

How to Uninstall Programs in Windows 10

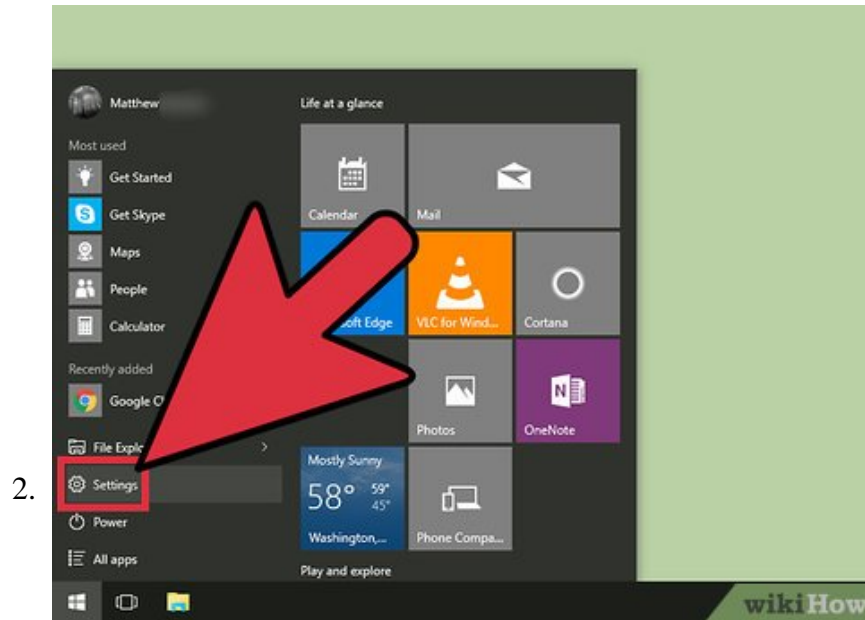
After some time, your computer inevitably gets cluttered with programs and apps that you seldom or no longer use. Your hard disk thus becomes bloated with unused or unwanted programs or apps. This will slow down your computer, so if you...

Method 1 of 2:

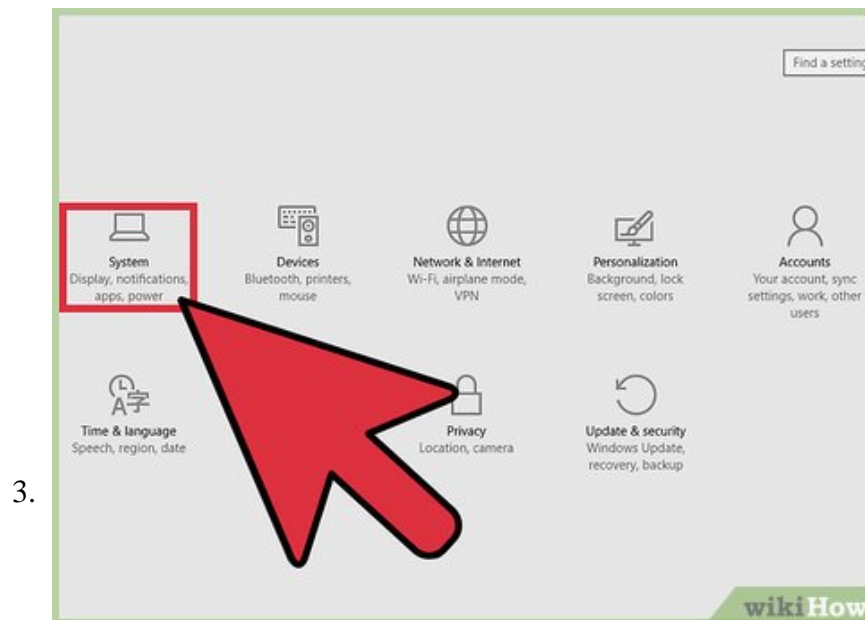
Using the Settings App to Uninstall Both Desktop and Windows Store Apps



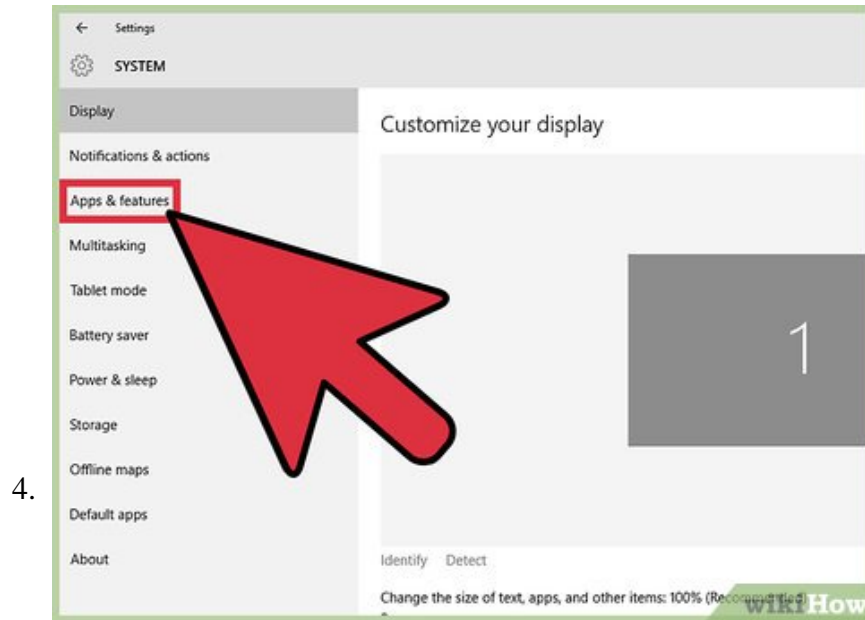
Click/tap the Start button. The Start button is the Windows icon at the bottom left side of your desktop.



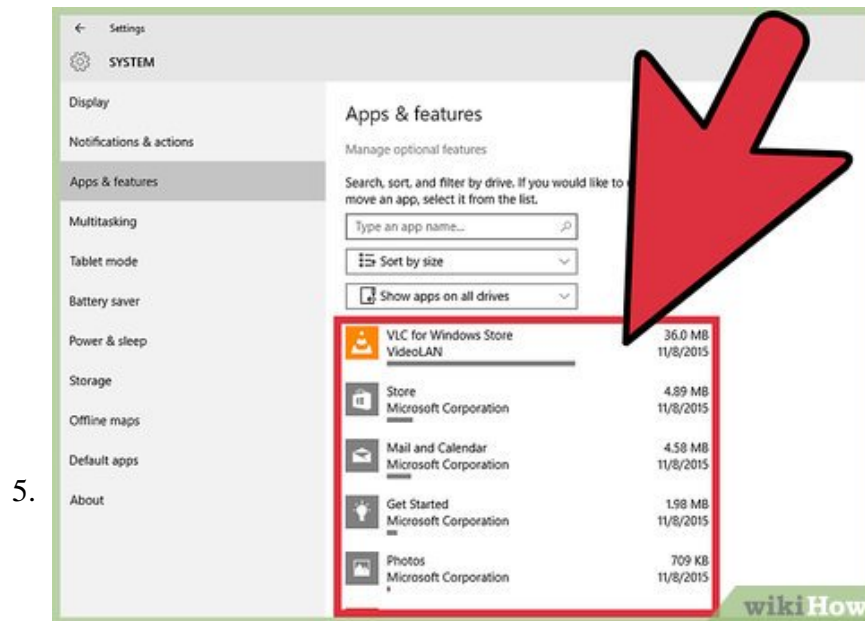
Choose 'Settings.' At the lower portion of the left pane of the Start menu, click/tap 'Settings.' The Settings menu will appear in a different window.



Click/tap 'System' in the Settings window. This takes you to the next window, the 'System' screen. On the left pane are system choices.



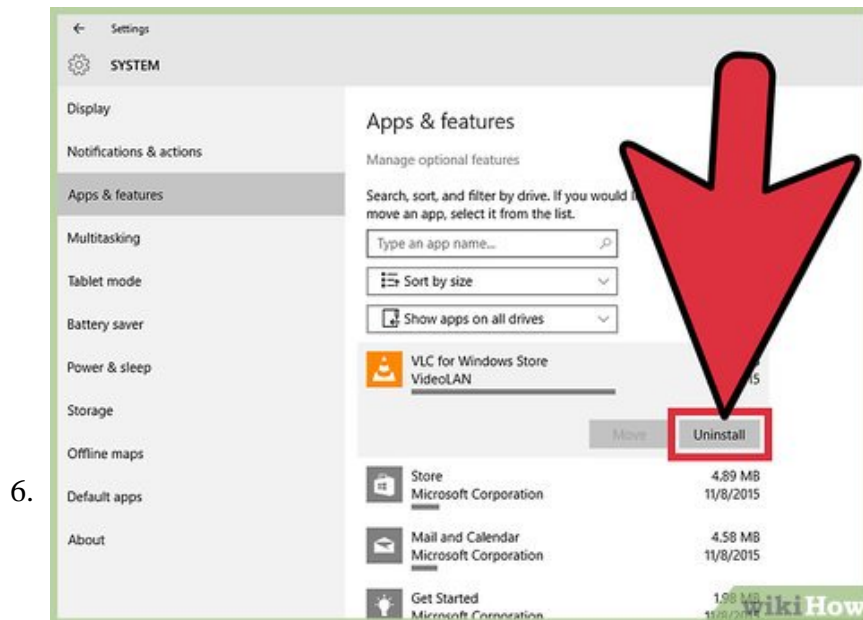
Select 'Apps and features' on the left pane of the 'System' window. Wait a moment while your device populates the right pane with a list of installed programs and apps. At the top of the list of apps, you will find three boxes that will help you locate the app you want to uninstall.



Find the app you want to uninstall. The top box is a search box. Type the whole name or part of the name of the app or program you want to uninstall. All other apps/programs listed will disappear except for the app whose name you typed. The middle box gives you choices on how to sort apps listed:

1. 'Sort by size' lists apps by size. It is useful if you are looking for an app you no longer want which takes up too much space. This is the default listing of the apps.
2. 'Sort by name' lists the apps in alphabetical order.
3. 'Sort by install date' lists the apps by the date it was installed. This is useful if you are looking for old apps that you want to uninstall.

4. The third box, labelled 'Show apps on all drives' will list all apps located on other drives (if you have two or more drives or connected media) other than your main one. You can sort this by size, name and install date.



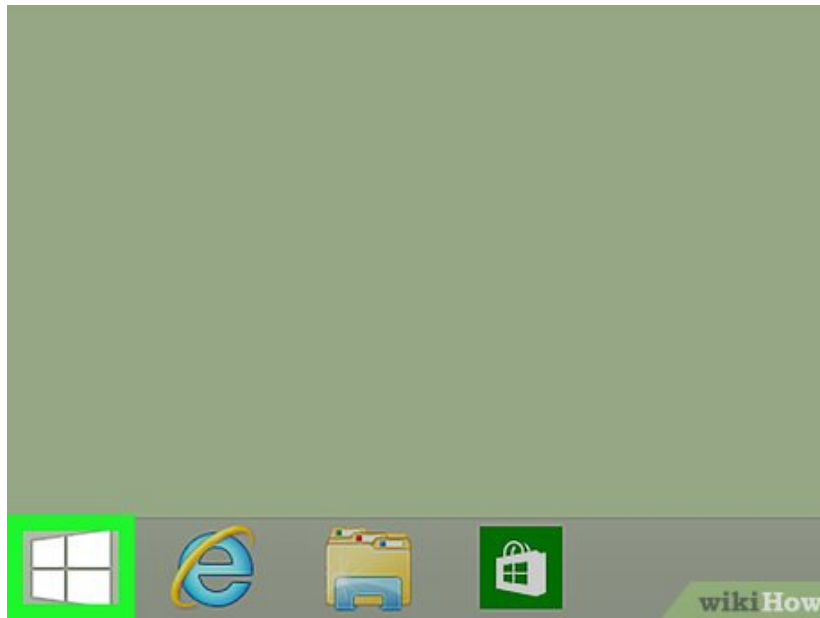
Uninstall the program or app. After you have located the app or program that you want to uninstall, click/tap on it. This will cause the 'Uninstall' button for the app/program to appear. Another and separate dialog box will appear and remind you that the app and its related info will be uninstalled. Click/tap the 'Uninstall' button at the bottom right of the dialog box. The app or program will be uninstalled.

1. You cannot uninstall apps that came installed with Windows, such as the Calendar, Store, or Weather apps.

Method 2 of 2:

Using the Control Panel to Uninstall Only Desktop Apps (Programs)

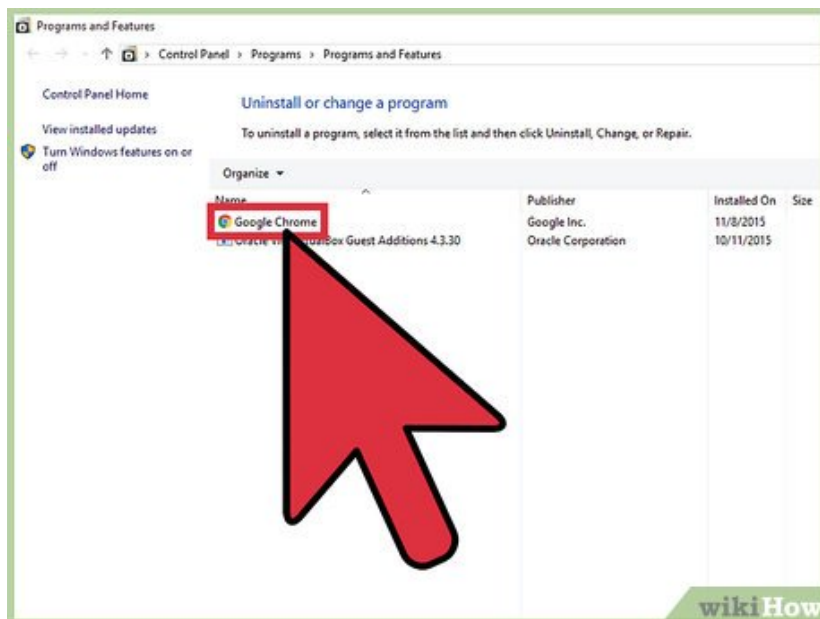
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Press **Win + R**, type **appwiz.cpl**, and hit **Enter** or click **OK**. This method used for programs that you installed from a disc or downloaded from a website.

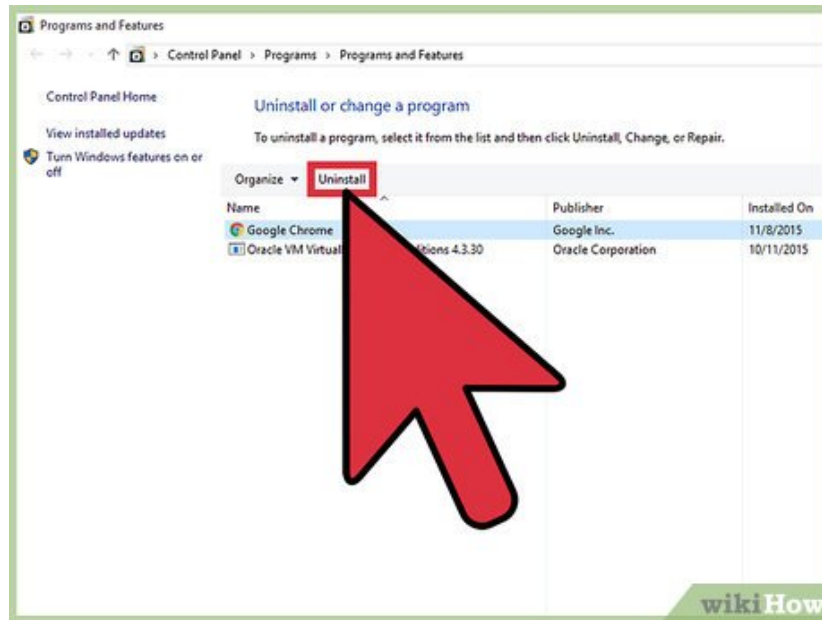
1. Apps from the Windows Store will not appear in this list. Use one of the two methods above to remove these apps.

2.



Select the program you want to uninstall. In the 'Programs and Features' window, you will see a table listing all the programs installed in your device. Scroll up or down the list until you've located the program you want to remove. Click or tap on it select it.

3.



Uninstall the program. When you highlight the program you want to uninstall, the 'Uninstall' command button will be added to the command bar above the list of programs. Click or tap the 'Uninstall' button. (In some cases, the program's uninstall wizard will be activated. Follow instructions given by the uninstall wizard.)

1. A window will pop up asking if you are sure that you want to completely remove the program. Click or tap 'Yes.' Uninstallation will commence, and when complete, a pop-up window will inform you that the program was successfully removed from your computer. Click 'OK' to exit the window.

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