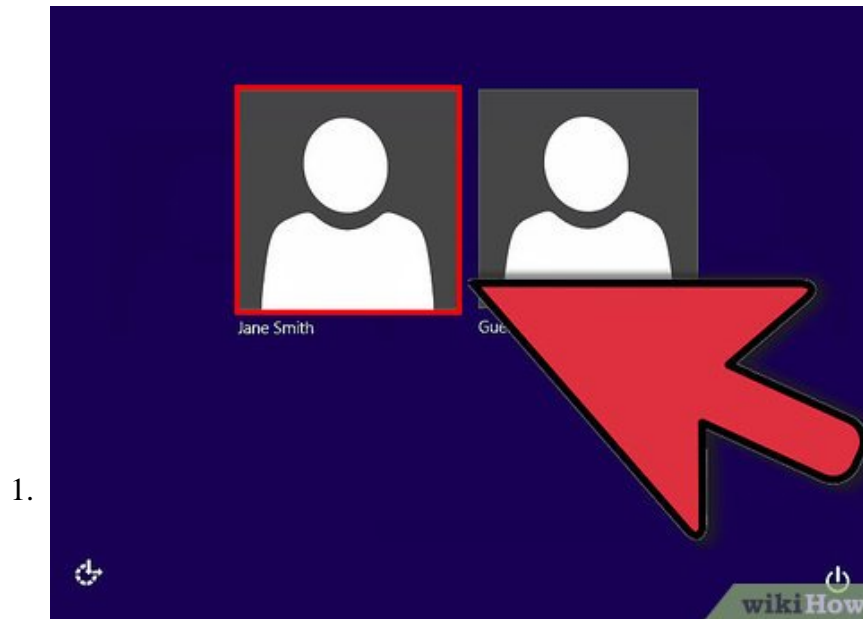


How to Uninstall a Program in Windows 8

Uninstalling desktop programs in Windows 8 is very similar to previous versions of Windows, but the process is made a little more confusing due to the lack of a traditional Start menu. Windows 8 also introduces apps that can be downloaded...

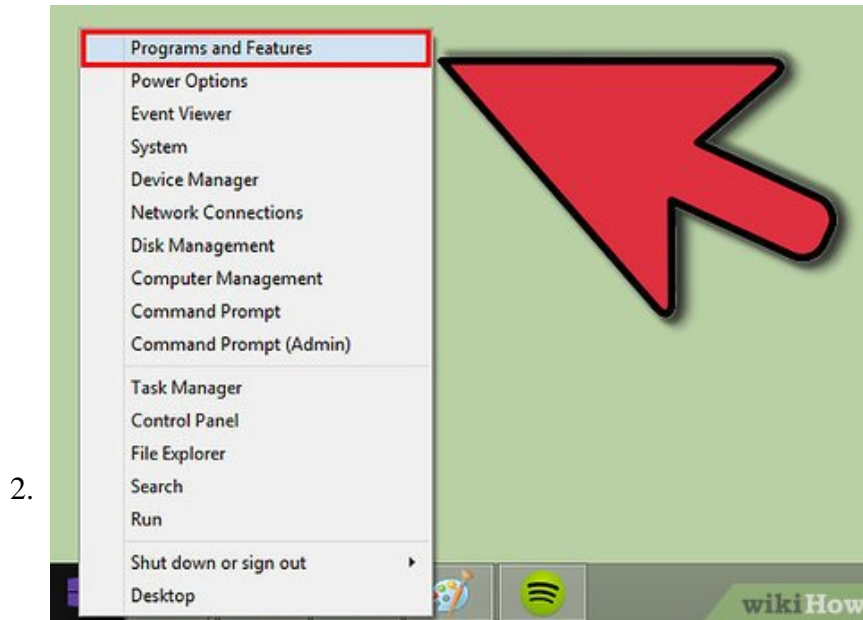
Method 1 of 3:

Uninstalling Desktop Programs



Log in as an administrator. In order to uninstall a program, you will need to have administrator access, or know the administrator password.

1. Click [here](#) for instructions on bypassing the admin password. It will only work if the administrator account is a local account. If the administrator account is a Microsoft account, there is no way to bypass the administrator password.



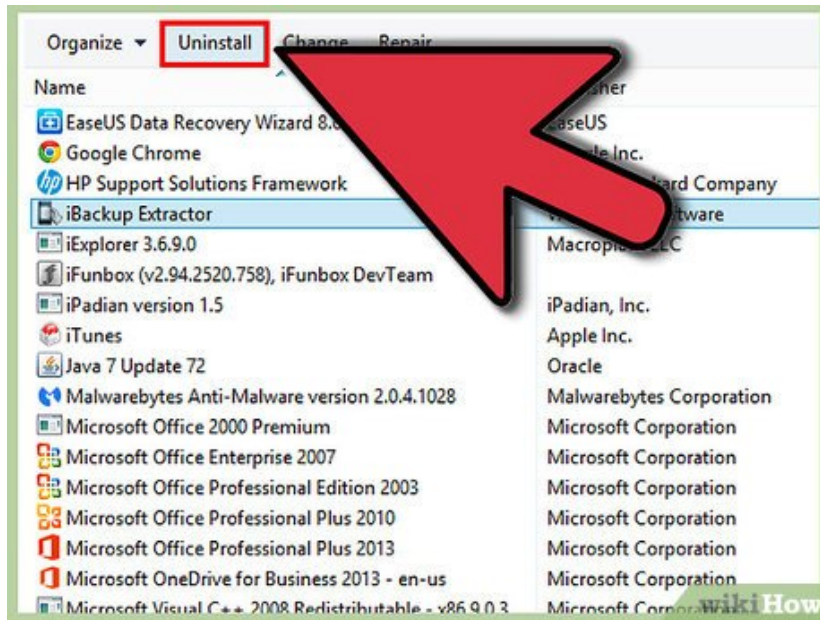
Right-click on the Start button in the lower-left corner and select "Programs and Features". This will take you directly to your list of installed programs. If you want to uninstall apps installed from the Windows Store, click [here](#).

1. If you don't have a Start button, you are likely running Windows 8 instead of Windows 8.1. Press the Windows key + X to open the menu instead and select "Programs and Features". Click [here](#) for instructions on updating to Windows 8.1 for free.
2. If you are using a touchscreen device, swipe in from the right side to open the Charms bar. Select "Settings" and then "Control Panel". Choose "Uninstall a program" or "Programs and Features" from the Control Panel window.



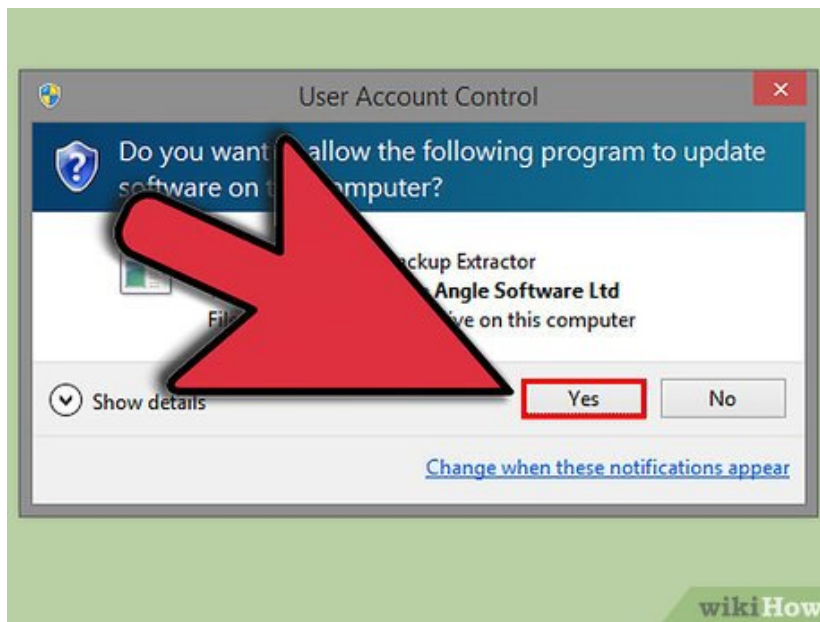
Find the program that you want to delete. The list of programs may take a few moments to completely fill up, especially if you have a lot of programs or a slower computer. You can sort the installed programs by name, publisher, installed date, size, and more.

4.



Select the program you want to remove and click **Uninstall** or **Uninstall/Change**. This button appears at the top of the list once you've selected a program.

5.



Follow the prompts to uninstall the program. Each program has its own uninstallation procedure. Make sure to read all of the prompts carefully, as some of the more malicious programs try to sneak things in hoping that you won't read closely.^[1]



Use an uninstaller program if you are having difficulties removing something. Sometimes programs will break, and will not be able to be uninstalled. Malicious programs may also hinder the uninstallation process. If you are having difficulty removing a program from the Programs and Features list, try an uninstaller program like Revo Uninstaller.

1. Click here for instructions on using the free version of Revo to remove stubborn programs.

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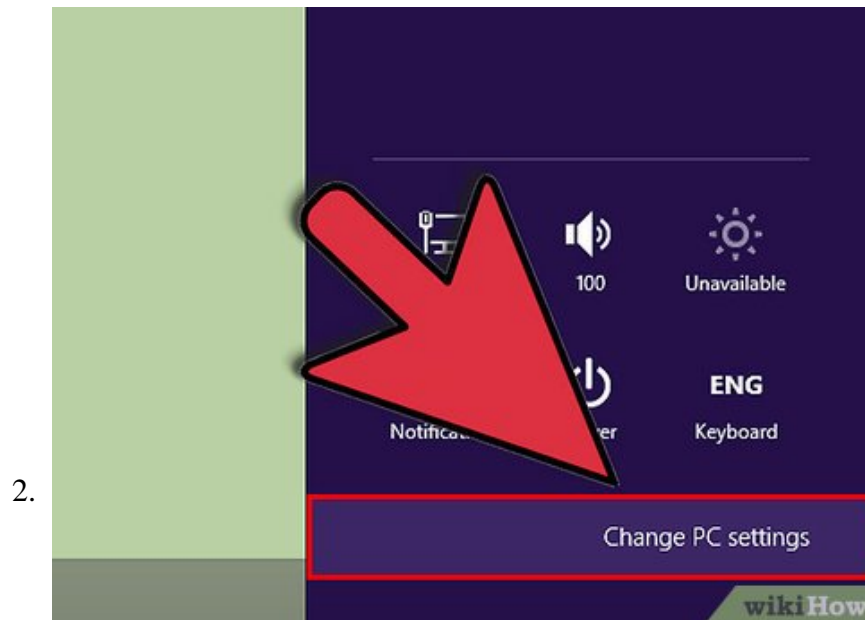
Uninstalling Windows 8 Apps



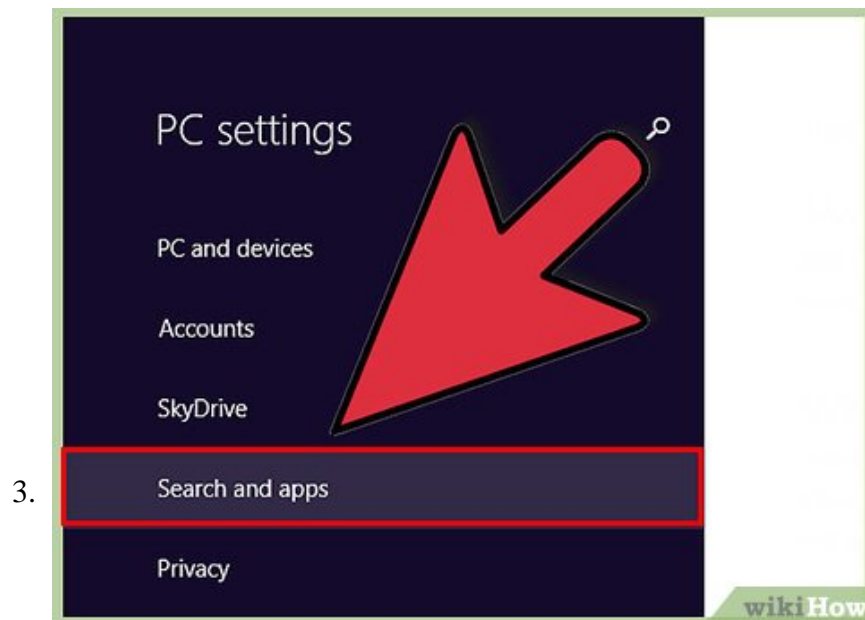
Open the Charms bar. The easiest way to see all of your installed apps and quickly remove the ones you don't want is to use the Charms bar. You can open the Charms bar by swiping in from the right side of the

screen, or by moving your mouse to the upper-right corner.

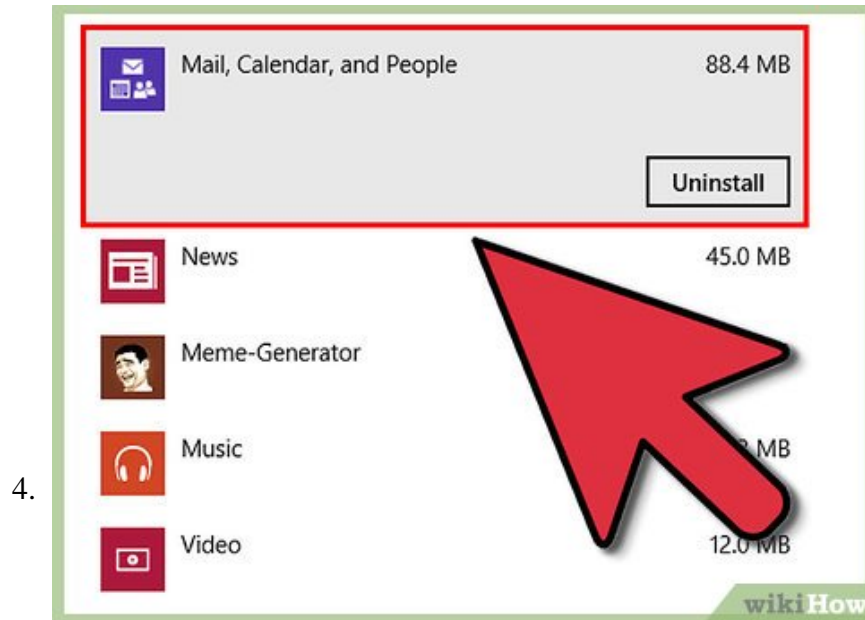
1. You can also uninstall apps by long-pressing or right-clicking their icons in the Start screen and selecting "Uninstall".



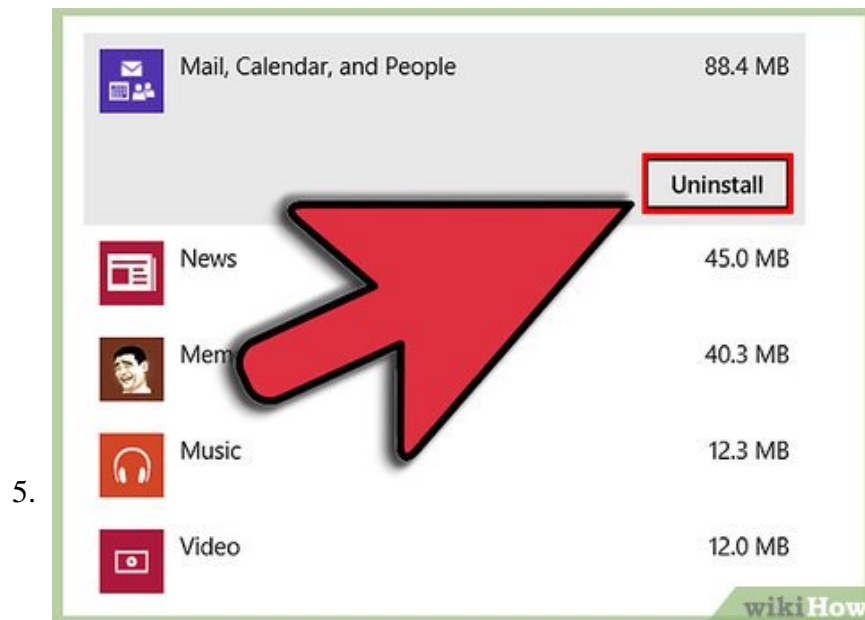
Click "Settings" and then "Change PC settings". This will open a new screen.



Select "Search and apps" and then click "App sizes". This will display a list of all the apps you have installed from the Windows Store. You can even remove apps that came pre-installed, such as Music or Travel.



Click an app on the list to display the **Uninstall** button.

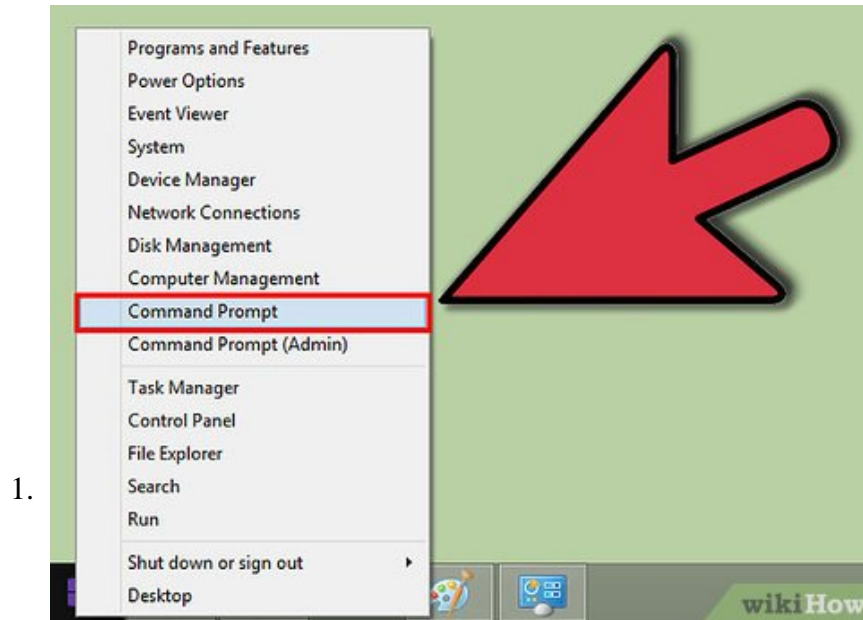


Click the **Uninstall** button and then confirm that you want to remove the app. The app will be uninstalled immediately.

1. This will delete any data that the app has stored, so make sure to backup any important data.

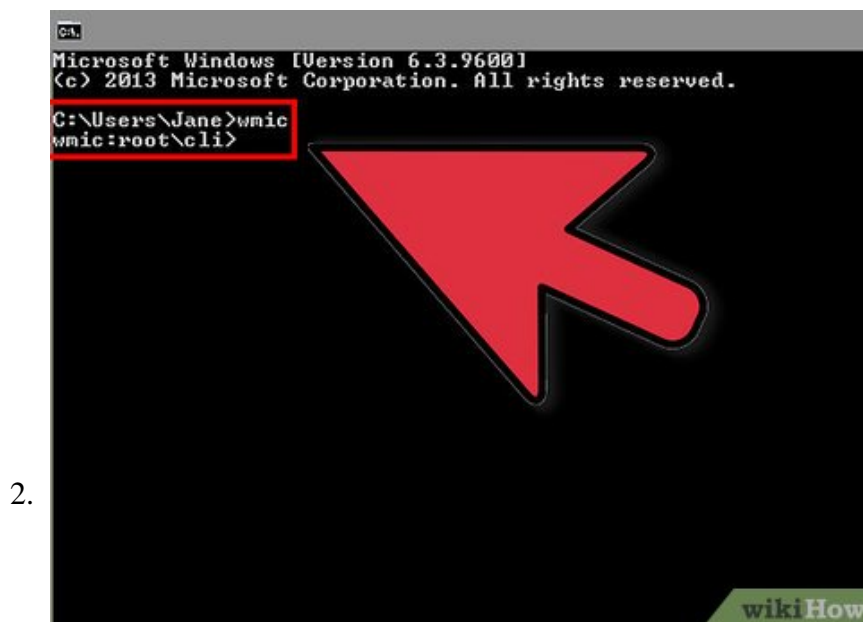
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Using the Command Prompt



Open the Command Prompt. If you prefer to use the Command Prompt to perform tasks, or your computer is malfunctioning and you only have access to Safe Mode, you can use Command Prompt to completely uninstall desktop programs.


1. If you're in Windows, press the Windows key + X and select "Command Prompt (Admin)".
2. If Windows isn't working correctly, boot into the Advanced Startup menu and select "Command Prompt" from the "Troubleshoot" ? "Advanced options" menu.



Type `wmic` and press **Enter**. This will start the utility that allows you to manage your programs.

```
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Microsoft Windows [Version 6.3.9600]
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C:\Users\Jane>wmic
wmic:root\cli>product get name
```




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3.

Type `product get name` **and press Enter.** This will display a list of your installed programs. The list may take a moment to load if you have a lot of programs installed.

1. If the list is longer than the screen can display, you can scroll up to see all of the entries.

```
Microsoft_VC80_CRT_x86
WinZip 19.0
Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 x86 Redistributable - 10.0.40219
Adobe AIR
Microsoft_UC80_MFC_x86
Apple Mobile Device Support
Microsoft Visual C++ 2013 x86 Minimum Runtime - 12.0.21005
Microsoft Visual C++ 2013 x86 Additional Runtime - 12.0.21005
Microsoft_UC80_MFCLOC_x86
Samsung Kies3
Office Shuttle Software
Music Rescue
Apple Software
Java 7 Update 7
Camtasia Studio
Adobe Media Player
Adobe Refresh Manag
Adobe Reader XI (11.0.0)
Microsoft Visual C++ 2010 x86 - x86 9.0.30729.6161
HP Support Solutions F
tools-winPre2k
tools-netware
NVIDIA PhysX
iTunes
Snagit 11
Microsoft_UC80_ATL_x86
Microsoft Office 2000 Premium
Microsoft Office Professional Edition 2003
Microsoft_UC80_CRT_x86
Google Update Helper
Google Update Helper
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4.

Note the name of the program you want to uninstall. You will need to type it exactly, including any capitalization.

```
wmic:root\cli>
"/?" for help. QUIT to Exit.
wmic:root\cli> product where name=Music Rescue call uninstall_
```



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5.

Type `product where name="Program Name" call uninstall` and press **Enter**. You will be prompted to confirm that you want to remove the program. Type `y` and press Enter to confirm.

```
wmic:root\cli>product where name="Music Rescue" call uninstall
Execute: C:\DESKTOP\ROOT\CLMIP2:Win32_Product.IndentifyingNumber=
Method execution successful.
Out Parameters:
instance of __PARAMETERS
{
    ReturnValue = 1603;
};
wmic:root\cli>_
```



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6.

Look for the `Method execution successful` **message**. This will indicate that the program has been successfully removed.^[2]

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