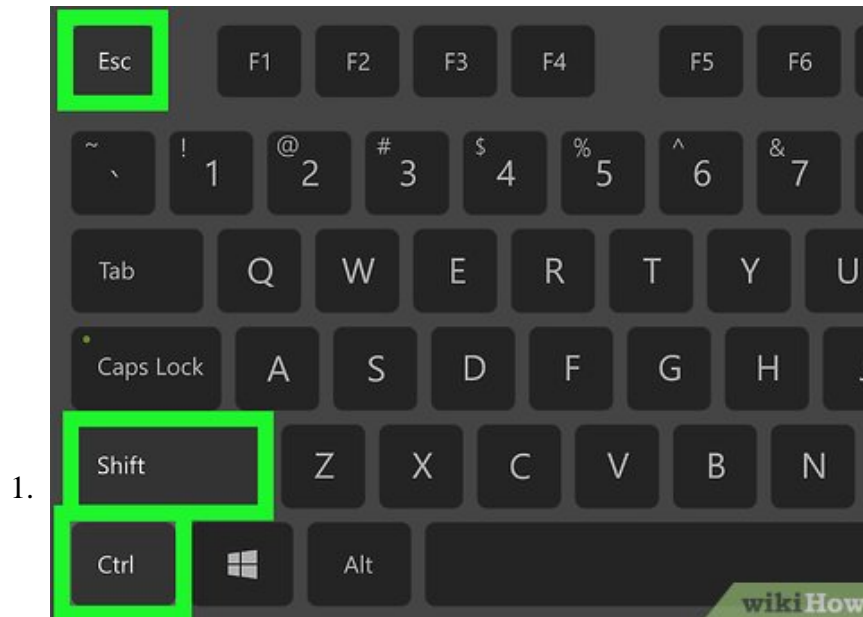


How to Fix the Windows 10 Taskbar

In an update from Windows, the taskbar was given more functionality. But this also created bugs, like the taskbar not hiding and the search bar not working. This wikiHow will show you how to fix the taskbar in Windows 10 by restarting...

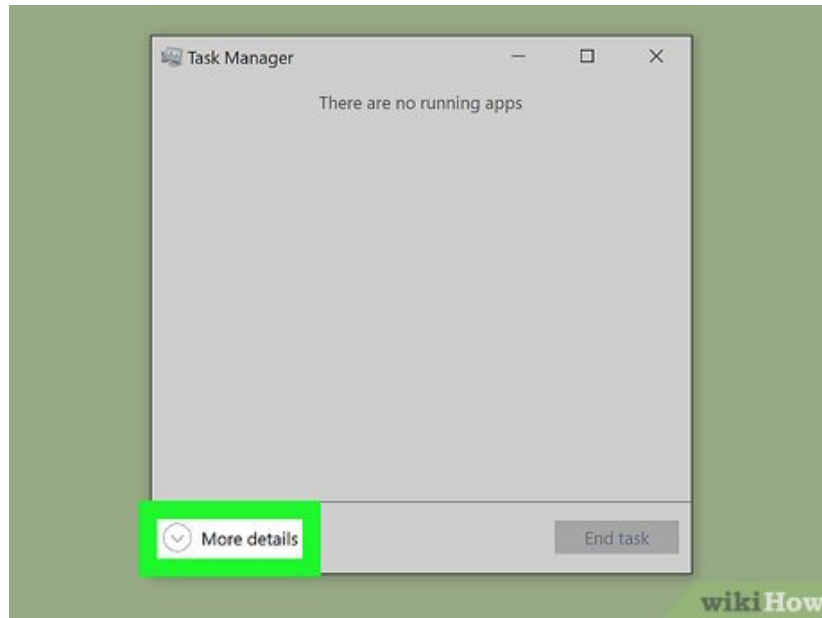
Method 1 of 3:

Restarting Windows Explorer



Press **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Esc** to open **Task Manager**. This method is the first thing you want to try when your taskbar doesn't work since it's the easiest fix.

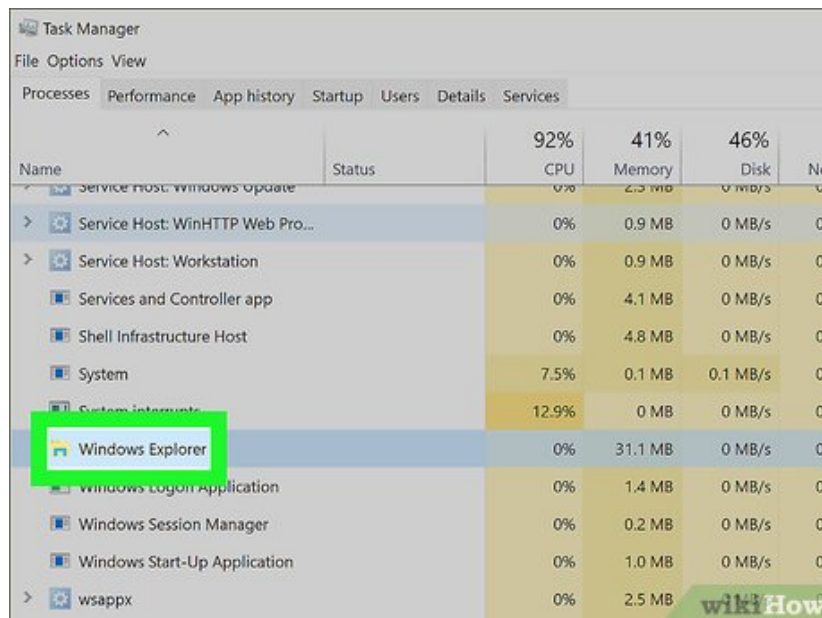
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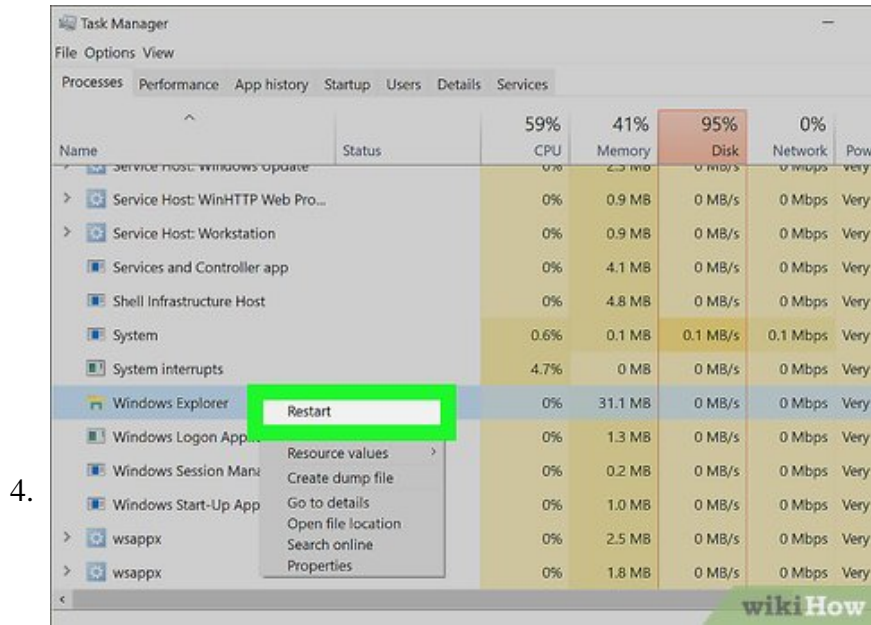
Click **More details** if you see the simple view. The simple view shows you what's running, but the "More details" view will show you applications running in the background and what computer processes are running.

1. If you see columns for **CPU**, **Memory**, **Disk**, and **Network**, then you're already seeing the detailed view and can skip this step.

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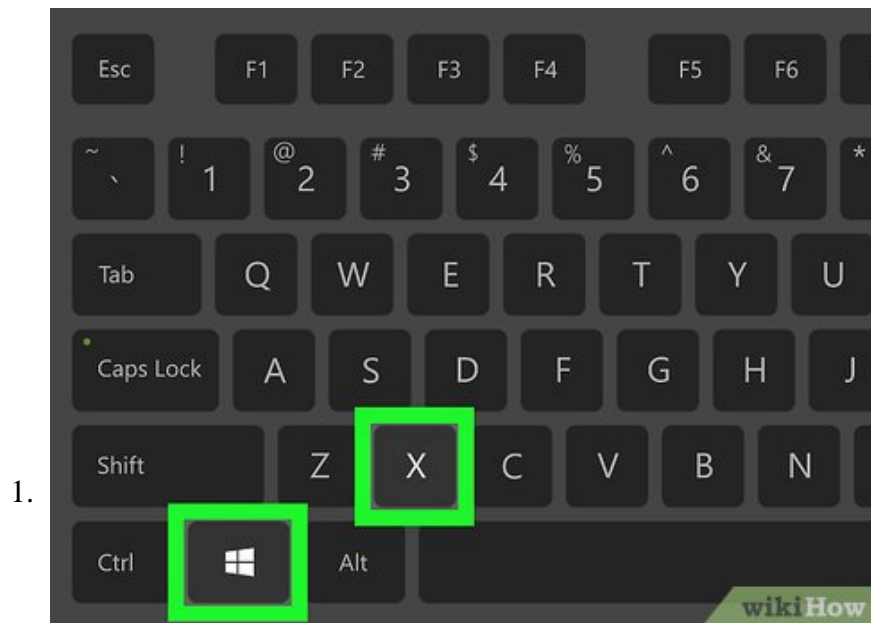
Right-click "Windows Explorer" in the **Processes** tab. You can press **W** to view each process that starts with a W to find "Windows Explorer" faster. When you right-click, you'll see a menu drop-down.



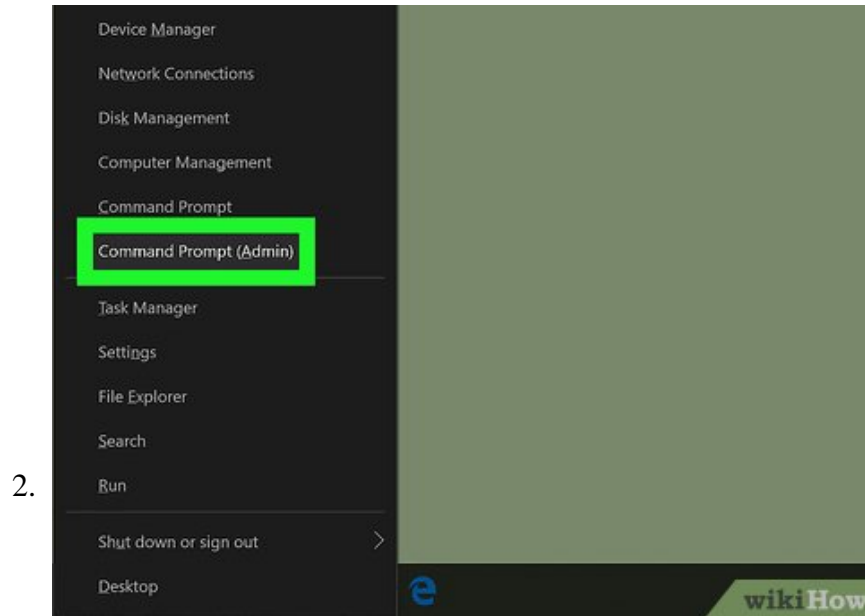
Click **Restart**. Your taskbar will disappear completely for a minute, then reappear and go back to its normal state (auto-hiding or not).

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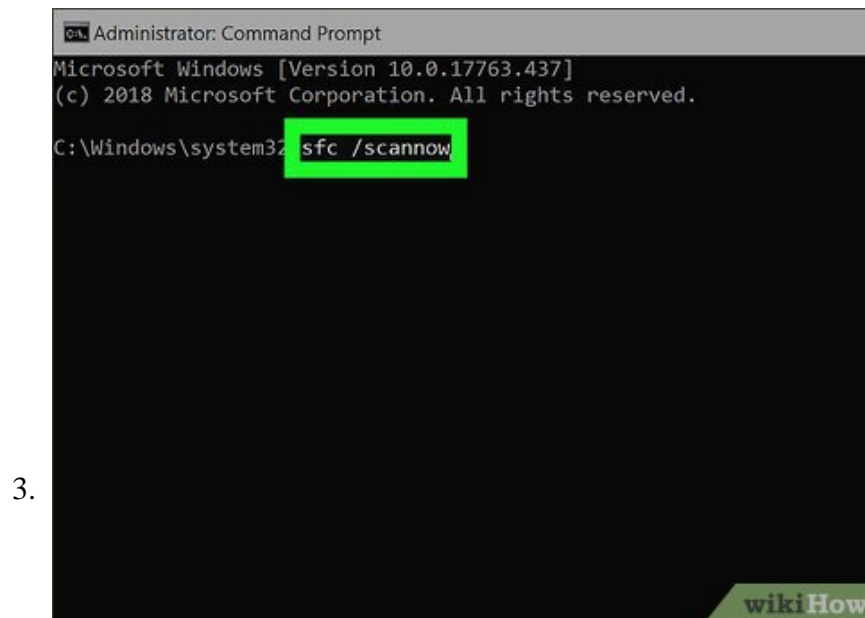
Using a Command Prompt



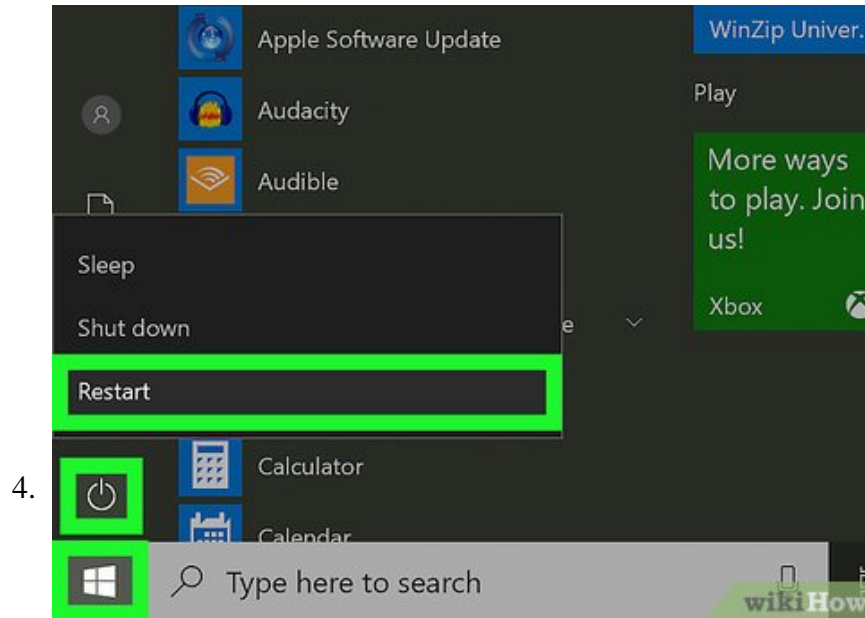
Press **Win + X** to open the Power User menu. Use this method if you're missing icons in your taskbar, like your search bar or the clock.



Click either **Command Prompt (Admin)** or **PowerShell (Admin)**. They are both command line prompts that will use the same code in the following steps.



Type **sfc /scannow**. SFC is short for System File Checker, which will run a simple check and patch small flaws in the Windows system.

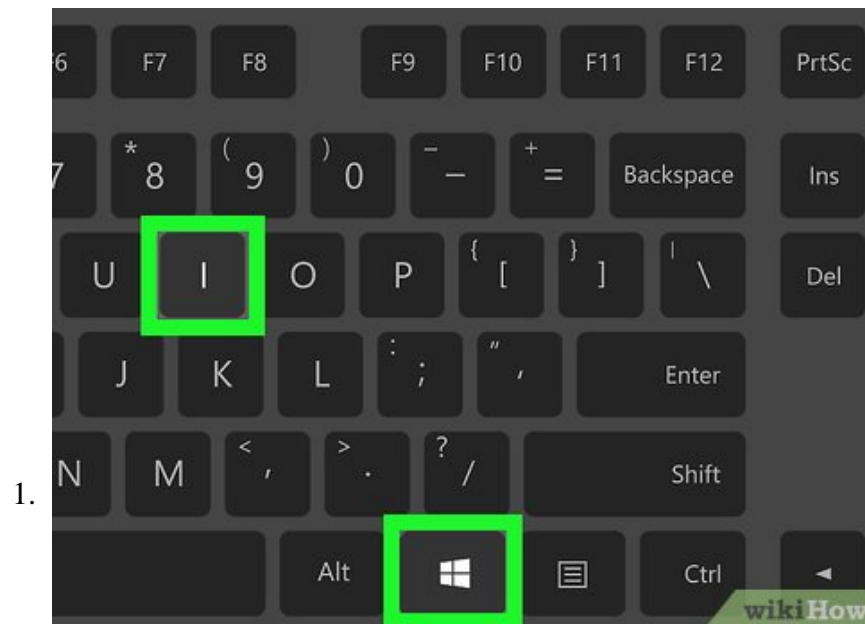


Reboot your computer. You'll need to reboot your computer after running SFC to complete the process of applying those patches.

1. If running the SFC didn't work, you can type `DISM /Online /Cleanup-Image /RestoreHealth` and restart your computer again.

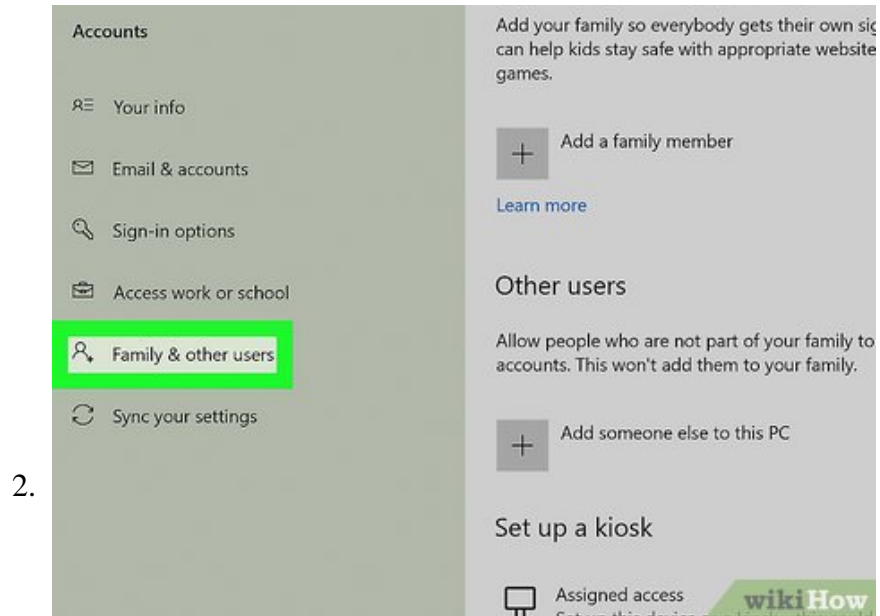
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Creating a New User Account

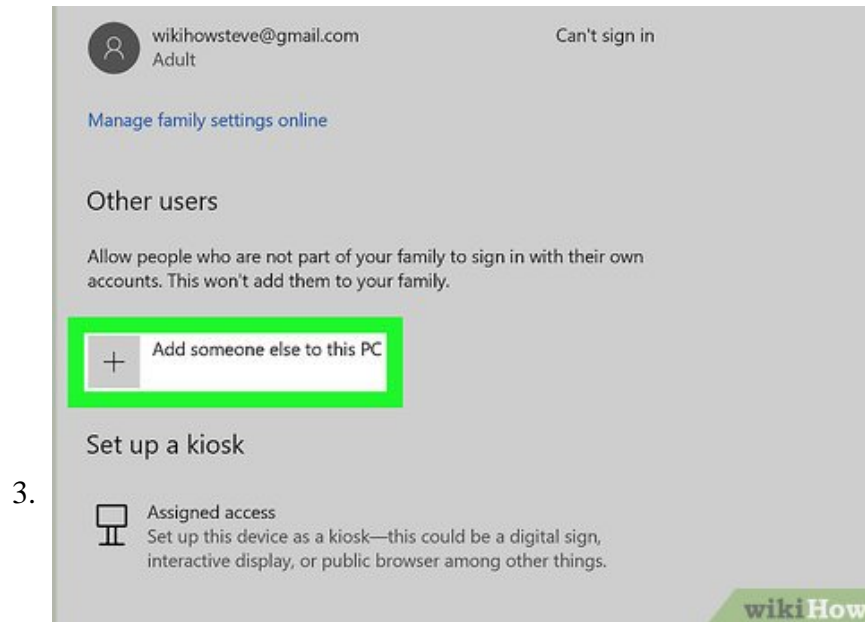


Press ? Win + i to open **Settings**. This is the last resort to fixing your problem since a new user account will be inconvenient.

1. You'll also find the gear icon for settings in the Start Menu.



Navigate to "Family & other users." You can find this in "Accounts."



Click **Add someone else to this PC**. You'll need to create a new username, etc, in the account creation process.

1. You can opt to "Add a user without a Microsoft Account" to avoid any confusion with your original account.^[1]
2. You'll need to use this new account every time you use your computer. Your original account may have a corrupted or missing file that triggers problems for your taskbar, so using the new account will avoid those issues.

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