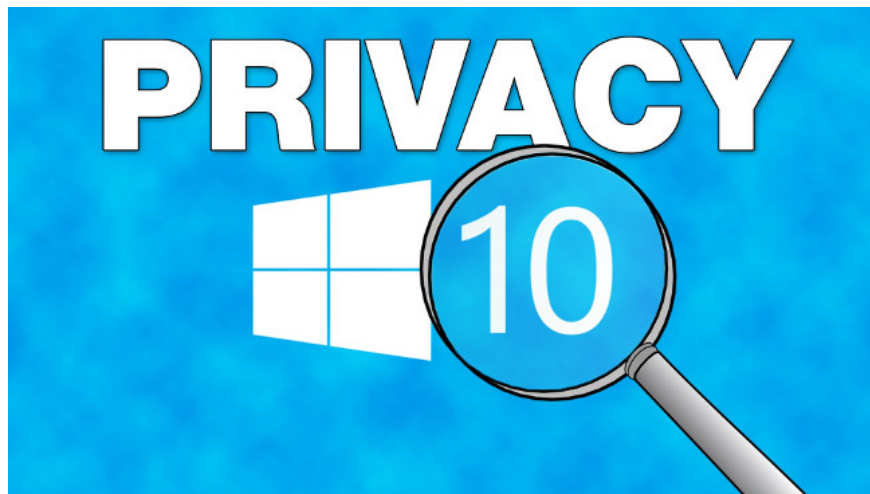


Privacy control on Windows 10 computers with the following 5 tips

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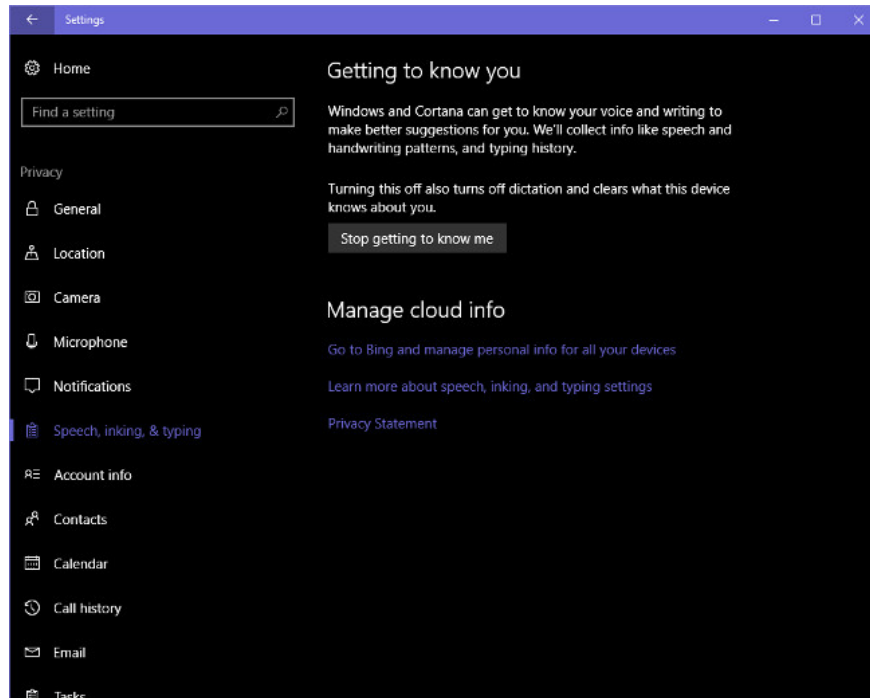
1. Prevent Cortana from collecting information about you

Cortana virtual assistant is one of the new features integrated on Windows 10, can say Cortana is a useful digital assistant. However, to do his job well, Cortana will need to know the personal information about you.

So to ensure your personal information, you should prevent Cortana from collecting information. You can choose from a number of options, such as **completely disabling** Cortana or simply **disabling some** of the crawl features.

To do this, first open **Menu Settings => Speech, inking, & typing** . Under **Getting to know you** , click **Stop gettings to know me** .

This will turn off the command and will wipe out any information Cortana collects on your device. You can also delete the information Cortana collected in the section **Change what Cortana knows about me in the cloud** on the **Cortana Settings Menu**.

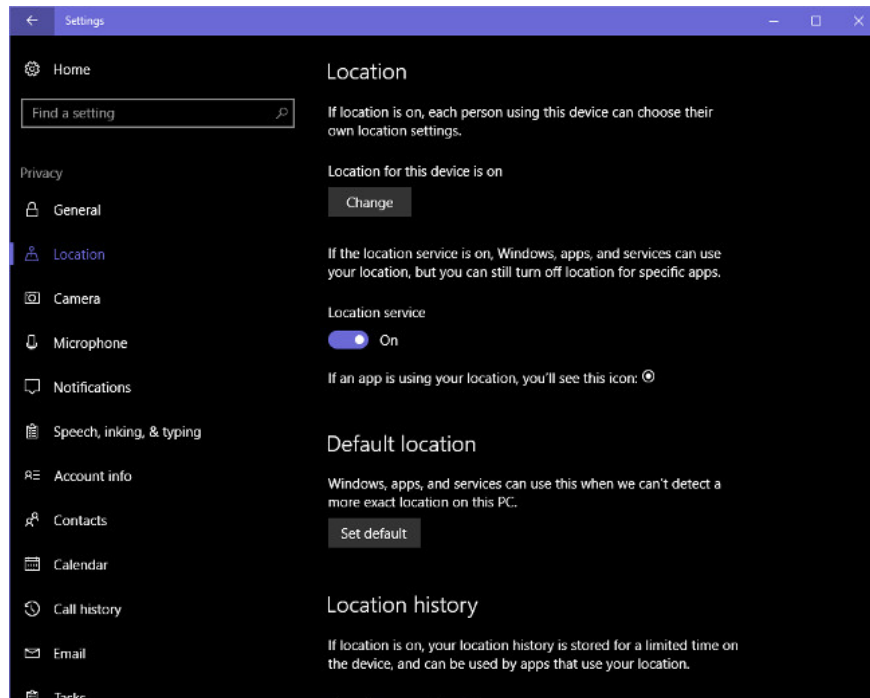


2. Turn off location tracking

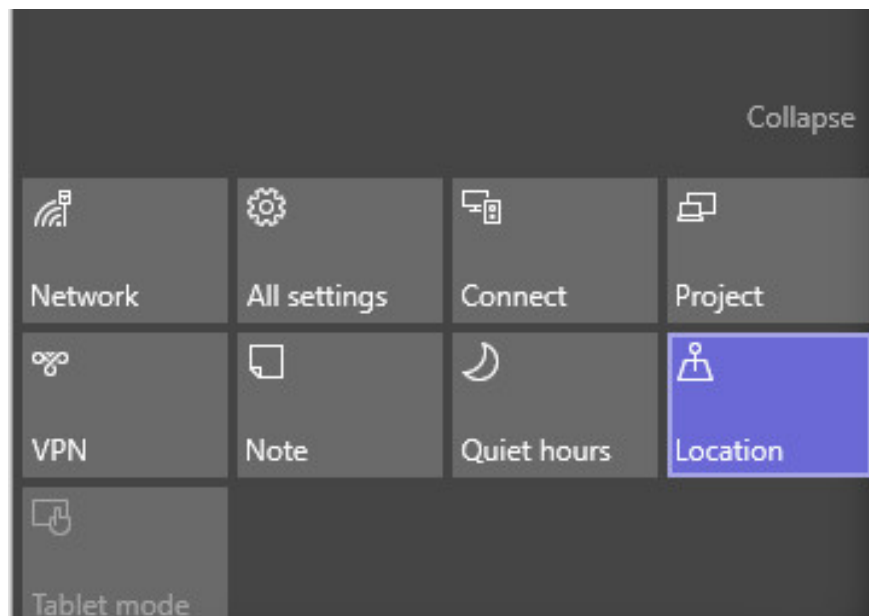
If you're using mobile devices like a tablet or laptop, wherever you go, Windows 10 knows it, but you don't know this.

When location tracking is enabled, the operating system will **collect the user's location** to **provide relevant information** such as local weather, locations of nearby restaurants, and more.

However, if you don't want Windows 10 to track your location, you can set the operating system to stop it.



To turn off location tracking, open the **Settings Menu => Location** . You can turn off location tracking for all users (in Location for this device is on => Change) or you can turn off **Location services** for your account (at section Location service).



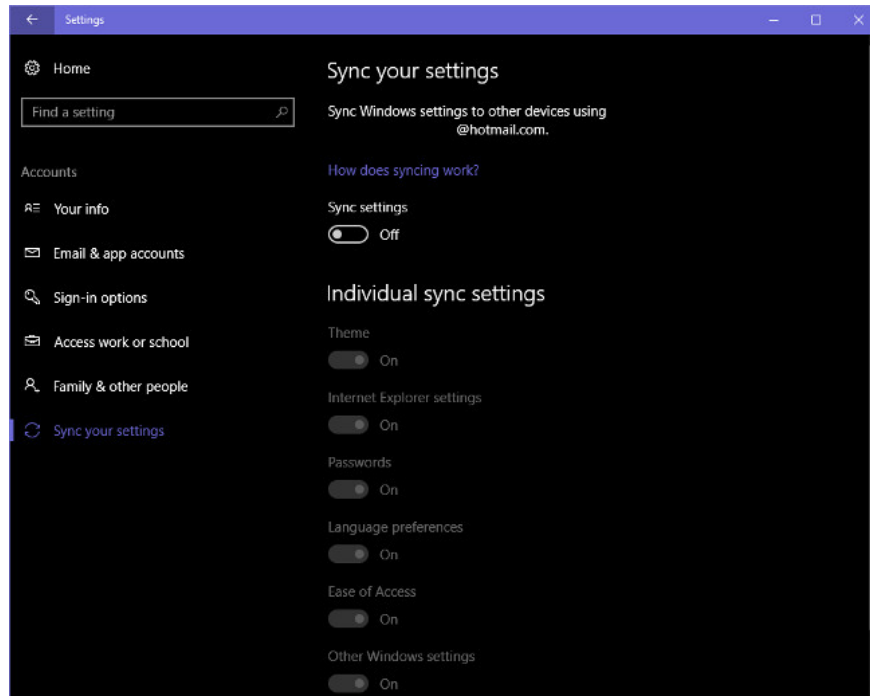
Also on this Menu you can also delete location tracking history and allow specific applications to track (or not) your exact location.

To quickly switch the Location services feature to ON or OFF, you can open **Action center** and change the Location settings quickly.

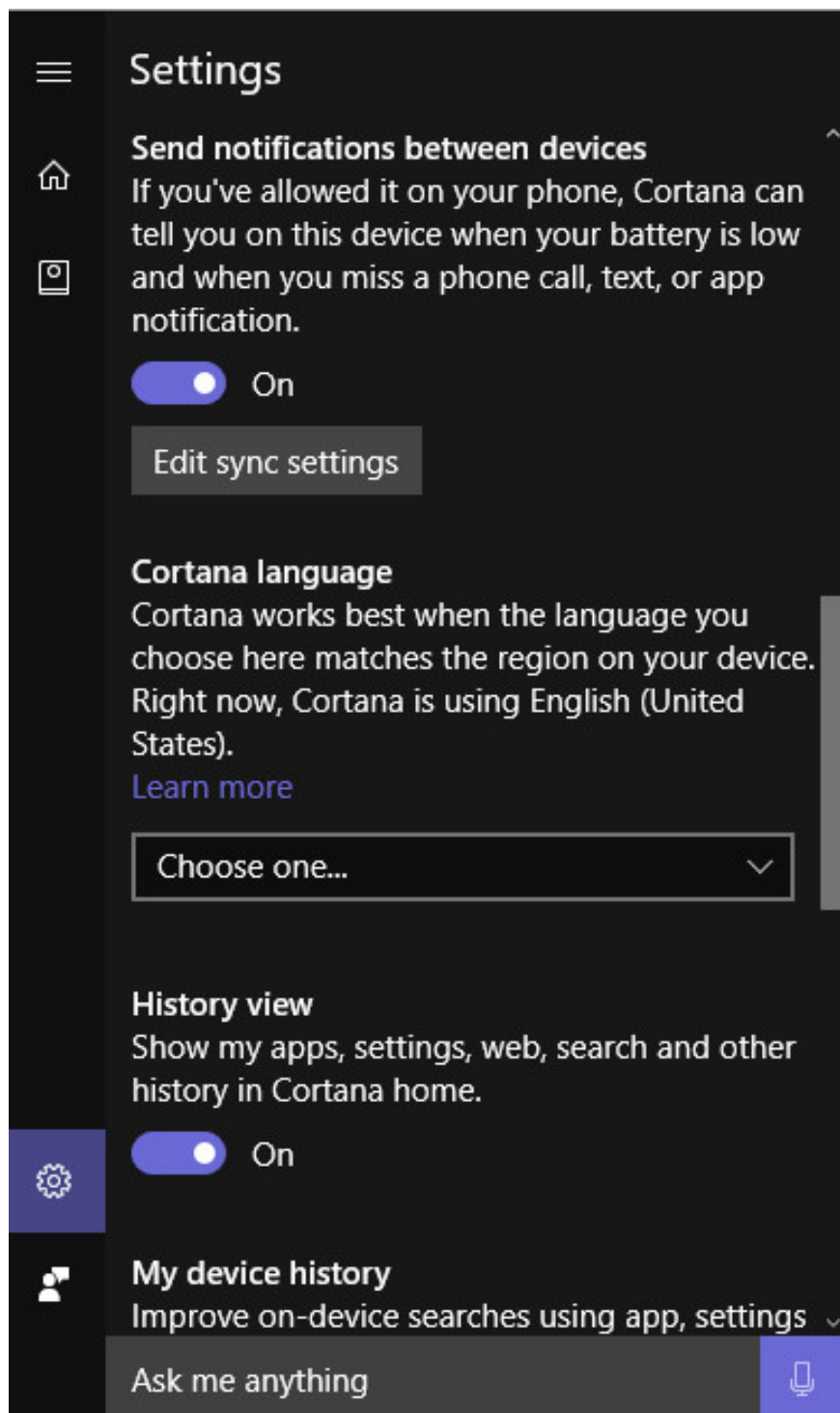
3. Stop syncing

Windows 10 has the ability to sync with multiple mobile platforms and synchronize many different data. If you sign in with your Microsoft account, your settings, including passwords, can sync with other devices when you log in to the same account. Even notifications will be synchronized between devices.

If you do not want to sync settings and passwords on other devices when you log in to the same Microsoft account, you can turn off the sync feature.



To **turn off the synchronization feature** , open **Menu Settings => Accounts => Sync your settings** . You can turn off all sync settings at the same time or switch each individual sync setting to **OFF** .

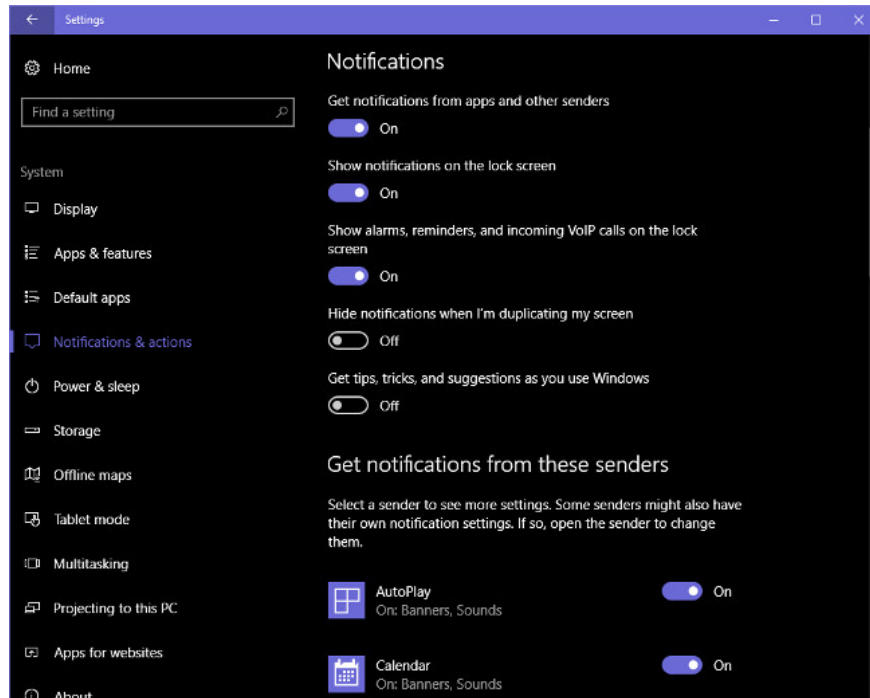


To **turn off notification synchronization** , open **Cortana => Settings => Send notifications between devices** . Here you can turn off all sync notifications or click **Edit sync settings** to manage login on different devices.

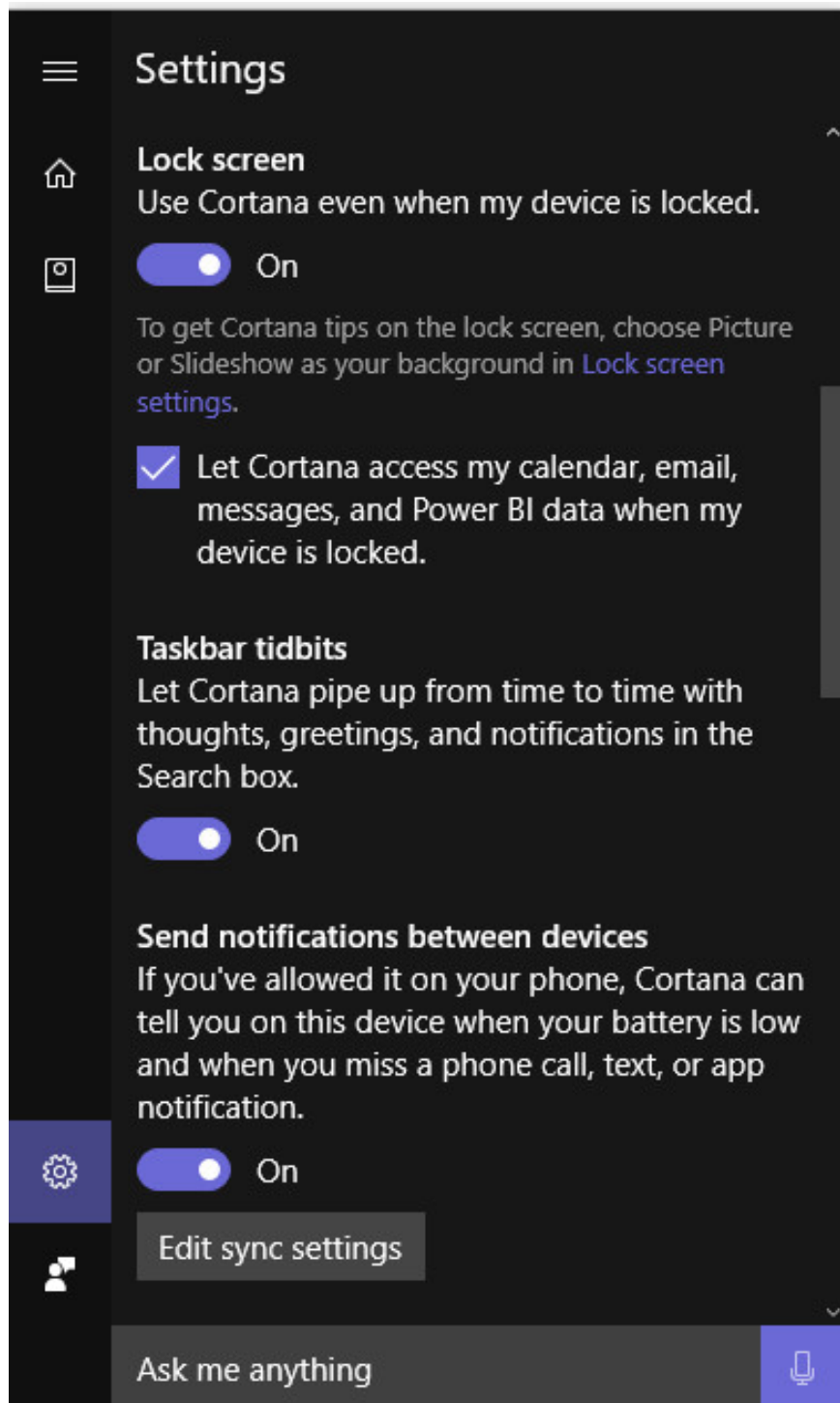
4. Lock screen lock Screen Lock

Every time I open my device, the first thing the user sees is the **Lock Screen lock screen** , and this lock screen can have a lot of information that you don't want strangers to access.

Here are 3 things to **keep in mind** to lock the log-in screen:



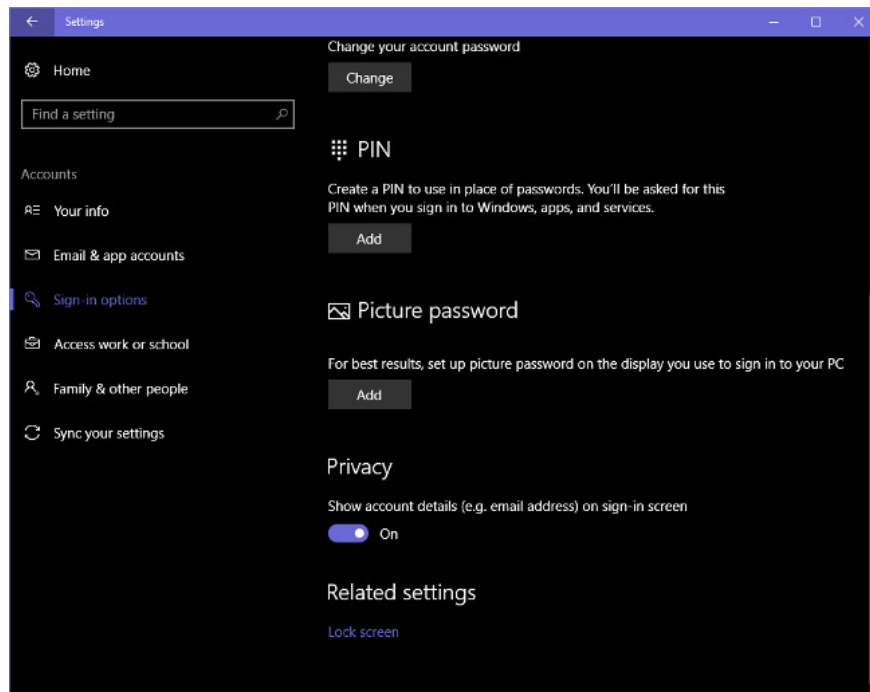
First make sure the notifications do not appear on the Lock Screen lock screen. To do this, open the **Settings** => **Notifications & actions** menu and turn off the **Show notifications on the lock screen** . When this feature is turned off you will not be able to view any notifications until your device is unlocked.



Turn off Cortana on Lock Screen lock screen by opening **Cortana => Settings => Use Cortana even when my device is locked** . When this feature is turned off you cannot use Cortana when the device is locked.

Also, you can **limit the scope of Cortana** on the Lock Screen lock screen instead of completely turning off Cortana by **leaving the item Let Cortana access my calendar, email, messages and Power BI when my device is locked** . This way you can still ask Cortana to answer questions without revealing any of your personal information when the device is locked.

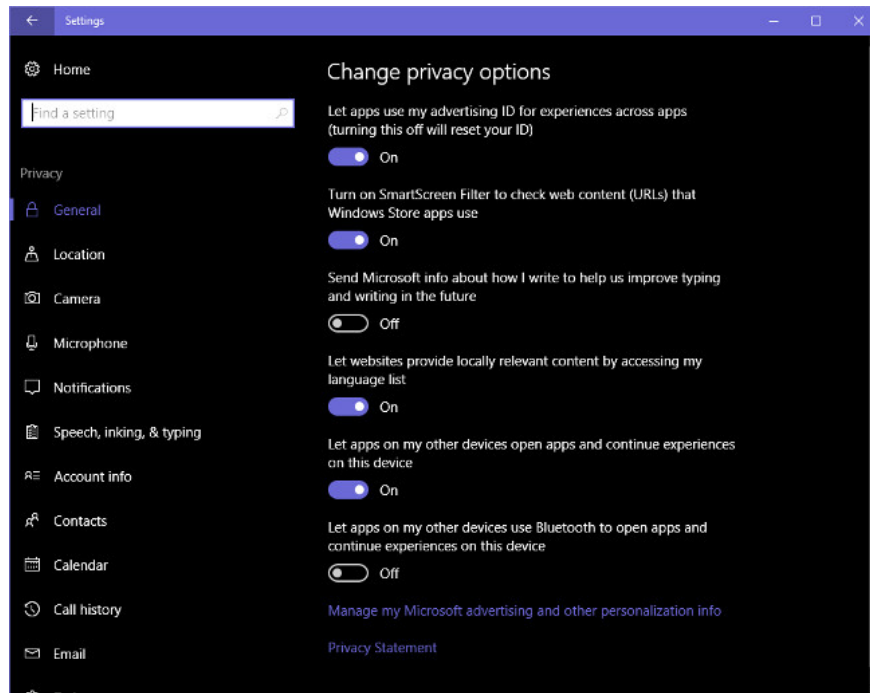
Hide email address on Lock Screen lock screen by opening **Menu Settings => Accounts => Sign-in options => Privacy** . Switch the status of **Show account details** (eg email address) **on sign-in screen to OFF option** .



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To **turn off these ads** on Windows 10 computers, open **Menu Settings => Privacy => General => Let apps use my advertising ID for experiences across apps** (turning this off will reset your ID) and **turn this option off**.



Disabling this feature will prevent individual ads from appearing on the Windows 10 computer popup window.

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. How to activate Dark Mode on Windows 10?
2. How to use Command Prompt to manage wireless networks on Windows 10?
3. Trick to enable / disable Windows Updates on Windows 10 quickly and easily

Good luck!

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