

How to completely delete and uninstall apps on Android

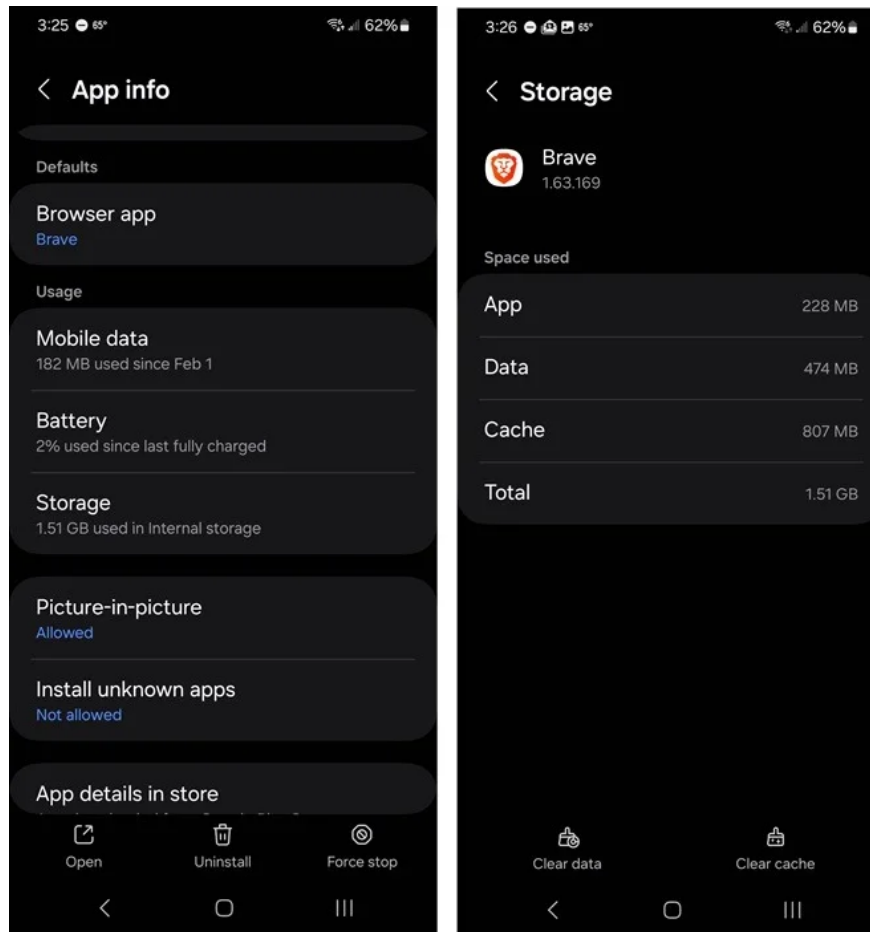
Trying to completely remove and uninstall an app on Android isn't always as simple as tapping Uninstall. Instead, files are left behind, cluttering the system, but there are ways to get rid of them.

Manually clean up before uninstalling apps on Android

Reduce the amount of data remaining after uninstallation by deleting it. This isn't always perfect but it's a good solution if you don't want to install extra apps to do so. It is important to note that this task is performed before uninstalling the application.

Go into your device's **Settings** . Select **Apps** . (This could also be **Apps & notifications** or **Application Manager** , depending on your device). Select the app you want to uninstall. If you don't see a list of apps, first select **App info** .

Click **Storage** . Select **Clear data** and **Clear cache** to clear both. If you see the **Manage data** option , tap it to delete any additional data. This will remove additional data the app installed, which can make the uninstallation process easier.



Delete leftover folders after uninstallation

When trying to figure out how to completely delete apps on Android, you may notice some folders left over in your file manager app. Here is another manual way to completely uninstall apps on Android.

Use a file manager app if you're only cleaning up after one or two apps. The app that comes pre-installed on Android devices works well in most cases.

My Files is the default application. Whatever app you use, use the search feature to find the name of the app you want to remove. Even just a single word will help.



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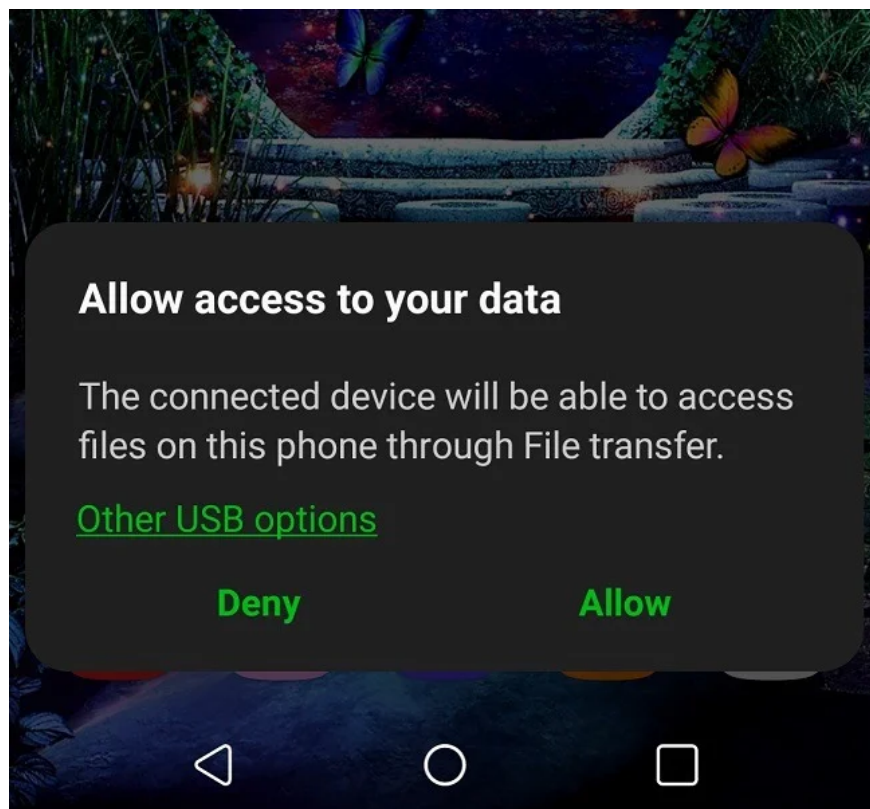
Only delete files and folders that you are sure are only associated with the application you want to delete. You should back up your device before doing this just in case.

Connect to computer for deeper cleaning

If you're trying to thoroughly clean your Android device, using a file manager will become tedious. After all, there are probably dozens of folders and files left over from the many apps you've installed and uninstalled over the course of a year or more.

One of the easiest ways to remove an app from Android, along with all traces, is to first uninstall the app from Settings, then use a PC to delete the remaining files from the phone.

Connect the device to the computer via USB cable. It's best to use the cable that came with your device. Click **Other USB Options** . Alternatively, you can pull down from the top to open the notification tray and select **USB charging** . Select **Allow** to allow the computer to access the device.



Change the default charging option to **File transfer** or **Transferring Files** . Depending on the Android version, it may also have **Transferring Files** / **Android Auto** content .

If you frequently connect your device to access files, select **Always** to confirm your selection or **Just once** to allow access only once.

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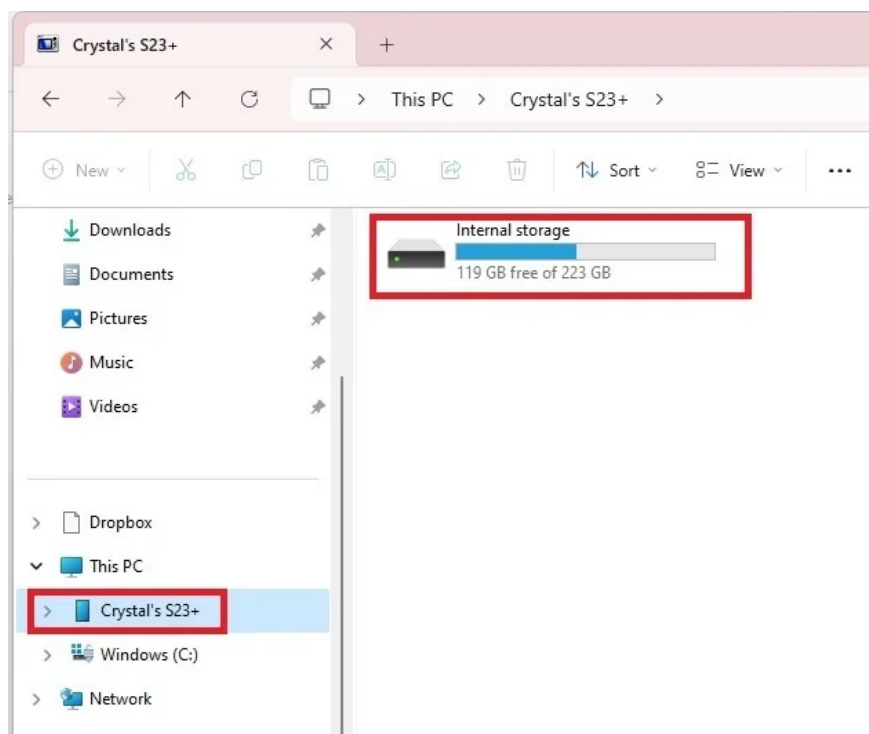
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Use your computer to browse files on your Android device, delete folders and files you don't need. Android devices show up as device names.



Make sure to only delete folders and files that you absolutely no longer need. Some files may go into the Recycle Bin, but others will be gone forever.

Use Revo Uninstaller to completely uninstall apps on Android

Before using third-party apps to help uninstall leftover apps, back up your device.

Revo Uninstaller is a free, ad-supported application that uninstalls and deletes leftover files at the same time. The premium version removes ads, allows you to backup your device, and compare files before and after the application runs. But the free version is all you really need.

Install apps. Tap the trash icon next to the app you want to uninstall and let it do its job.



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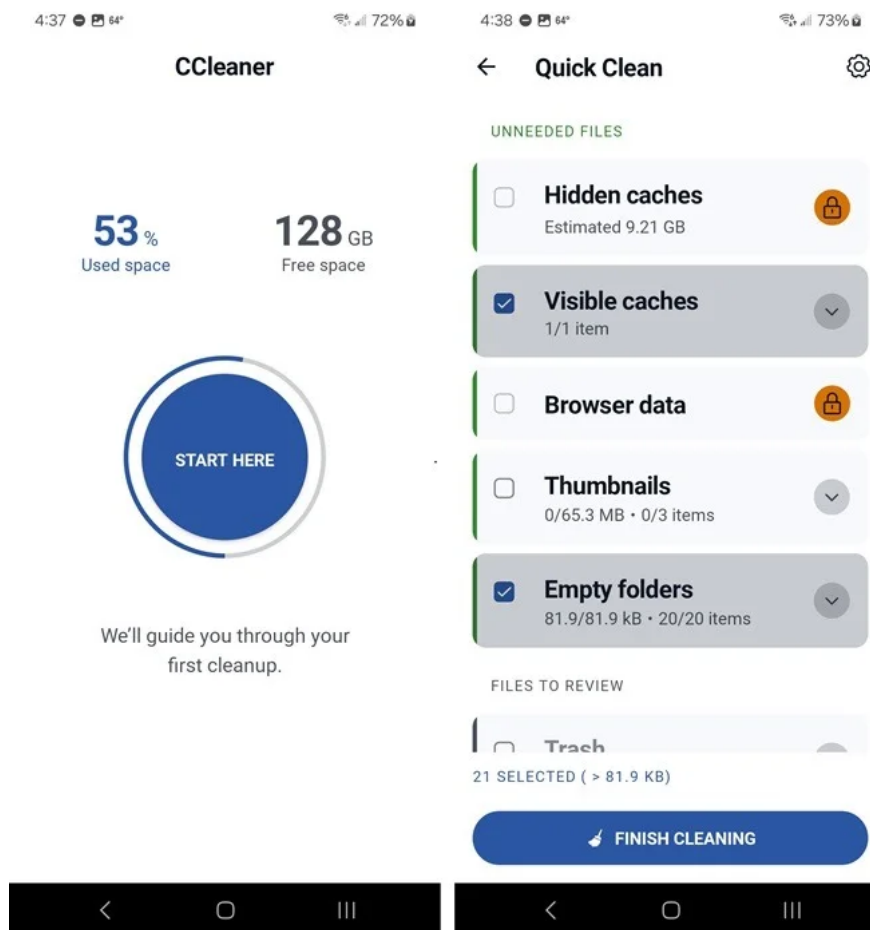
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Use CCleaner to delete leftover files

CCleaner is a popular application available on many platforms. For example, here's a quick way to clean up registry clutter in Windows. For Android, it helps delete temporary files, residual files, hidden caches, etc. The hidden cache option is behind a paywall but everything else you need is free.

After installing the app, follow the prompts to allow the app to scan your device for the first time, then select **See results** . Nothing deletes unless you check it. Review everything first, then select **Finish Cleaning** .



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