wusa /uninstall /kb:xxxxxxx** , press the **Enter** key , then press **Yes** to close the confirmation dialog box.



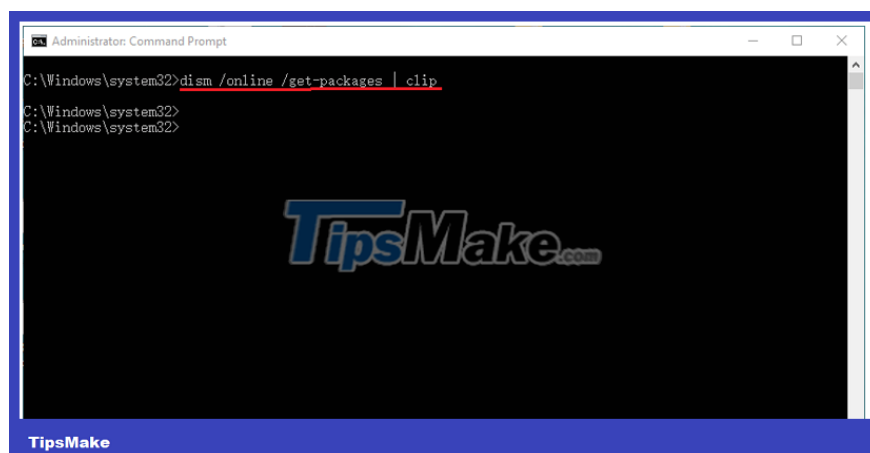
Tip: Replace xxxxxxxx with the id you wrote in Step 1.

If you're lucky, you'll successfully uninstall the update. But it may prompt that it cannot be uninstalled.

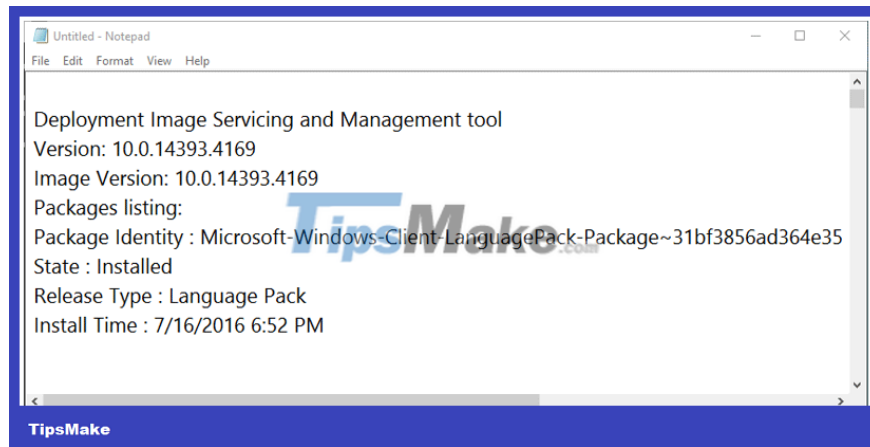


So, **how do I force uninstall Windows Update** ? Follow the steps below.

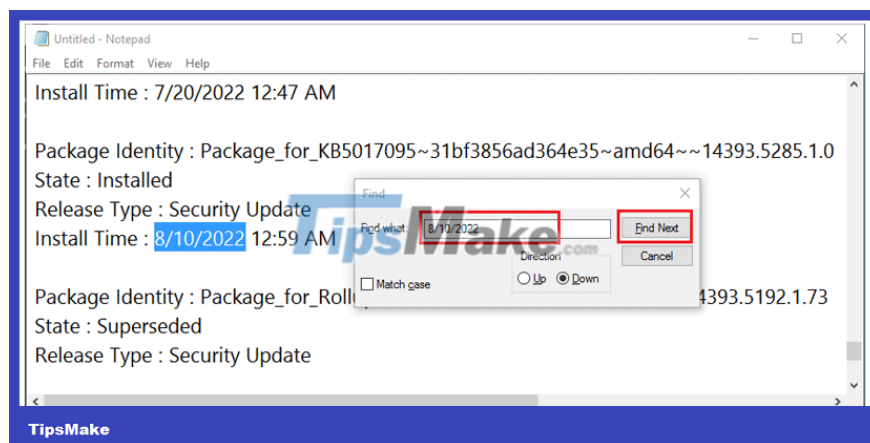
Step 4: Enter the command **dism /online /get-packages | clip** and press the **Enter** key . Then the information of Windows updates will be copied.



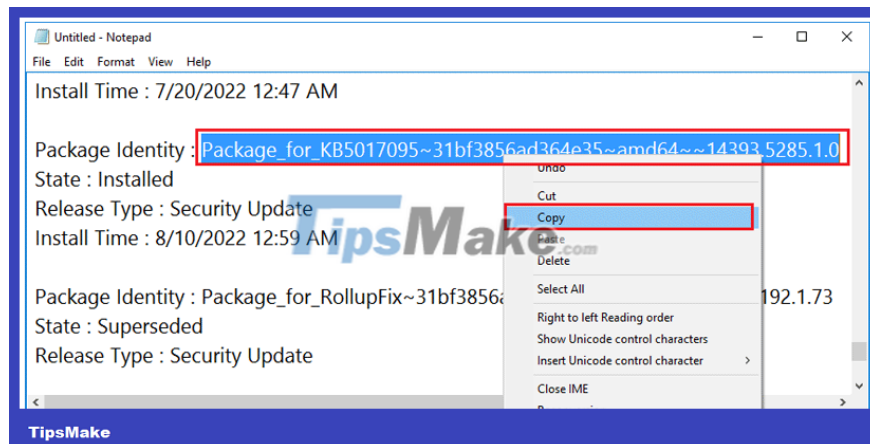
Step 5: Create a **Text Document** and press **Ctrl + V** to paste the content.



Step 6: Find the version you want to delete in the Text Document. You can press **Ctrl + F** and enter the date to find it quickly.

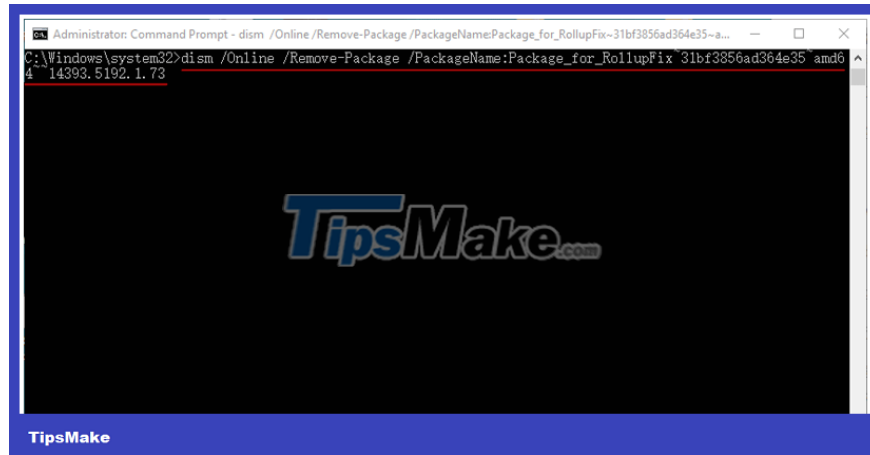


Step 7: Once the update is found, select the content behind **Package Identity** and copy it.

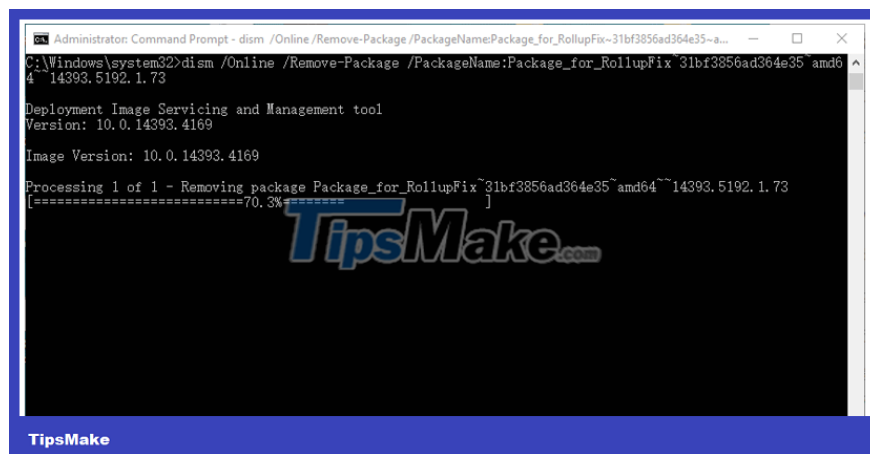


Step 8: Return to the command prompt, enter the command **dism /Online /Remove-Package /PackageName:xxxxxxx** .

Tip: Replace xxxxxxx with the Package Identification you just copied.



Step 9: After entering the correct command, the update will be uninstalled.



Step 10: Once completed, enter **Y** to restart the computer. And then you will **return to the previous version of Windows 10 without data loss** .

Restore old Windows when you can't log in to your PC

If you want to go back to a previous version of Windows 10, but can't sign in to your PC, you can use these two methods:

Method 1: With Recovery Console

1. Restart your computer, once you get to the login screen, hold down the Shift key and select **Power > Restart** .
2. After your PC restarts, it will open to the **Choose an Option** screen , select **Troubleshoot , Advanced Options** and **Go back to the previous build** .

If this option is not available, use Method 2.

Method 2: Use Safe Mode

1. Restart your computer, once you get to the login screen, hold down the **Shift** key and select **Power** > **Restart** .
2. When your PC restarts, it opens to the **Choose an Option** screen
3. **Troubleshoot** -> **Advanced Options** -> **Startup Settings** and select **Restart** .
4. After your computer restarts, a list of options will be displayed. Select F4 or 4 to start your computer in **Safe Mode** .
5. Open **Settings**
6. Select **Update & security** then select **Recovery** .
7. Under 'Go back to an earlier build', click **Get started** and follow the instructions.

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