

How to restore the old version of WhatsApp on Windows 10 and Windows 11

Instructions on restoring the old WhatsApp UWP version on Windows 10 and 11 after Meta switched to the web app. A temporary solution for those who don't like the new WhatsApp.

Recently, Meta replaced the original WhatsApp application on Windows with a web app (PWA), and most users didn't like it at all. On Reddit and many tech forums, numerous complaints have surfaced regarding the new application's unusually high resource consumption, poor stability, and overall significantly worse user experience compared to the old version.

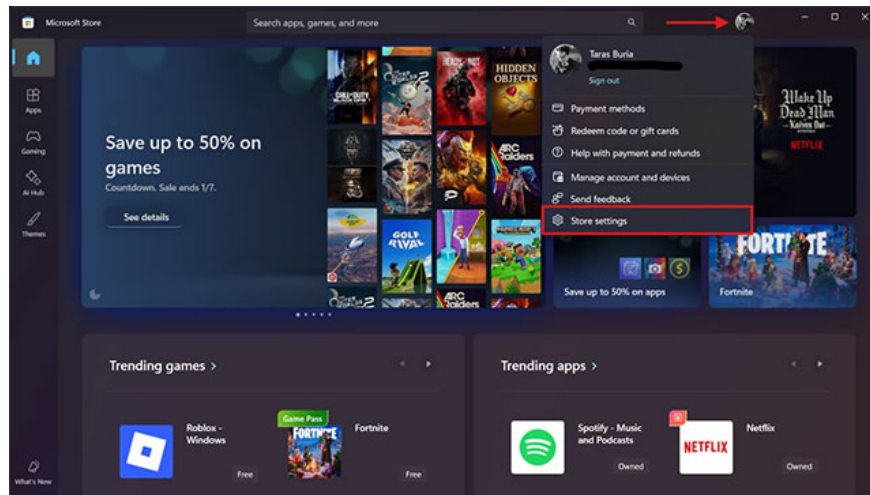
Many people are calling on Meta to bring back WhatsApp UWP. While not perfect, this version is still considered far superior to the current 'app'. Unfortunately, there's no official way to revert to the old version, but if you're willing to do it manually, you can still restore WhatsApp UWP on Windows 10 and 11.

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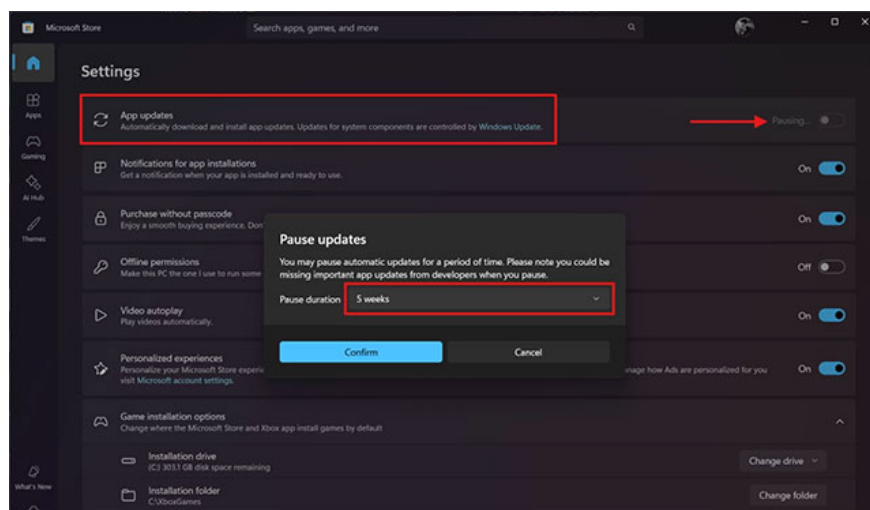
To restore an older version of WhatsApp, you need two things: the installation file of the last UWP version and to pause updates from the Microsoft Store. Turning off updates is crucial, because otherwise, Windows will automatically update WhatsApp immediately after installation, rendering all your efforts useless. Fortunately, both steps are quite simple.

It's important to note that this is only a temporary solution. This method will definitely stop working in the future, and you won't receive any updates for the old app, including security patches or new features. However, for now, the old version of WhatsApp still works, enough to keep you from using the new version for a while longer.

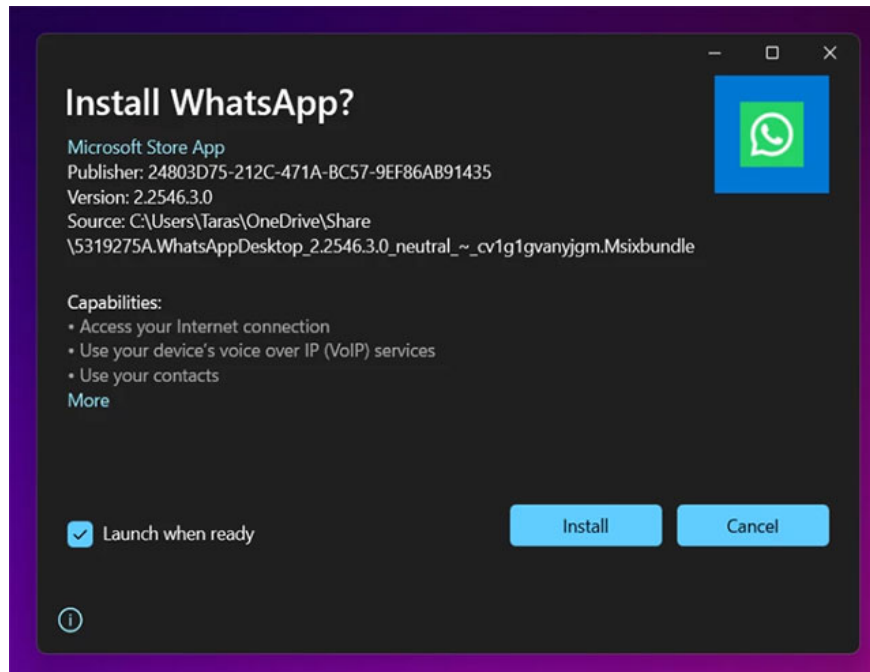
First, if WhatsApp is installed on your computer, uninstall it by right-clicking and selecting **Uninstall**. Then, open the Microsoft Store, click on the account icon, and go to **Store Settings**. Here, turn off automatic updates and select a 5-week pause period when prompted.



Next, you need to download the final version of WhatsApp UWP's installation file. This file was extracted directly from the Microsoft Store when the application was still available. Before installing, you should check the file's digital signature in the **Properties** section to ensure security. If you don't trust the download source, it's best not to install it. Unfortunately, there is no longer a way to download directly from the Microsoft Store, as Meta has removed all older versions.



After the download is complete, simply double-click **the file** and select **Install** . Once the process is finished, the old version of WhatsApp will reappear on your Windows.



Note that after about 5 weeks, the Microsoft Store will automatically re-enable updates and proceed to update all outdated apps, including WhatsApp. When that happens, you will have to repeat all the steps above, hoping that the old version of WhatsApp will still work by then.

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