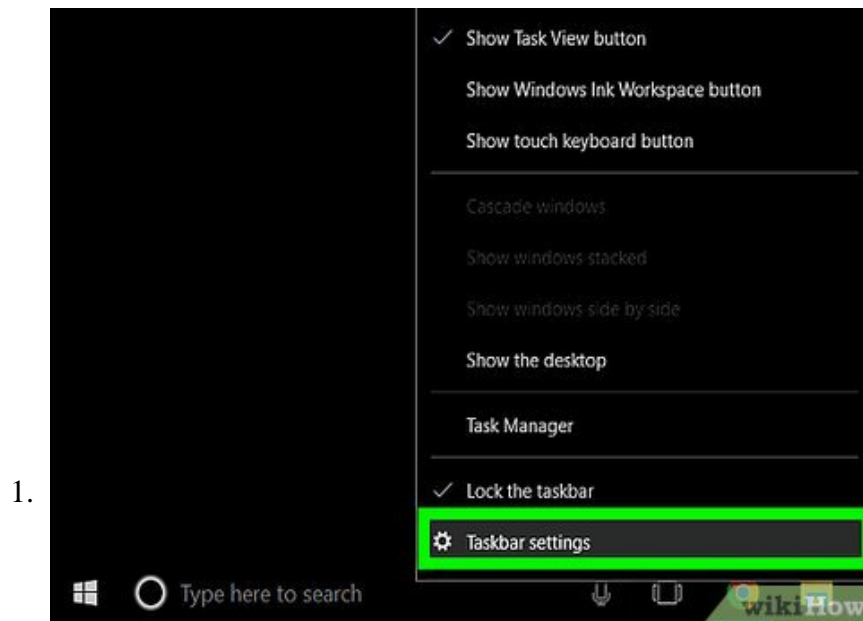


How to Hide the Windows Taskbar

Hiding the Windows taskbar when you're not using it can give you more space on your screen and show off your desktop backgrounds. You can hide the taskbar from the Settings menu in Windows 10, or from the taskbar Properties window in older...

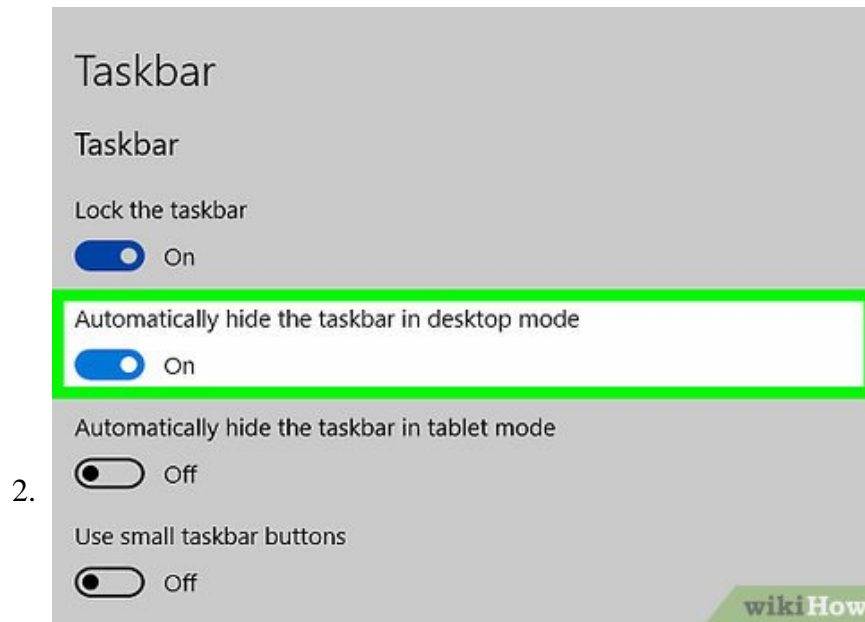
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Windows 10

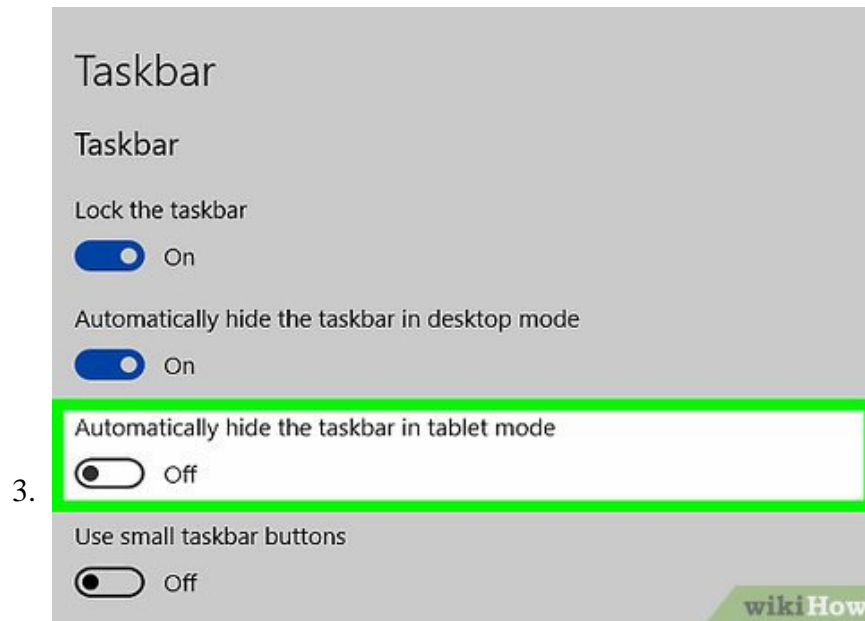


Right-click on the taskbar and select "Taskbar settings". Make sure you right-click on a blank space, and not on an icon. To right-click on a touchscreen, press and hold the taskbar for a few moments, then release to open the right-click menu.

1. You can also open the Start menu, select "Settings," tap or click "Personalization," and then select "Taskbar" in the left menu.
2. If you right-click and see "Properties" instead of "Settings," you're running an outdated version of Windows 10. You can follow the instructions in the next section to hide the taskbar.

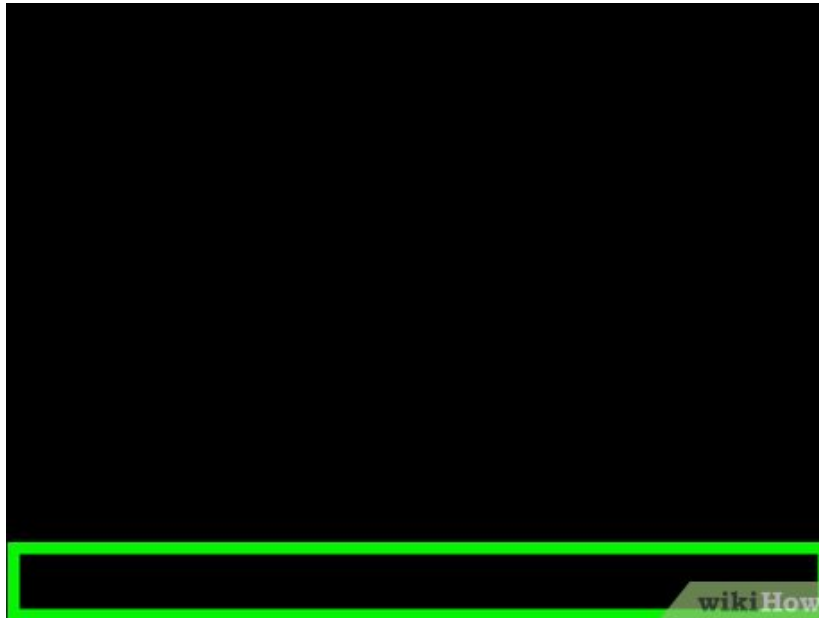


Toggle "Automatically hide the taskbar in desktop mode" on. The taskbar will hide immediately. This will affect the taskbar whenever your computer is in desktop mode. If your computer is not a tablet, this is the only setting you need to worry about.



Toggle "Automatically hide the taskbar in tablet mode" on. This will hide the taskbar if your device is in tablet mode. You can switch to tablet mode by tapping the Notifications button in the lower-right corner of the desktop, and then tapping the "tablet mode" button.

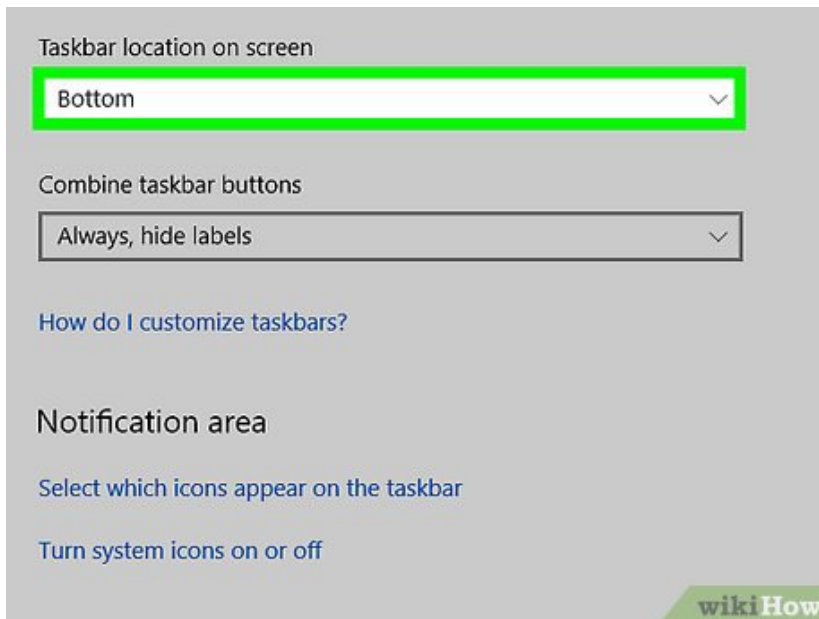
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Open the taskbar by moving your mouse to the bottom of the screen. When you place your cursor at the bottom of the screen, the taskbar will appear. It will hide again after you move your cursor off it.

1. If you're using a tablet, you can show the taskbar by swiping up from the bottom of the screen.

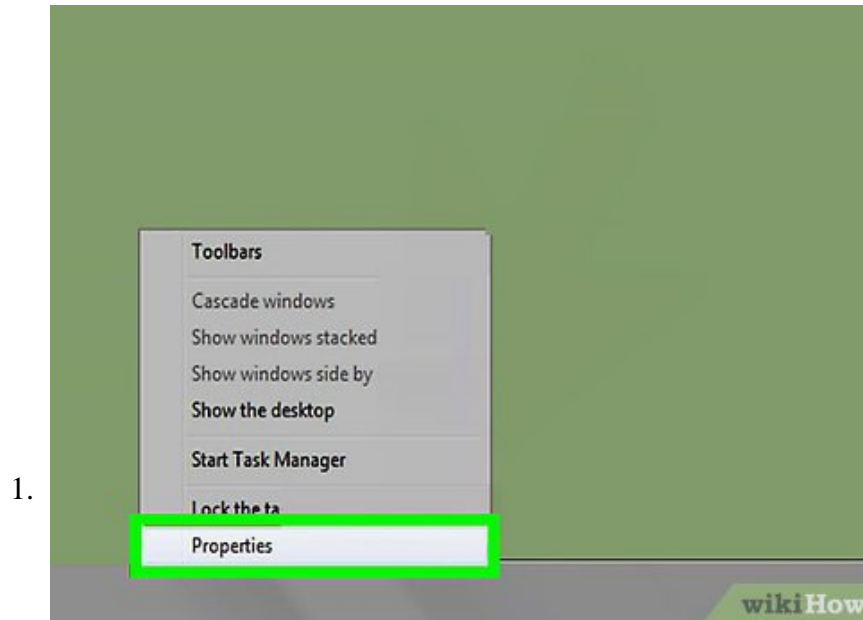
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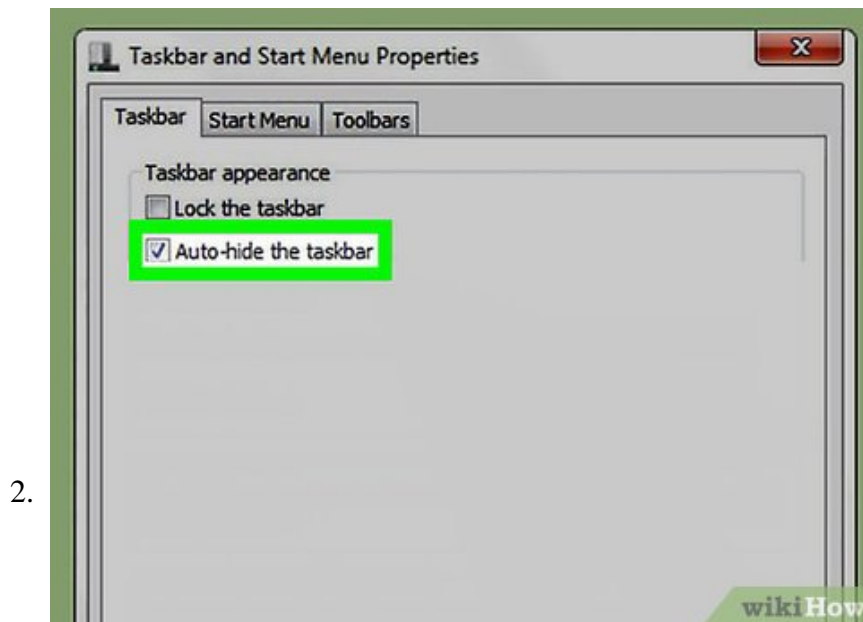
Change the location of the taskbar. You can use the "Taskbar location on screen" menu to change where the taskbar appears. You may find it more useful to have it along one of the sides, or at the top of the screen. The change will take place immediately.

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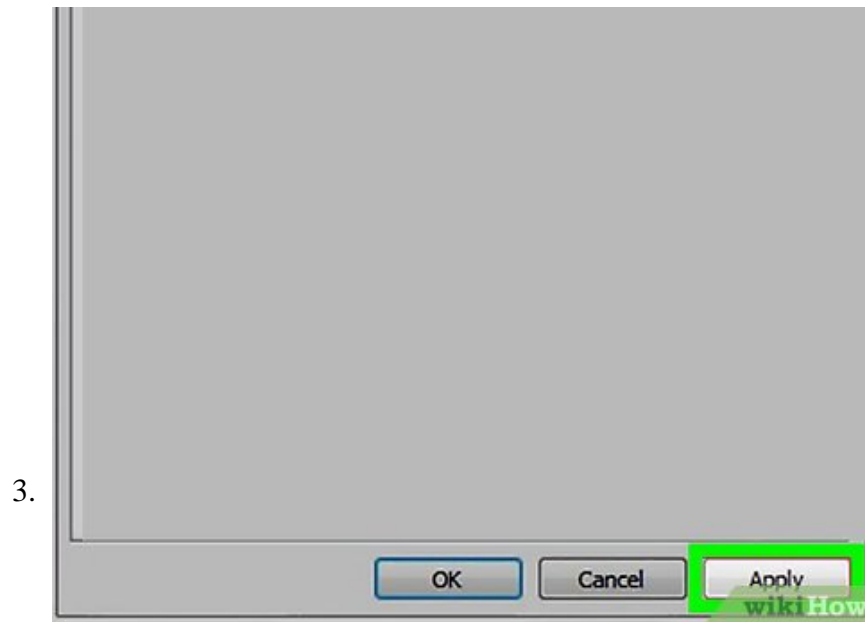
Windows 8, 7, and Vista



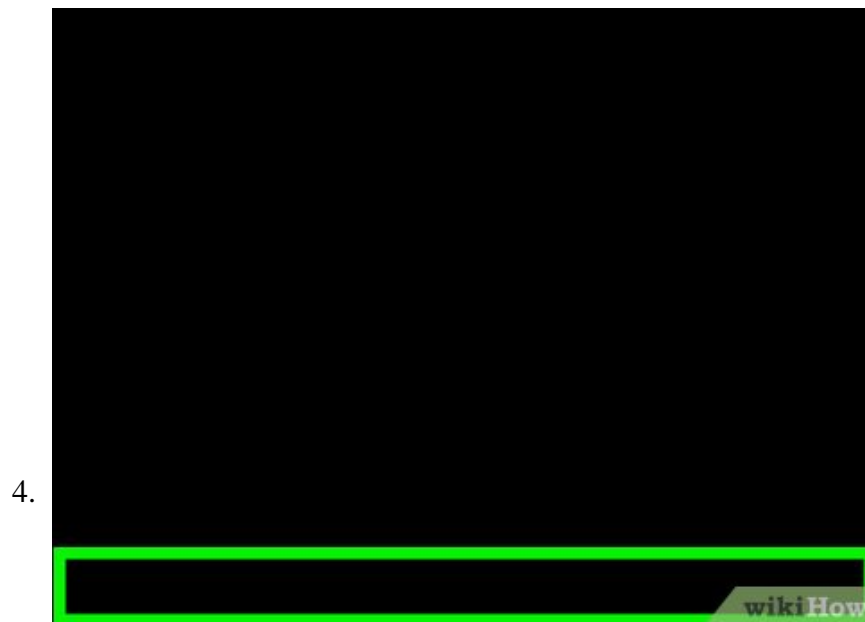
Right-click the taskbar and select "Properties." If you're using Windows 8, select "Desktop" from the Start menu or press **Win + D** first to open the desktop view.



Check the "Auto-hide the taskbar" box. You'll find this in the "Taskbar" tab.



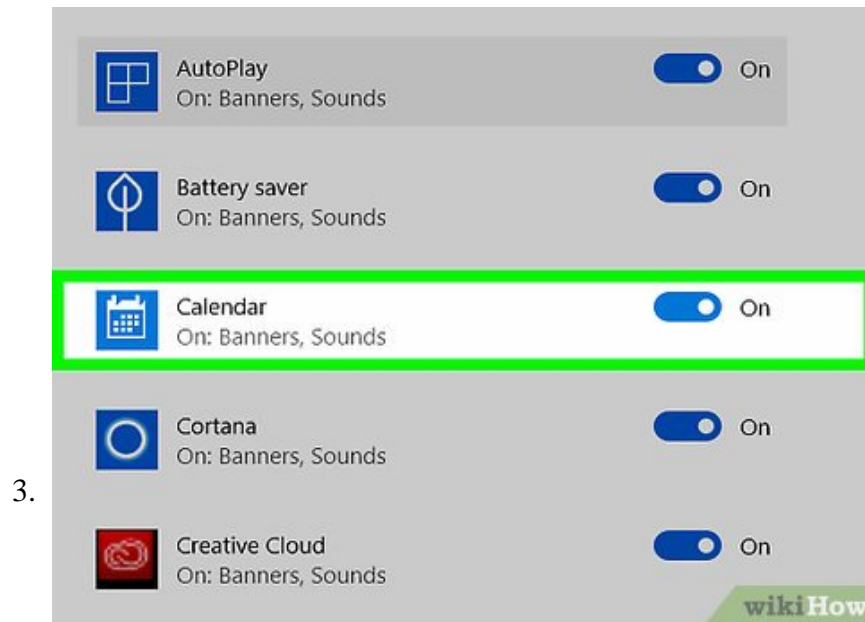
Click "Apply." You'll see the taskbar disappear. You can click "OK" to close the menu, or adjust further settings.



Reveal the taskbar with your mouse cursor. Move your cursor to the bottom of the screen and the taskbar will pop back up. It will hide again when you move your mouse off it.

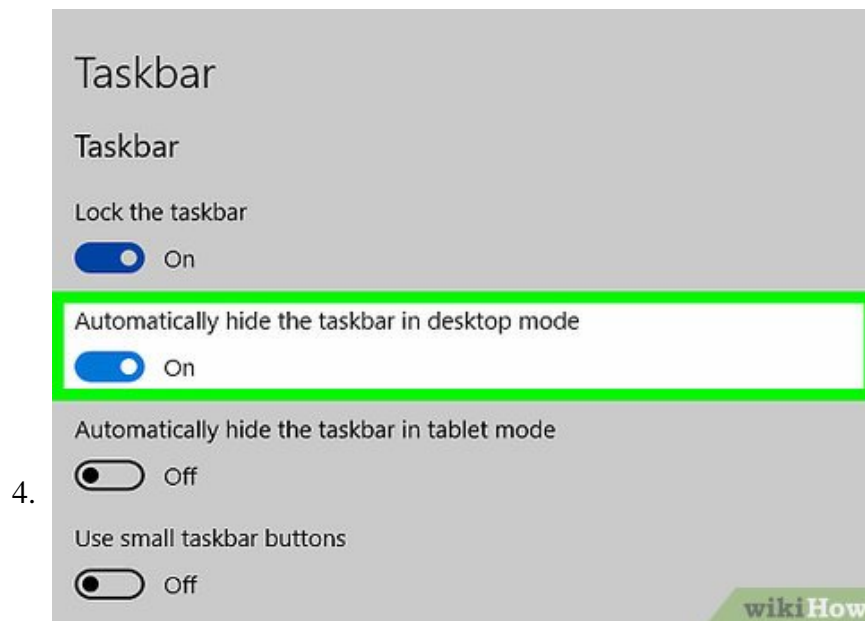
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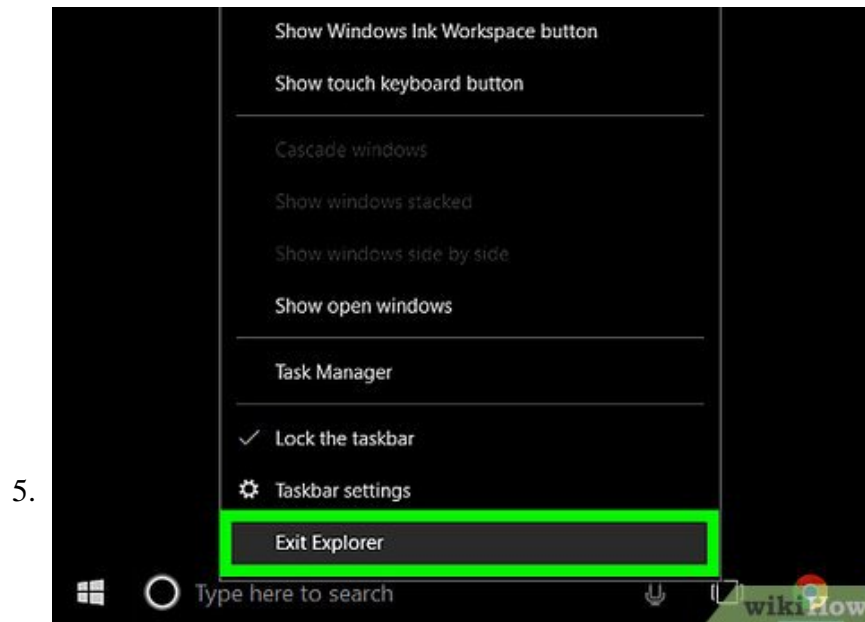


Disable notifications for specific programs. If you're constantly having to dismiss notifications, or if a notification won't go away and the taskbar is stuck on, you can try disabling all notifications.^[2]

1. Windows 10 - Click the Start menu and select "Settings." Select "System" and then "Notifications & actions." Toggle the notifications off for specific apps, or toggle them all off at the top of the list.
2. Windows 8, 7, and Vista - Click the Expand arrow next to your system tray icons, then click "Customize." Find the app you want to disable notifications for and select "Hide icon and notifications."



Try reapplying the settings. Sometimes toggling the auto-hide feature off and the on again will fix a taskbar that won't go away. Open the Settings (Windows 10) or Properties window again and turn the auto-hide feature off. Click "Apply" in Windows 8 and earlier versions. Once you've turned it off, toggle it back on again and apply the settings.

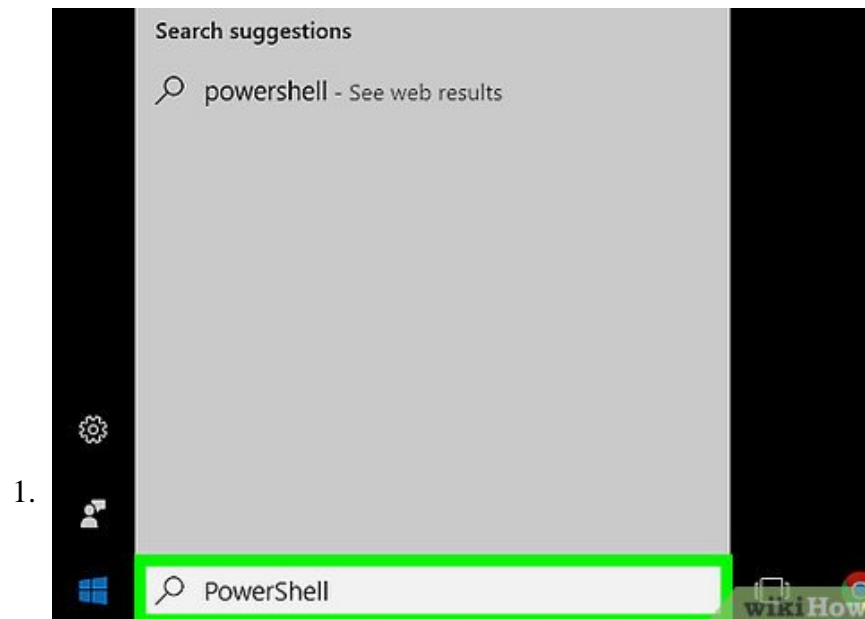


Reset Windows Explorer. This is the user interface for Windows, and resetting it may fix your taskbar issues.^[3]

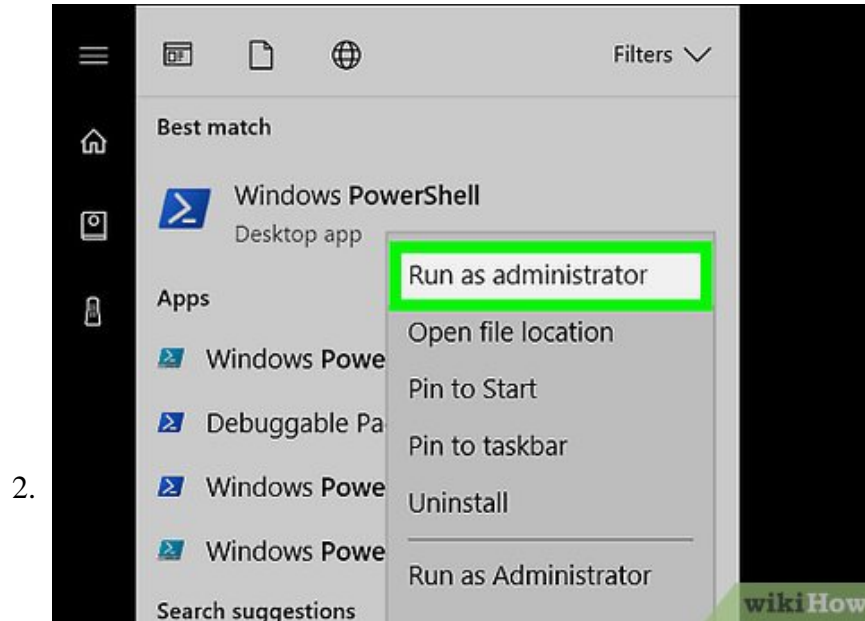
1. Hold **Ctrl** + **Shift** and right-click the taskbar.
2. Select "Exit Explorer" from the menu. Your taskbar and all of your icons and folders will disappear.
3. Press **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Esc** to open the Task Manager.
4. Click "File" ? "Run new task."
5. Type "explorer" and press **Enter**. This will reload explorer.

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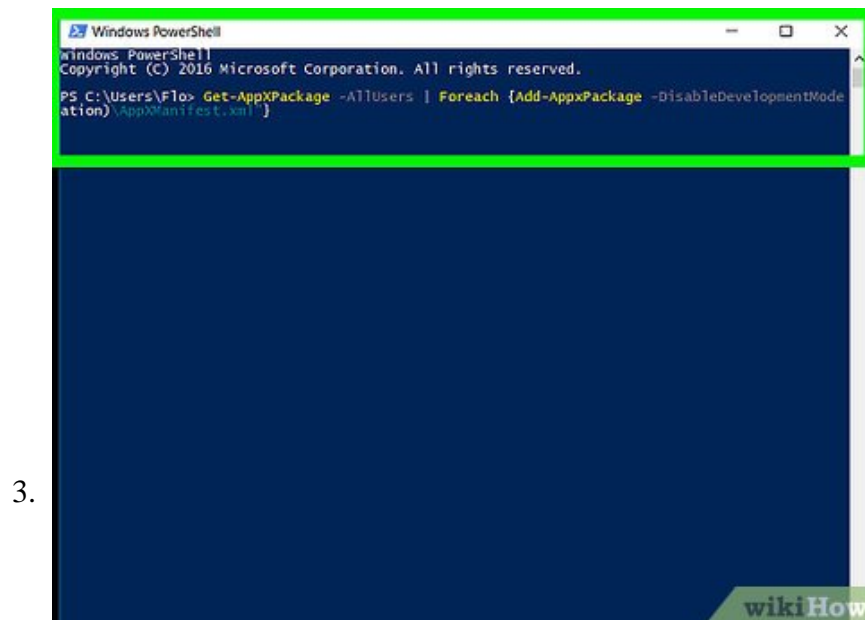
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Press **Win + R** and type **"powershell"** to open PowerShell. If you're using Windows 10 and the taskbar won't stay hidden, you can try using the PowerShell utility to fix it.

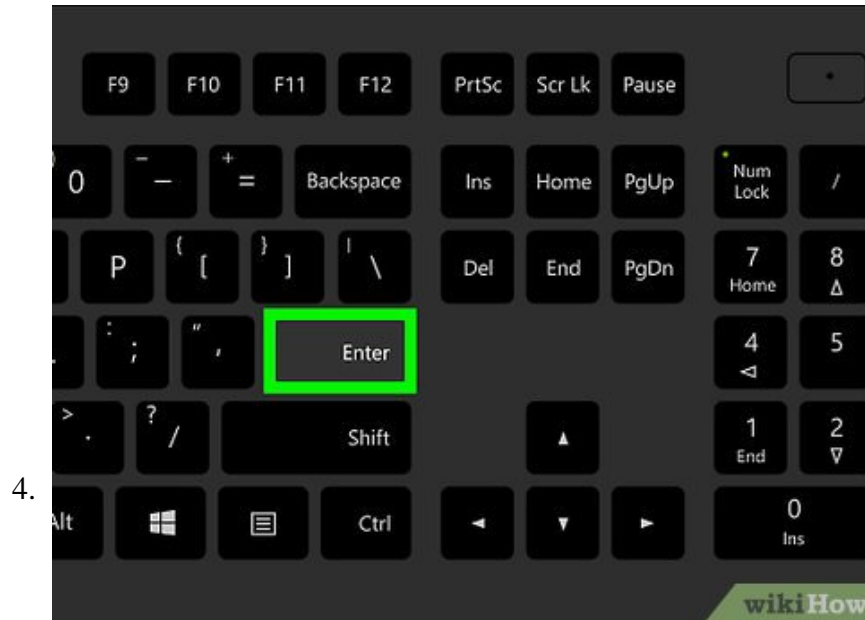


Right-click the PowerShell icon in your taskbar and select "Run as administrator." Confirm that you want to proceed. This will open a new "Administrator" PowerShell window.

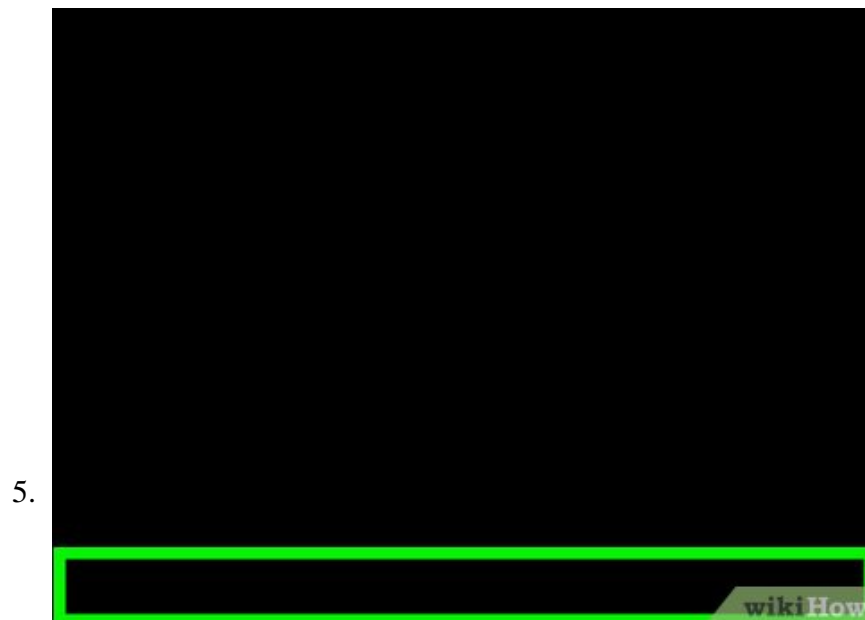


Copy and paste the following command. Make sure you paste it into the "Administrator" window:

1. `Get-AppXPackage -AllUsers | Foreach {Add-AppxPackage -DisableDevelopmentMode -Register "$($_.InstallLocation)AppXManifest.xml" }`



Run the command. You may see a few errors as the command runs, which can safely be ignored.



Click or tap the Start menu after the command finishes. You should notice that the taskbar hides as it should and stays hidden.^[4]

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