

5 Simplest and Most Thorough Ways to Turn Off Cortana on Windows 10

To avoid being bothered by virtual assistant Cortana, read the article on how to turn off Cortana on Windows 10 simply by Hoang Ha PC.

Overview of virtual assistant Cortana (concept, benefits)

Cortana is considered a smart 'virtual assistant' with the ability to remind and notify users based on voice. Similar to Siri, with Cortana you do not need to type any words on the keyboard, just say what you want. At this time, Cortana's intelligent processor will analyze and give you the most suitable answer. This application is developed by Microsoft and is exclusively for Windows 10 operating system.

You can set a timer, set a reminder in Cortana with a simple command and immediately this virtual assistant will remember and remind you.

Searching for a movie, song or character in Cortana is also easy and fast. In addition, Cortana has many other attractive features.



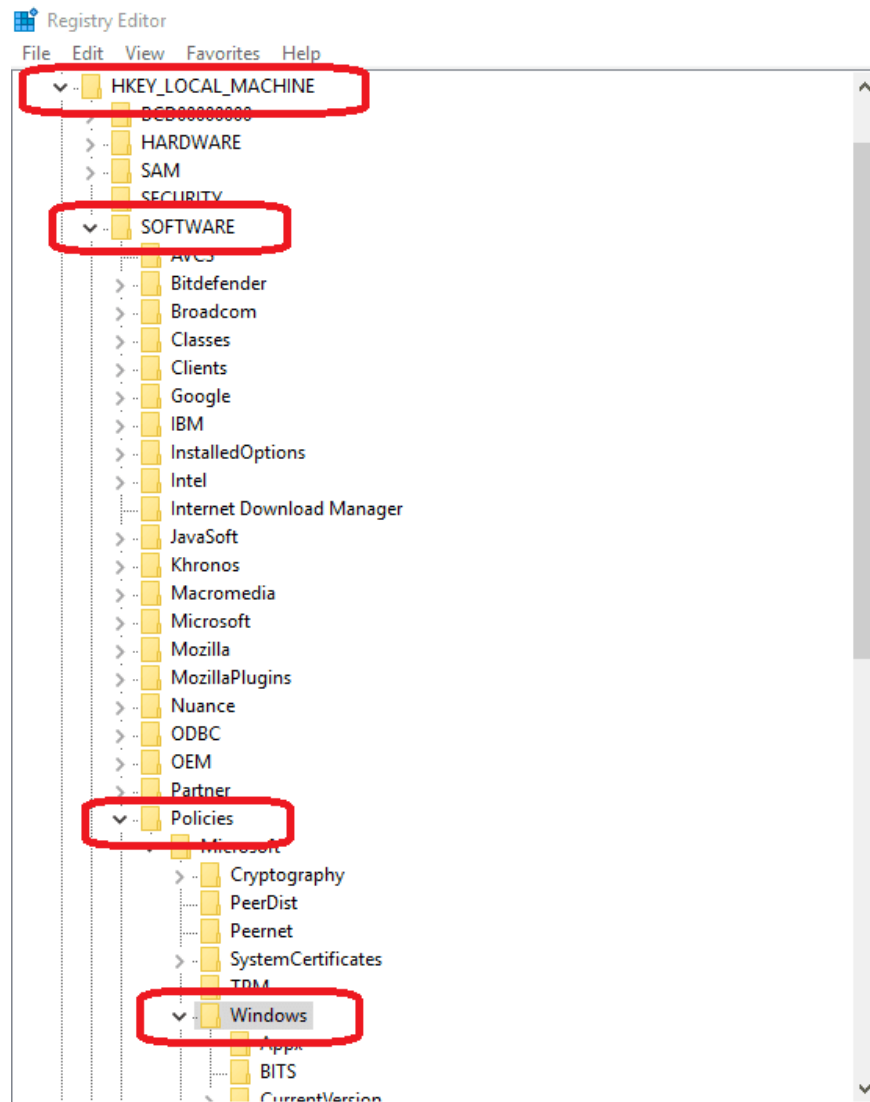
Disable Cortana on Home edition

Disabling Cortana on Windows 10 is also very simple. First, we will show you how to disable Cortana on the Home version via Regedit.

Step 1: Start by opening the Run interface window by using the **Windows + R** or **Windows + S** key combination , then type ' **regedit** ' and select **Enter** .

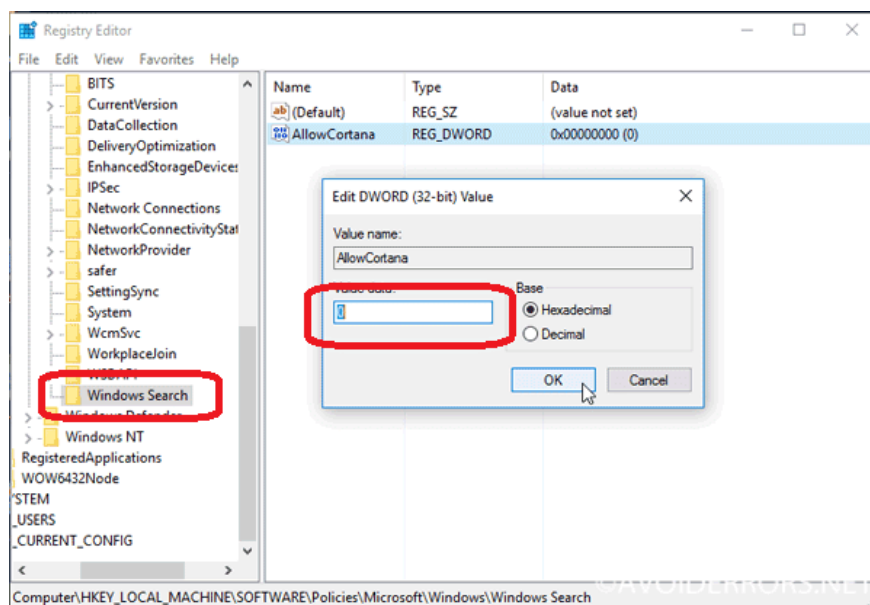
Step 2: Next, the **Registry Editor** interface window will open and you follow the instructions below:

Computer => HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE => SOFTWARE => Policies => Microsoft => Windows => Windows Search



Note: In the Windows folder, if you can't find **Windows Search** , create a new folder by going to **New** and selecting **Key** . Then rename this new folder **Windows Search** .

Step 2: Open the **Allow Cortana** folder in the **Registry Editor** window and assign it a data value of **0**. Finally, click **OK** to complete.



If you want to restore **Cortana** , repeat the steps above and at **Allow Cortana** assign it a value of **1** or **delete the Cortana** value to complete the restoration.

After completing the steps to disable Cortana on the **Home** version , restart your computer to apply the changes.

How to Turn Off Cortana on Windows 10 Professional and Enterprise

How to disable Cortana in Windows 10 Professional and Enterprise editions via Local Group Policy Editor

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Step 1: First, open the **Run** command window by pressing the **Windows + R** or **Windows + S** key combination , type **gpedit.msc** and press **OK** .

Step 2: The **Local Group Policy Editor** window appears, to select the **Allow Cortana** folder , follow the instructions below.

Computer Configuration => Administrative Templates => Windows Components => Search .

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Step 3: Double click on " **Allow Corrtana** "

The **Allow Cortana** folder appears, select **Disable** and finally to complete, press **OK** .

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If you want to re-enable **Cortana**, please repeat the above steps, at **Allow Cortana** select **Enable** to complete the restore.

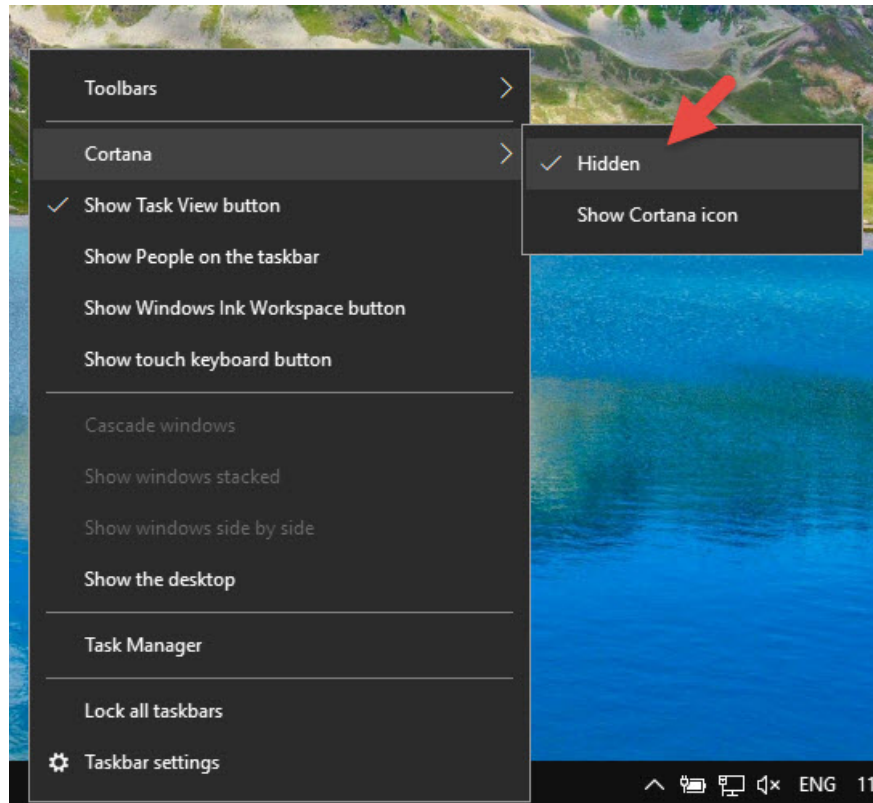
Note: After completing the process of turning off Cortana on Windows 10 Professional and Enterprise, please **restart your computer** to save the changes.

How to hide Cortana on the Taskbar

Another simple and thorough way to disable Cortana on Windows 10 is to hide Cortana on the Taskbar. This method is relatively simple and the operation is simple.

Step 1: First, to reset Cortana configuration, right-click on the bar and select **Taskbar** .

Step 2: Then, scroll down to find the Cortana menu. Click on that menu and there will be 2 options: **Hidden** and **Show Cortana icon** . If you want to turn off the Cortana feature, select **Hidden** and click **OK** to complete the hiding.



Using the pre-edited Registry

The last way to disable Cortana on Windows 10 that we want to introduce is to use the pre-edited **Registry** . **This method is also relatively simple and does not take much of your time.**

First, download the **Disable Cortana Registry** hack ZIP file to your computer and unzip the file above.

After completing the extraction, there will be a **Disable Cortana.reg** file and an **Enable Cortana.reg** file . If you want to disable Cortana, click **Disable Cortana.reg** and fill in the necessary information in the Registry to complete the disabling process. Conversely, if you want to re-enable the application, select **Enable Cortana.reg** .

Finally, close the **Registry Editor** window and restart your computer to apply the changes.

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