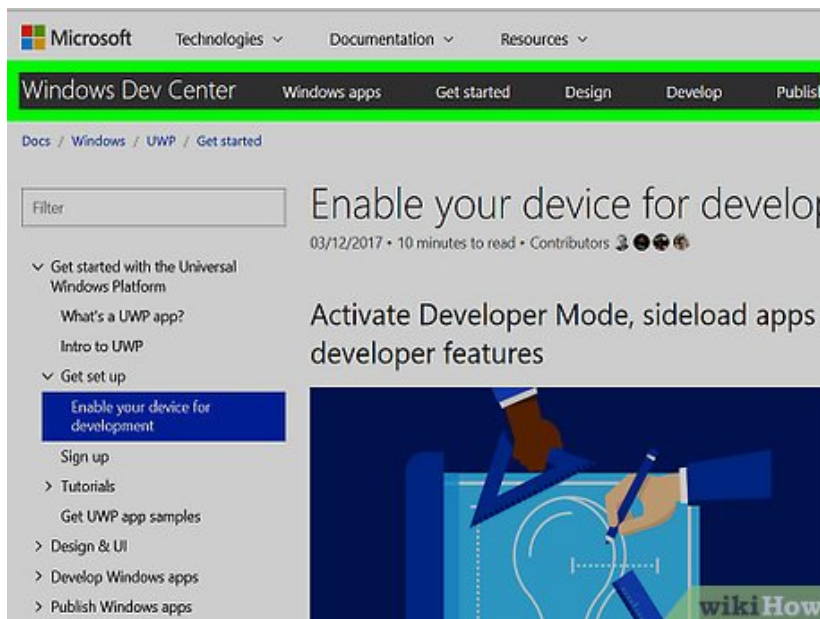


# How to Enable Developer Mode in Windows 10

The Windows 10 Developer mode allows developers to access special development features like the Ubuntu Bash shell environment along with other developer-focused settings. This makes it possible for developers to test apps that they're...

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## Understanding Developer Mode



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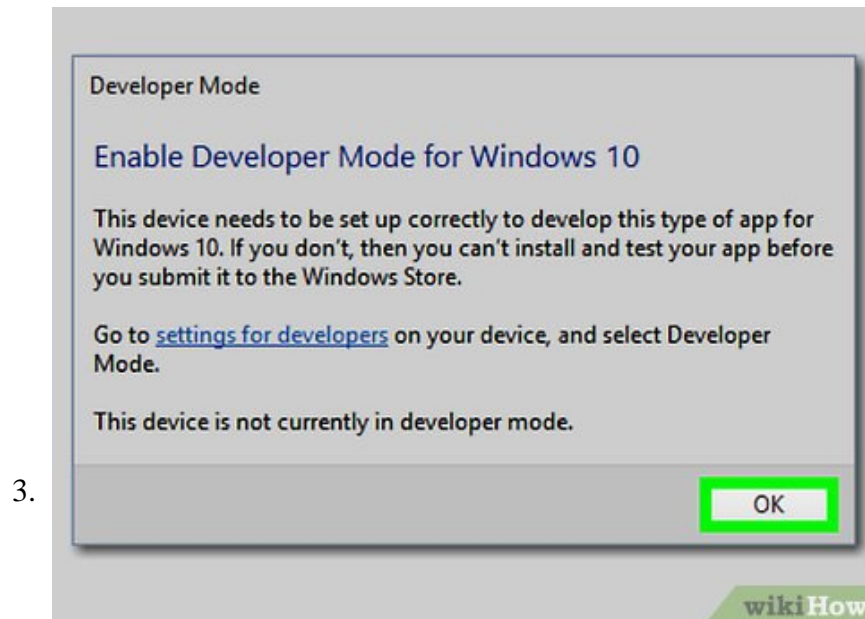
**Know the difference of Developer mode from sideloading.** Sideload different apps means that you are able to download apps from other sources outside of the Windows Store. While developer mode enables not only this option, it also allows you to test and develop your own apps.

1. Here are the official explanations from Microsoft:<sup>[2]</sup>

1. **Windows Store apps** is the default setting. If you aren't developing apps, or using special internal apps issued by your company, keep this setting active.
2. **Sideload** is installing and then running or testing an app that has not been certified by the Windows Store. For example, an app that is internal to your company only.
3. **Developer mode** lets you sideload apps, and also run apps from Visual Studio in debug mode.



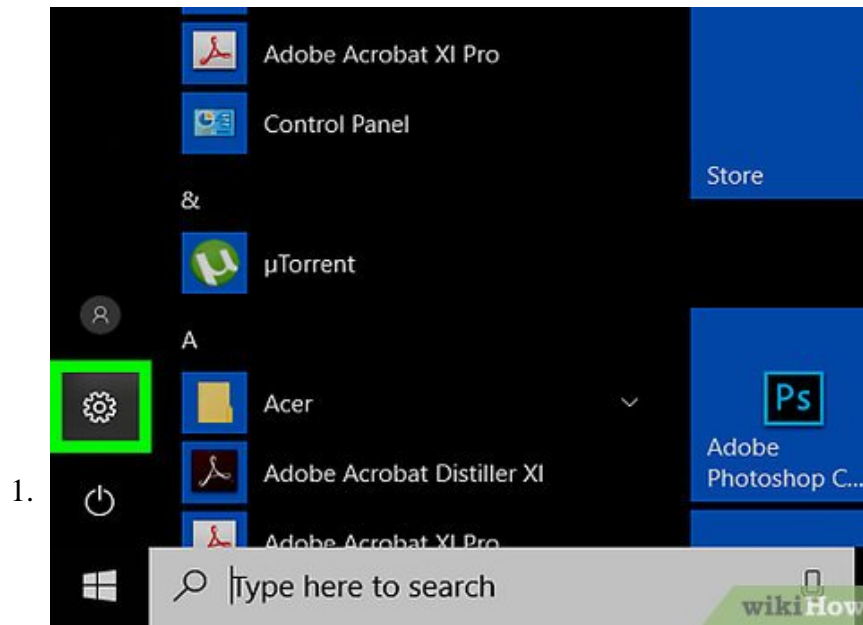
**Understand the security risks of Developer mode.** When downloading apps from third parties, your personal data and device could be at risk. Microsoft has strict rules that Windows Store apps are required to meet before they are placed in the Store, including being malware-free<sup>[3]</sup>.



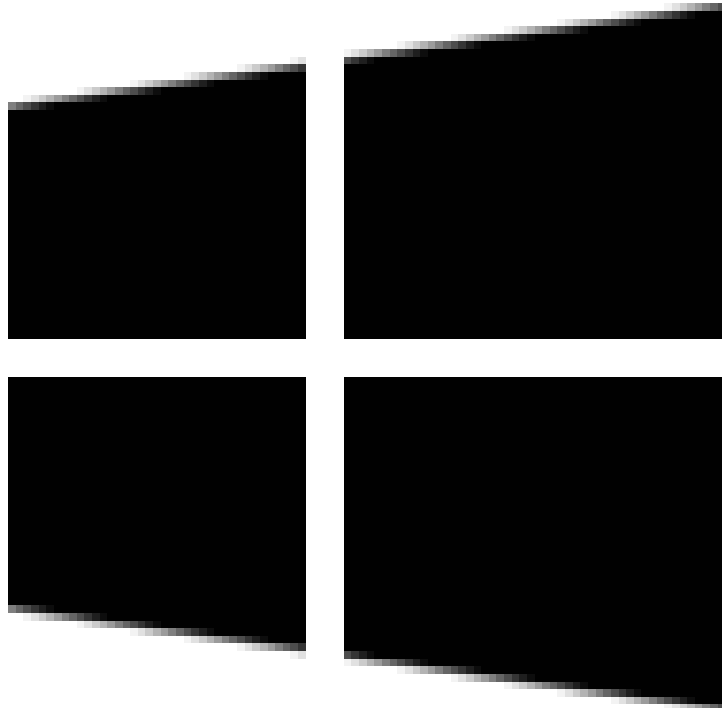
**Rejoice because there's no developer license renewal!** Microsoft has stopped requiring developers to renew their license every 30 days.

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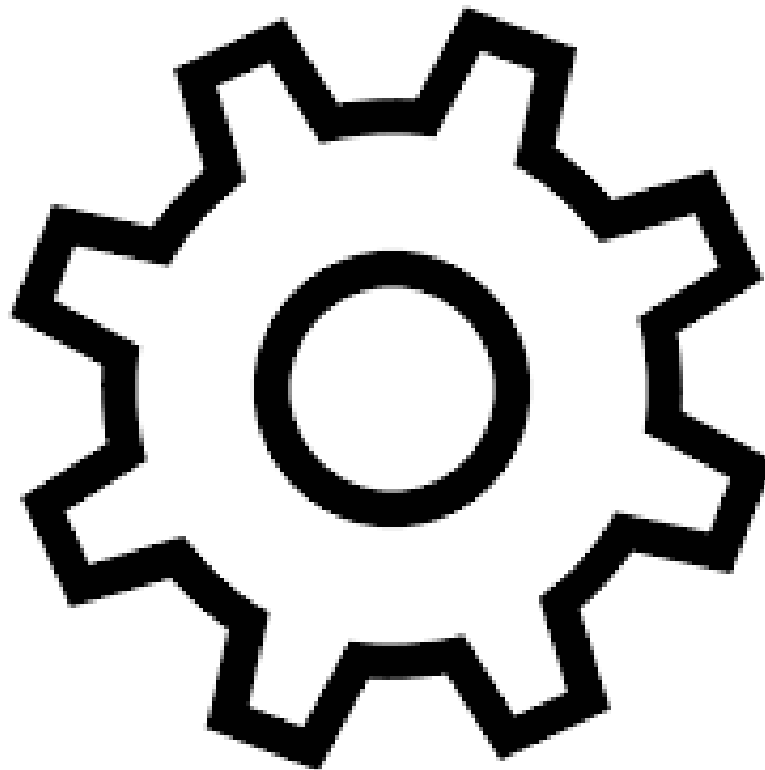
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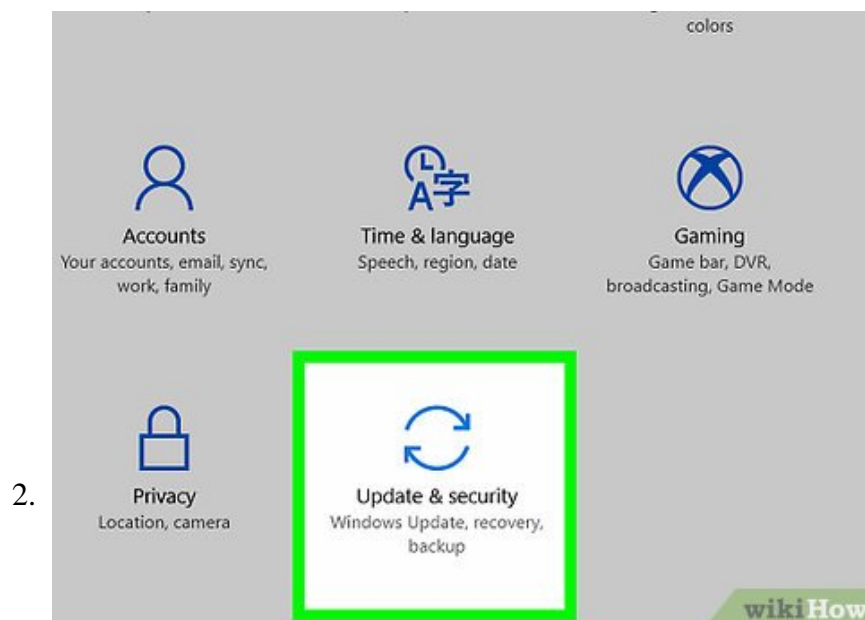
**Open the Settings app.** Click the Start



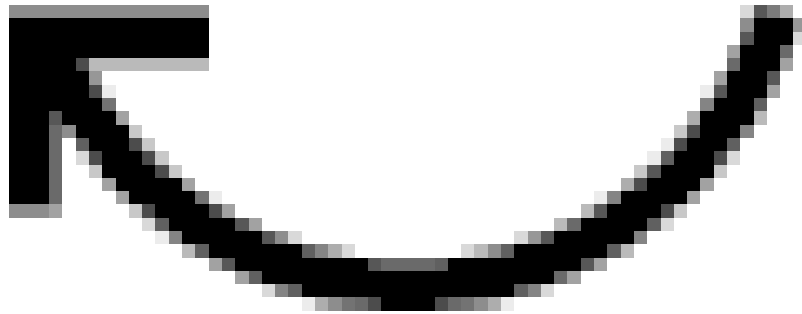
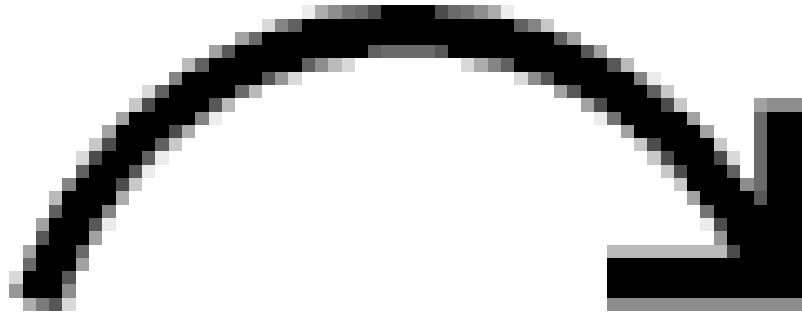
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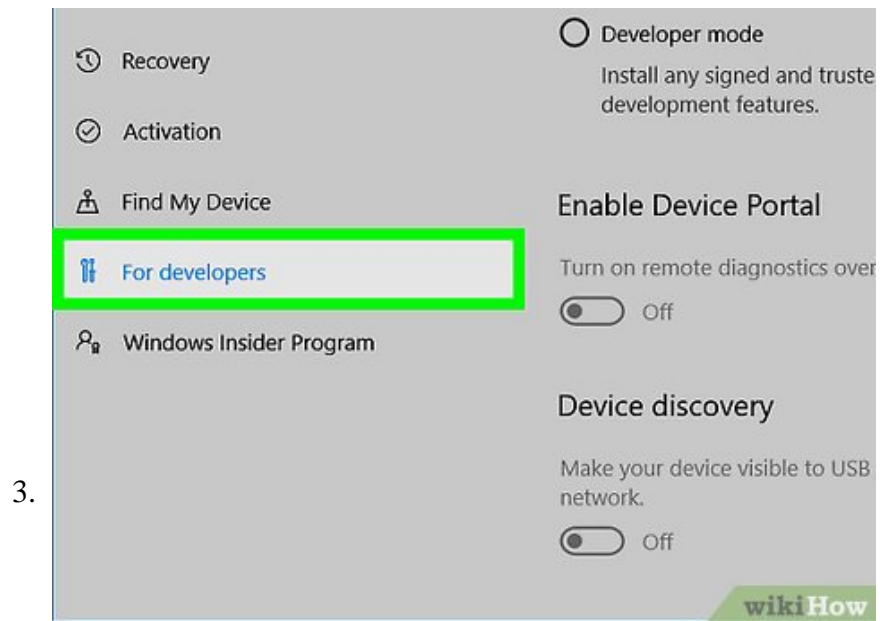
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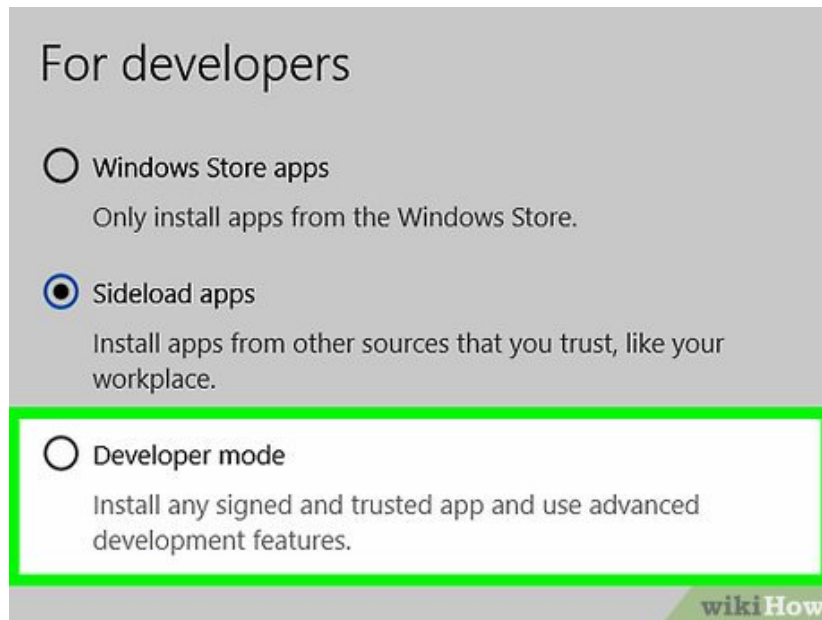
**Navigate to the**



**Update & security** category.

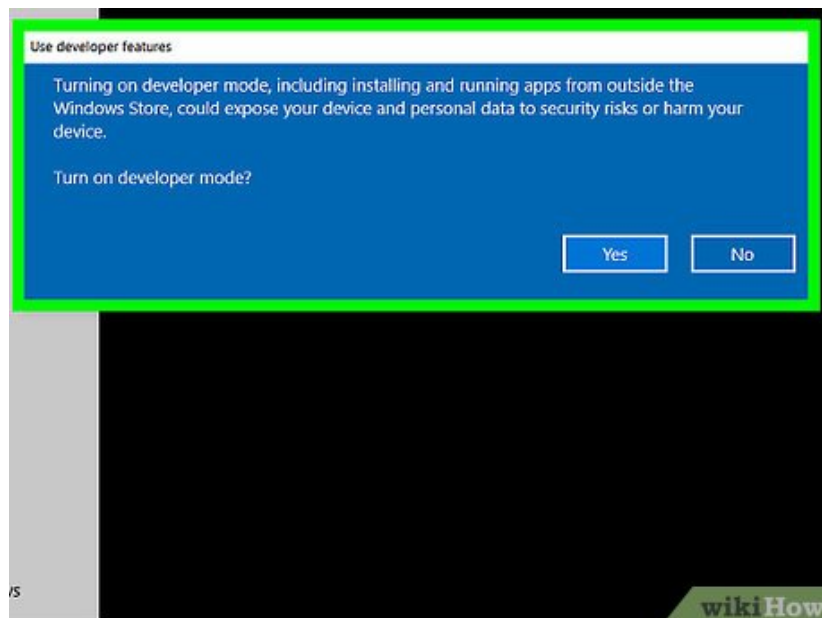


Choose **For developers** from the left sidebar. This section offers exclusive development-based settings for software developers.



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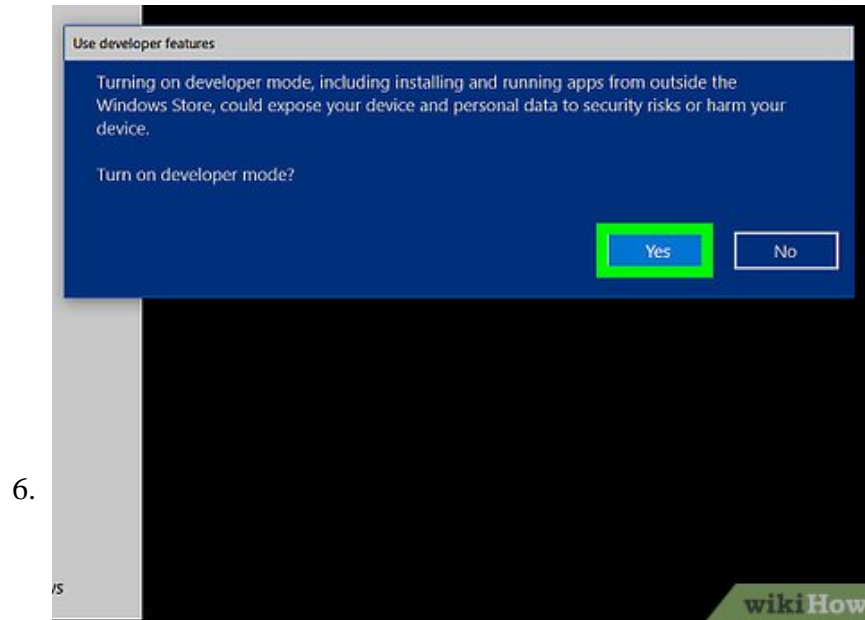
**Switch to Developer mode".** Choose the radio button next to "Developer mode".



5.

**Confirm the warning.** A pop-up warning that says that enabling Developer mode and installing third-party apps from outside the Windows Store could expose personal information and device to security risks.

1. Do so by clicking the  button in the blue pop-up window.



**Finished.**

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