

How to Delete a User Profile on Windows

The first time a user logs in on a Windows computer, a user profile is created and stored on the local hard disk. This profile contains all settings, from wallpaper to email details and network connections. If you've created multiple user profiles on your PC over time, this tutorial shows how to delete a user profile on Windows that is no longer needed.

1. Advanced System Properties

The easiest way to delete an unnecessary user profile is by accessing the Advanced System Properties on your Windows PC.

Press **Win + R** on your keyboard to launch the Run dialog, type `systempropertiesadvanced` in the box, and click "OK."

Typing command in Run window.

In the "Advanced" tab, click the "Settings" button under "User Profiles."

Clicking "Settings" button under "User profiles" in System Properties.

From the list of user profiles stored on your Windows computer, select the one you don't need, and click the "Delete" button.

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Click "Yes" in the confirmation dialog that pops up on your screen.

Clicking "Yes" in "Confirm Delete" pop-up.

The user profile has now been successfully deleted from your computer.

Tip: experiencing [issues with the Settings app on Windows](#)? Check out the most effective solutions for this problem.

2. Settings App

You can also delete a user profile and all of its associated data from your Windows PC by using the Settings app.

Click the Start button, and launch the Settings app.

Clicking Start menu and selecting the Settings app.

Click “Accounts” in the left pane, scroll down and click “Other users” in the right pane.

Clicking on “Other users” under Accounts in Settings.

You will see a list of other users accessing your computer. Click the arrow next to the user profile that you want to delete.

Selecting user profile for deletion in Windows Settings.

4. Click the “Remove” button.

Clicking “Remove” button next under specific user profile in Windows.

Click “Delete account and data,” and you’re done.

Pressing on “Delete account and data” button to complete process.

3. Registry Editor

If you prefer, you can also delete a user profile from Windows through the Registry Editor. Make sure you [create a backup of the registry](#) before you proceed, in case something goes wrong during the process.

Press `Win + R` to launch the Run utility, then type `regedit` in the box, and click “OK.”

Typing "regedit" in Run dialog to launch Registry Editor.

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Navigate to the following path on the Registry Editor:

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HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\ProfileList

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Navigating to location in Registry Editor.

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In the left pane, you'll find multiple keys under the ProfileList folder. Click each subfolder one by one. In the right pane, find the path to the profile you wish to delete in the "Data" field for the "ProfileImagePath" key. In this example, we're looking to remove the "vritr" user.

Right-click the ProfileImagePath key associated with the user profile you are looking to eliminate and select "Delete."

Deleting key associated with specific user profile in Registry Editor.

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Click "Yes" in the confirmation dialog to remove the user profile from your Windows computer.

Pressing "Yes" on "Confirm Value Delete" window.

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4. PowerShell

With PowerShell, you can do all kinds of things, including deleting user profiles, as shown in the steps below:

Press `Win + X`, and click "Terminal(Admin)" to launch PowerShell.

Opening Terminal (Admin) app from WinX menu.

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Type the below command, and press `Enter` to view the list of user profiles on your computer. Make a note of the user profile you want to remove from your PC.

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Get-LocalUser



Typing command in PowerShell.

To delete a specific user profile, use the below command, followed by `Enter`. Replace `<userprofilename>` with the name of the user profile you want to delete from your Windows computer.

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Remove-LocalUser -Name <userprofilename>



Since you won't see a success message for the above command, you can use the same command in step #2 to verify whether the user profile was deleted.

Inputting commands in PowerShell.

5. File Explorer

You can also delete a user profile and its data on a Windows PC via the File Explorer app, but make sure you are logged in as an administrator before you attempt to do so.

Press `Win + E` to launch File Explorer and click "This PC" in the left pane.

Clicking "This PC" in File Explorer.

Double-click "Windows (C:)" under "Devices and drives."

Double clicking (C:) to access the drive.

Click on the "Users" folder.

Selecting the "Users" folder in "C:\."

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Select the name of the user profile you wish to delete, and press the `Del` key on your keyboard to delete the user profile from your Windows PC.

Selecting user profile for deletion via File Explorer.

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FYI: [are you frequently encountering problems with the File Explorer app?](#) Check out the most effective solutions.

Cleaning Up Your Windows PC

While deleting inactive user profiles will not significantly [free up storage on your "C:\" drive](#), learn additional methods to recover free space. If you've encountered the "[User profile service failed the sign-in](#)" error message, try to delete the user profile and create a new one.

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