

How to fix 'You've been signed in with a temporary profile' error on Windows 10

This article will guide you how to fix You've been signed in with a temporary profile for user accounts on Windows 10.

User profiles are a collection of user settings that set how the computer displays and operates for a user account. It is stored in the **C: Users** folder and contains settings for desktop wallpapers, screensavers, cursor options, sound settings and other features. User profiles ensure personal preferences are used when signing in on Windows.

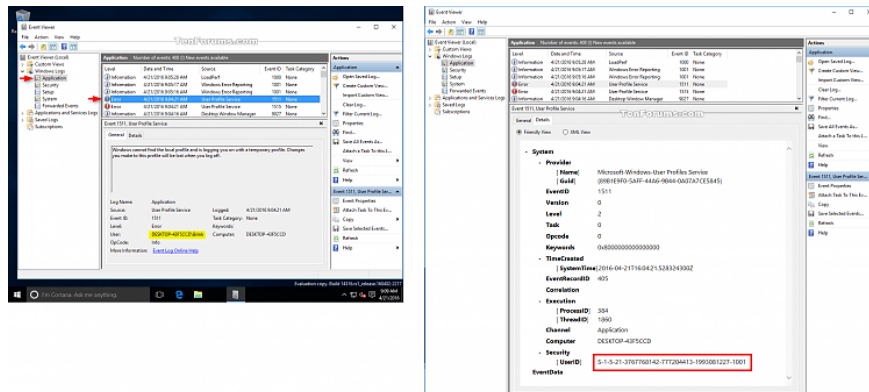
If a user logs in to their account and receives the message **You've been signed in with a temporary profile**, that means they're logged into the temporary profile (for example, C: Users\TEMP) instead of the profile from the C: Users folder. Changes you make in the temporary profile will be lost after logout.

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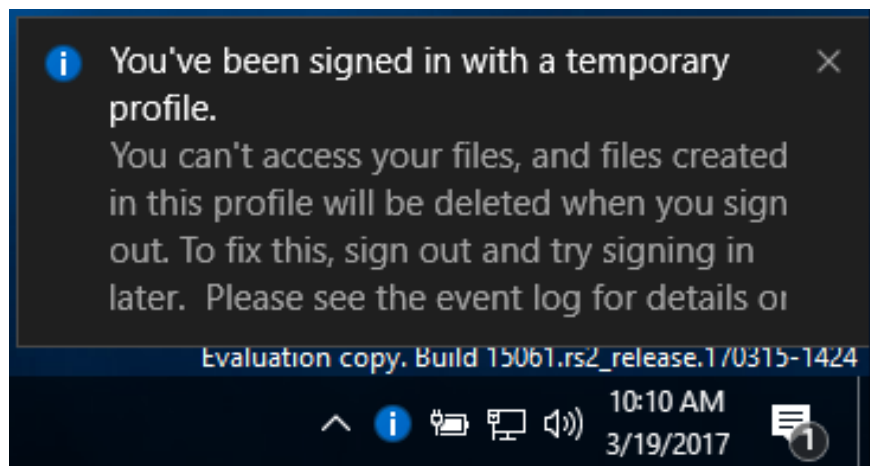
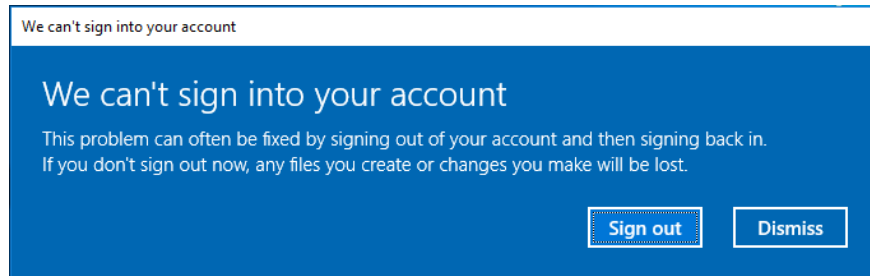
Note : How to read event log information for a User Profile Service error:

1. Open Event Viewer (eventvwr.msc) and double click **Windows Logs**.
2. Right-click on **Application** in the left pane, click on **Find**, type **1511** for the Event ID and click on **Find Next**.
3. Close the **Find** dialog box and see the information. Repeat the process to see if other Event ID 1511s are listed as needed.



Warning: To be safe, you should back up the contents of the C: Users profile folder (username) before following the instructions.

Example of the "You've been signed in with a temporary profile" error message:



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Step 1. When logged into an account with a temporary profile, open Command Prompt.

Step 2 . Type the following command into the Command Prompt and press **Enter** .

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whoami /user
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Step 3. Enter the SID (Security Identifier) ??number for the current account. You will need the SID number (for example, S-1-5-21 -- 1001) for your account in the following step.

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Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.15061]
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C:\Users\Brink>whoami /user

USER INFORMATION
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User Name          SID
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brink-w10pc\brink  S-1-5-21-237214570-1361766723-3061440971-1001

C:\Users\Brink>

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Step 4 . If this account is a standard user, you need to be logged out and logged in with an administrator account to continue with the steps below.

Note: If this account is an administrator, you can continue with the next steps.

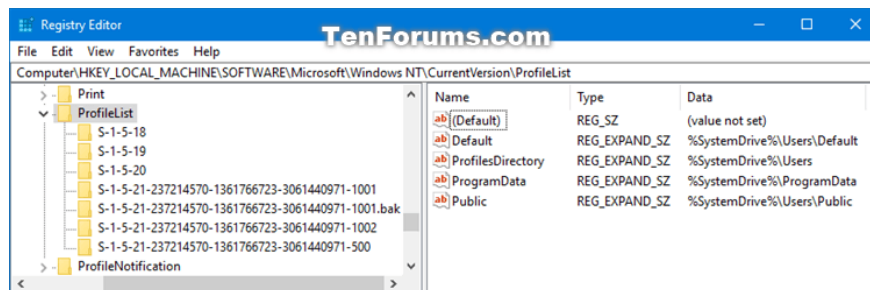
If there is no administrator account, boot Windows 10 in Safe mode, activate the built-in administrator system account, log out and log in to the administrator account.

Step 5 . Press Win + R to open **Run** , type **regedit** and click **OK** to open Registry Editor.

Step 6 . On the UAC message, click **Yes** .

Step 7 . Navigate to the **ProfileList** key at the address below in the left pane of the Registry Editor.

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\ProfileList

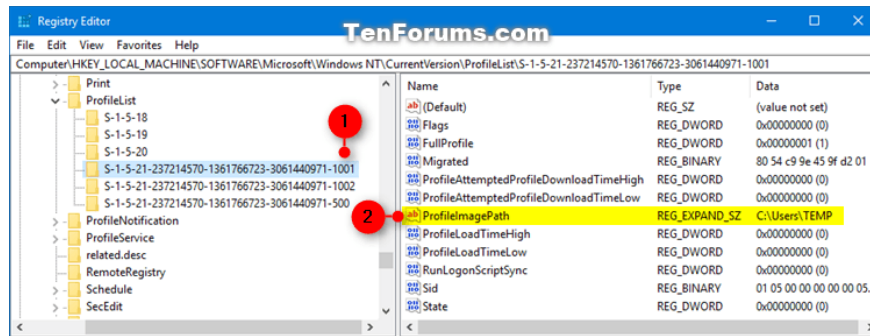


Step 8 . In the left pane of the expanded ProfileList key, you'll see the SID key from **Step 3** above listed with .bak (e.g. S-1-5-21 -.- 1001.bak) and / or without .bak (e.g. S-1-5-21 -.- 1001) at the end.

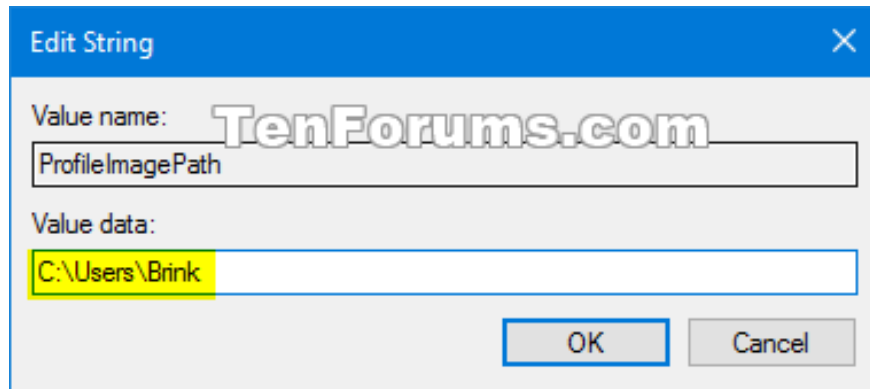
Step 9 . Perform **Step 10** (SID without .bak), **Step 11** (SID with .bak) or **Step 12** (SID without and have .bak) below depends on SID in **Step 8** above.

Step 10 . If the SID key is found, there is no .bak at the end

In the right pane of the SID key (for example, S-1-5-21 -.- 1001), double-click the **ProfileImagePath** value to edit it.

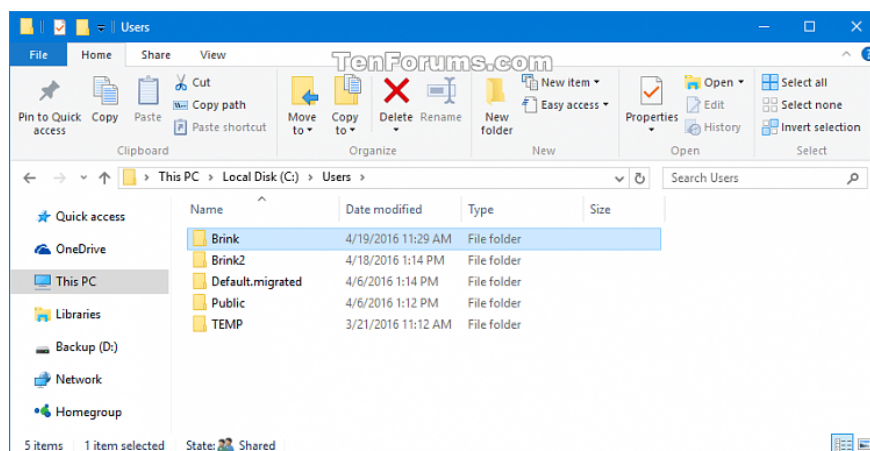


Enter the correct path (for example, C: UsersBrink) of the user profile folder, click **OK** .



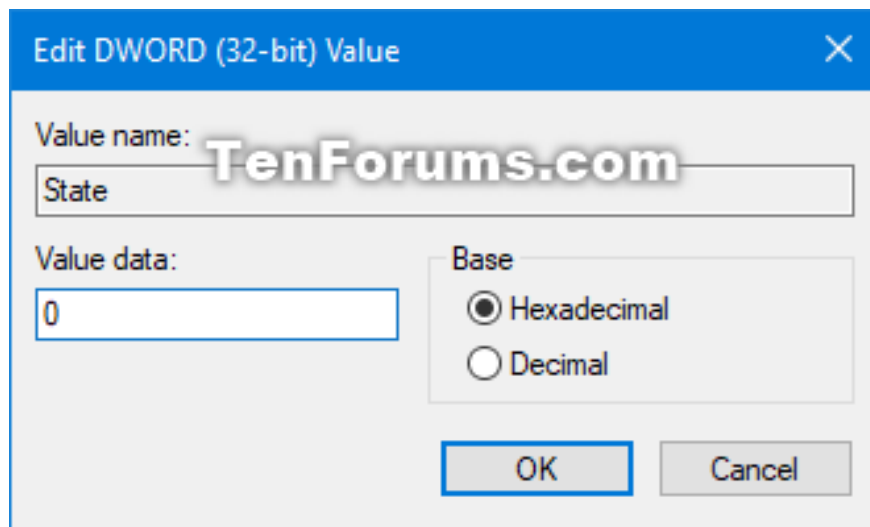
Note: You can view the name of the user profile folder in the C: Users folder. Usually, the user profile directory will have the same name as the account name.

If the user profile folder for the account is no longer available (for example deleted), you can delete the SID key to create a new profile folder and go to **Step 13** . The new profile folder will start with the new account.



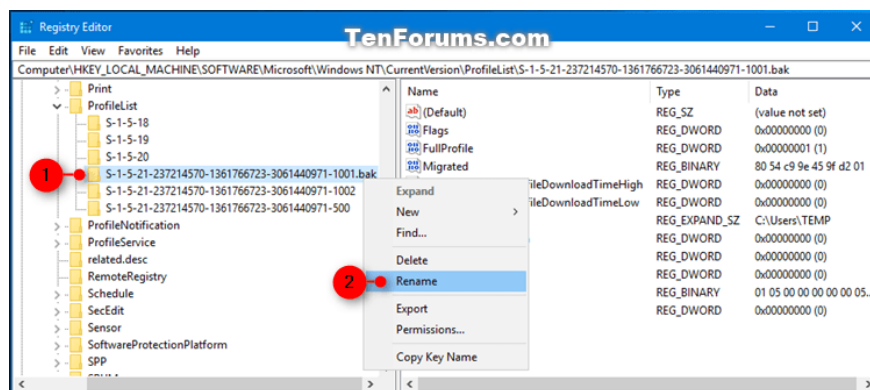
In the right pane of the SID key (for example, S-1-5-21 -.- 1001), locate the State DWORD data value as 0 (zero) and go to **Step 13** .

Note: If the State DWORD is not set to 0, double click on the State DWORD to edit it, change the value to 0 and click on **OK** .



Step 11 . If the SID key is found there is .bak at the end

Right-click on the SID key (ex: S-1-5-21 -.- 1001.bak), click on **Rename** and delete **.bak** (ex: S-1-5-21 -.-1001) at the end of the key name.



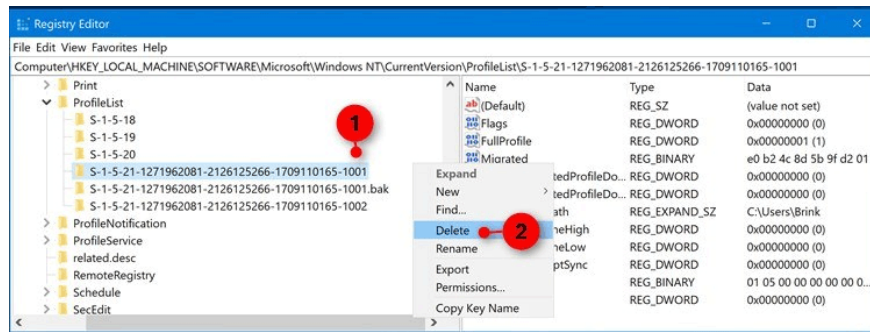
In the right pane of the SID key (for example, S-1-5-21 -.- 1001) now no longer has the .bak at the bottom, double-click the **ProfileImagePath** value name to edit it. Enter the correct path of the user profile folder and click **Ok** .

In the right pane of the SID key (for example, S-1-5-21 -.- 1001), identify the State DWORD **Value data** as 0, go to **Step 13** .

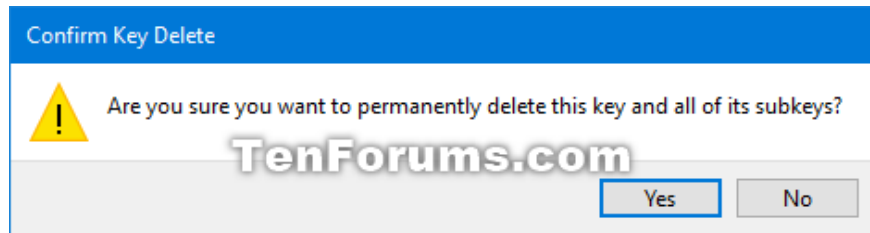
Note: If the State DWORD is not set to 0, double click on the State DWORD to edit it, change the value to 0 and click on **OK** .

Step 12 . If the SID key is with and without .bak at the end

Right click on the SID key without .bak and click on **Delete** .



Click **Yes** to confirm, go to **Step 13** .



Right click on the SID key that has .bak, click on **Rename** and delete the .bak section at the end of the key. In the right pane of the SID key there's no .bak at the end, click on the **ProfileImagePath** value name to edit it. Enter the correct path for the user profile folder and click on **Ok** .

In the right pane of the SID key (for example, S-1-5-21 -.- 1001), identify the State DWORD Value data as 0, go to **Step 13** . If State DWORD is not set to 0, double click on State DWORD to edit it, change the value to 0 and click on **OK** .

Step 13 . Close Registry Editor.

Step 14 . Restart the computer and log into the account that received the temporary profile error to see if the error still occurs.

Note : If you still receive an error message when logging into that account, follow the instructions again and make sure the ProfileImagePath value path is correct for your account's user profile folder.

I wish you successful implementation!

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