

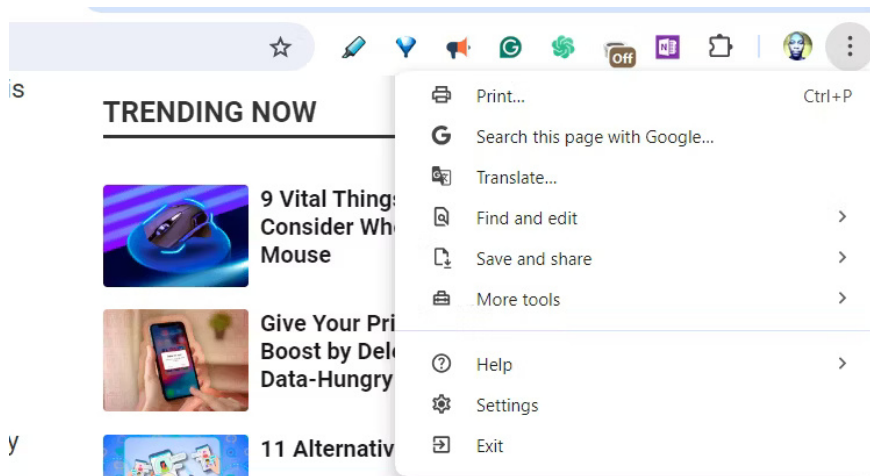
# How to remove Bing from Chrome and reset default search engine

If Chrome continues to use Bing as its default search engine without your permission, it may be due to settings changes or malicious extensions and apps.

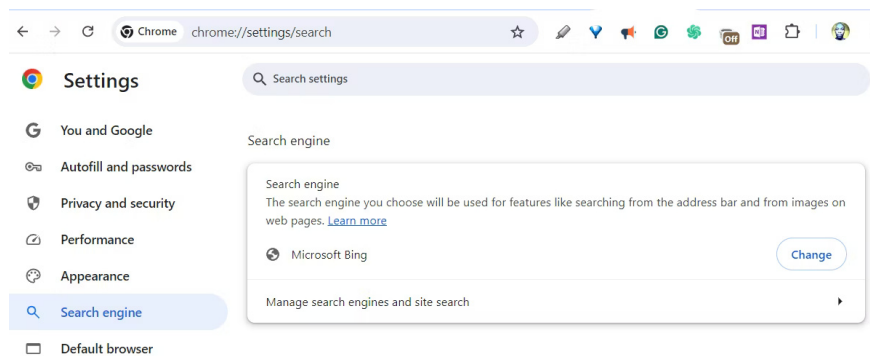
Here's how you can make sure Chrome uses your preferred search engine instead of Bing.

## 1. Change the default search engine manually

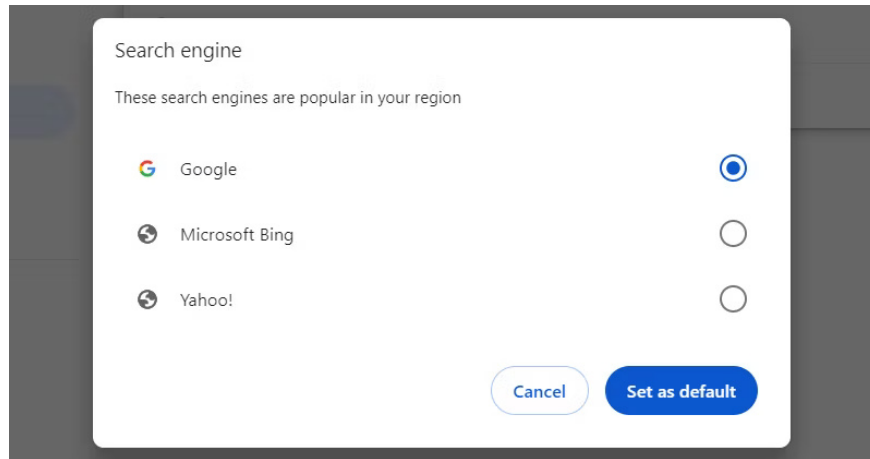
Sometimes the fix is as easy as changing the default search to your preferred search. To do that, click the three-dot icon in the upper right corner and select **Settings** in the menu.



Select **Search Engine** from the menu on the left, then click the **Change** button on the right.

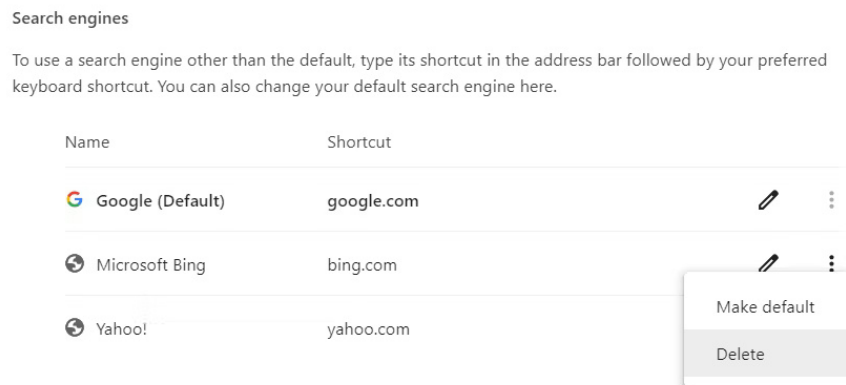


Select your preferred search engine in the pop-up window and click **Set as Default** .



You can remove Bing from Chrome's search engine list if it doesn't work. To do that, set another search engine as the default search engine, return to the **Search Engine** page in Chrome's settings, and click **Manage Search Engines and Site Search** this time.

In the **Search Engines** section , click the three-dot icon next to **Microsoft Bing** and select **Delete** in the menu.

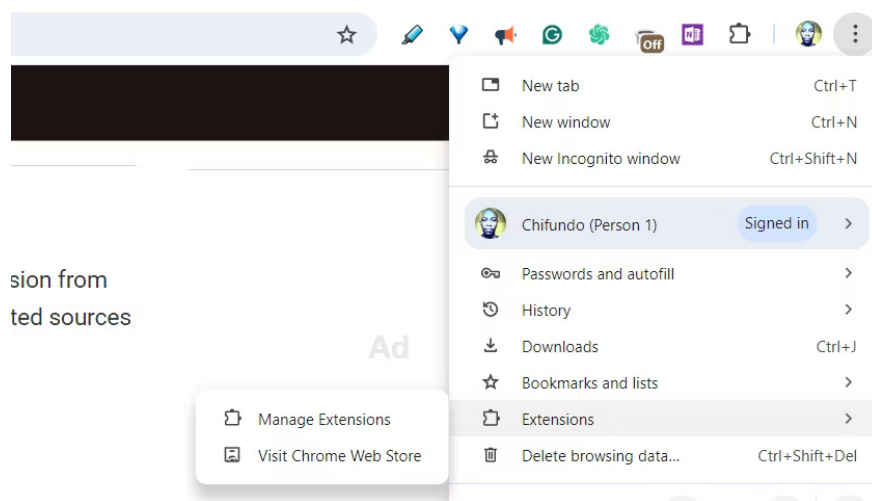


Click **Delete** in the pop-up window to confirm your decision. Hopefully Bing won't automatically become the default search engine again.

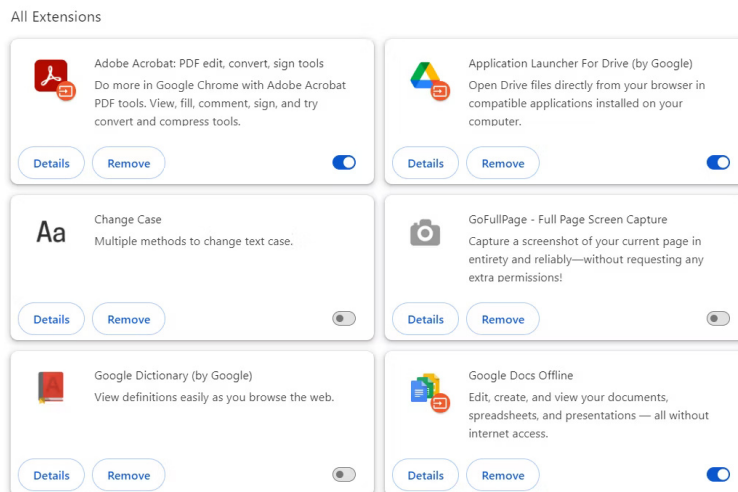
## 2. Remove suspicious extensions from Chrome

If you still can't remove Bing as your default search engine, it's possible that a malicious extension is blocking it. This can happen if the extension is a browser hijacker, a type of malware that generates revenue by redirecting your searches to Bing and other sites (some of which may be toxic). The best solution is to remove all suspicious and unnecessary extensions from Chrome.

Click the three-dot icon in the upper right corner of Chrome and select **Extension > Manage Extensions** from the list.



Scan through your installed extensions and click **Remove** next to the extension you suspect.



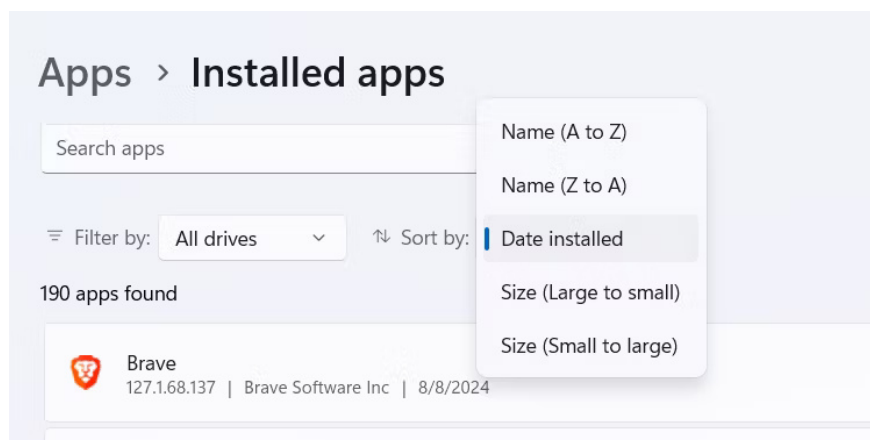
Click **Remove** in the pop-up window - it will appear in the upper right corner of the screen - to confirm your decision.

If you're unsure about an extension, you can temporarily disable it by toggling the **Enabled** switch next to the extension. Once you have removed or disabled all unwanted extensions, restart Chrome and check if the problem is resolved.

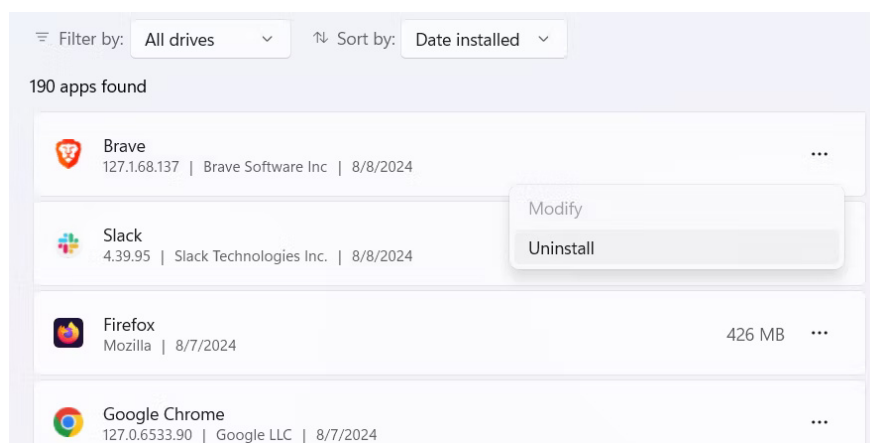
### 3. Review the applications installed on your PC

If extensions aren't an issue, you should probably look at the recent apps you've installed on your PC. It's possible that one of the apps is adware and it's making revenue for the developers by making Bing the default search engine in Chrome without your permission.

To test this on a Windows computer, press **Win + I** to open Settings and go to **Apps > Installed Apps**. To see which apps you recently installed, click the **Sort By** drop-down menu and select **Date Installed** in the menu.



When you find a suspicious app, click the three-dot icon next to it and select **Uninstall** in the menu.



Then, follow the instructions to uninstall the app from your PC. Then, restart your Windows computer and see if that changes anything.

## 4. Reset Chrome to default settings

Resetting Chrome can fix the problem by reverting Chrome to default settings. Remember that this will delete temporary site data, including cached settings and cookies, and disable extensions and themes (they will not be deleted). Bookmarks, browsing history and passwords will not be deleted.

That will remove Bing from the list of default search engines - Google will be the search engine it will return to. And if that doesn't work, you can try uninstalling and reinstalling Chrome.

To prevent Bing from automatically becoming your default search engine in the future, make sure you update Chrome regularly. This will patch any security holes that malicious extensions and apps exploit to change your browser settings.

Using one of these methods will ensure that Chrome no longer uses Bing as your default search engine. To prevent future problems, make sure you only download apps and extensions from trusted sources. And you don't click on any suspicious links that could infect your computer with malware.

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