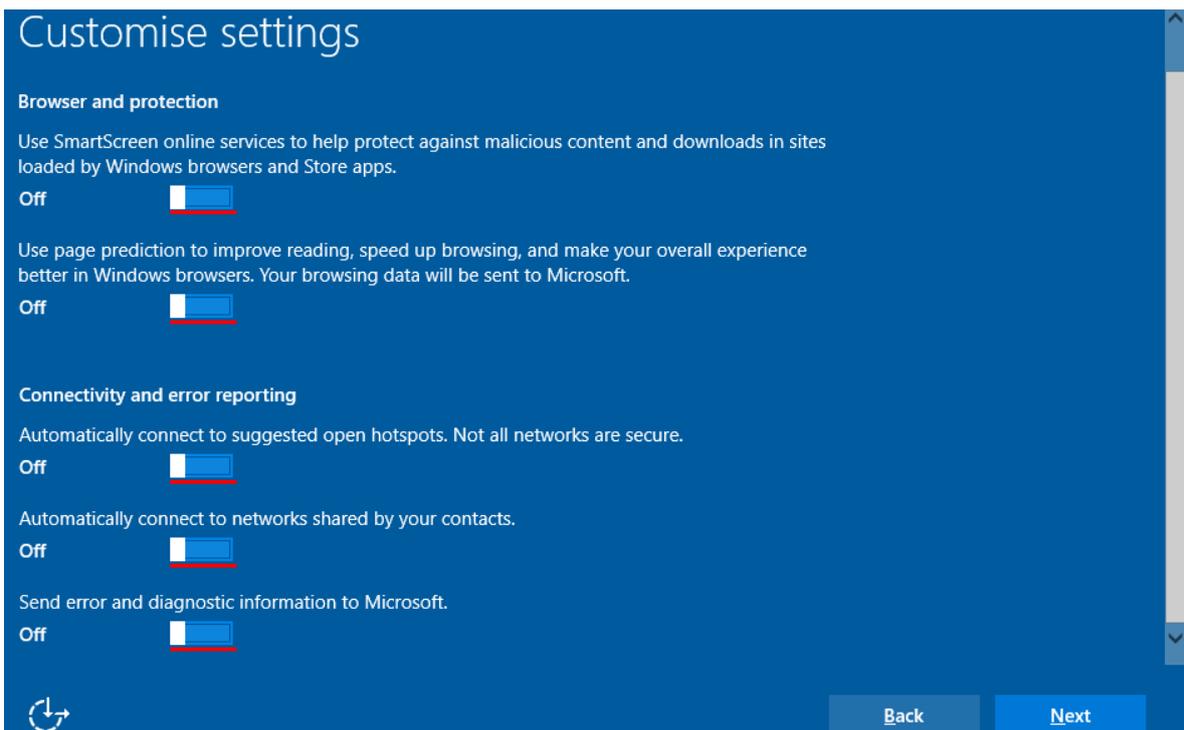
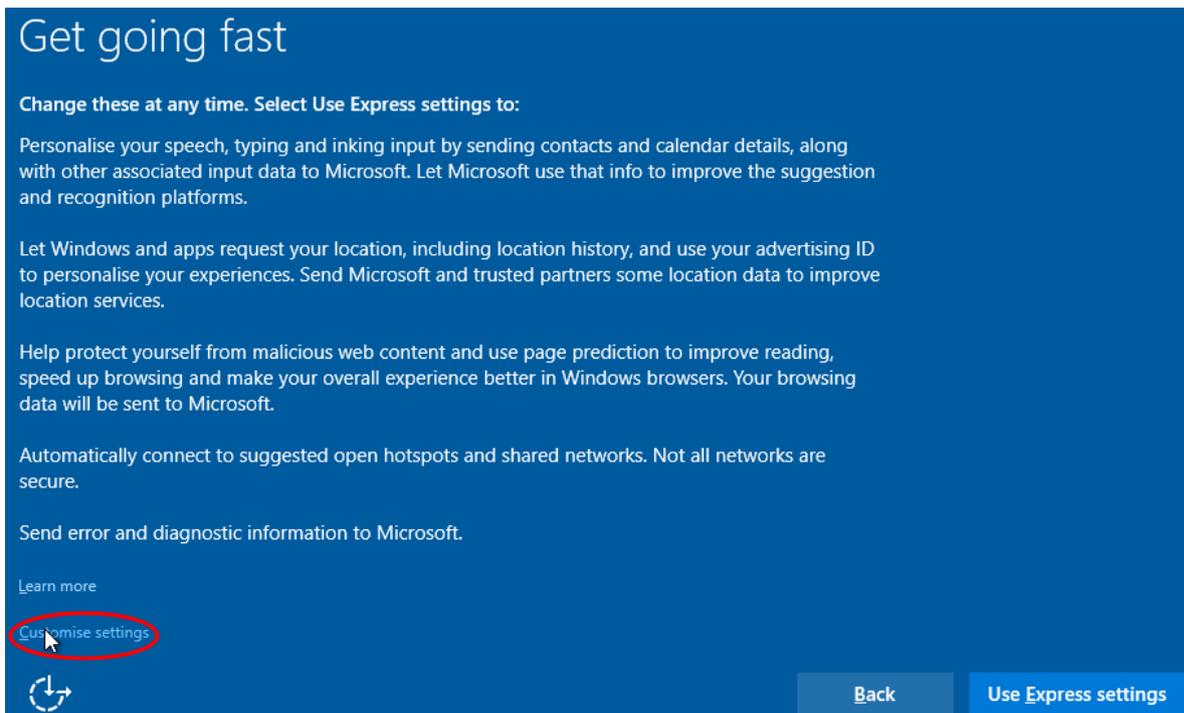


# Fix Windows 10

By default, Windows sends a lot of your information to their servers sometimes without asking you to opt-in. Follow this guide to fix Windows 10 and restore your privacy.

## During Installation

1) Do **NOT** use Express Settings. Click "Customize Settings", and make sure **EVERYTHING** is turned off.



# Customise settings

## Personalisation

Personalise your speech, typing and inking input by sending contacts and calendar details, along with other associated input data to Microsoft.

Off

Send typing and inking data to Microsoft to improve the recognition and suggestion platform.

Off

Let apps use your advertising ID for experiences across apps.

Off

## Location

Let Windows and apps request your location, including location history, and send Microsoft and trusted partners some location data to improve location services.

Off



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Next

2) It's strongly preferred that you use a local account with Windows 10. You can do it while "Make it yours" screen appears by clicking "Skip this step". After that it's safe to follow instructions.

# Make it yours

Your Microsoft account opens up a world of benefits. Sign in for your personalised experience. [Learn more.](#)

[Forgotten my password](#)

[No account? Create one.](#)

[Skip this step](#)

[Microsoft Privacy Statement](#)

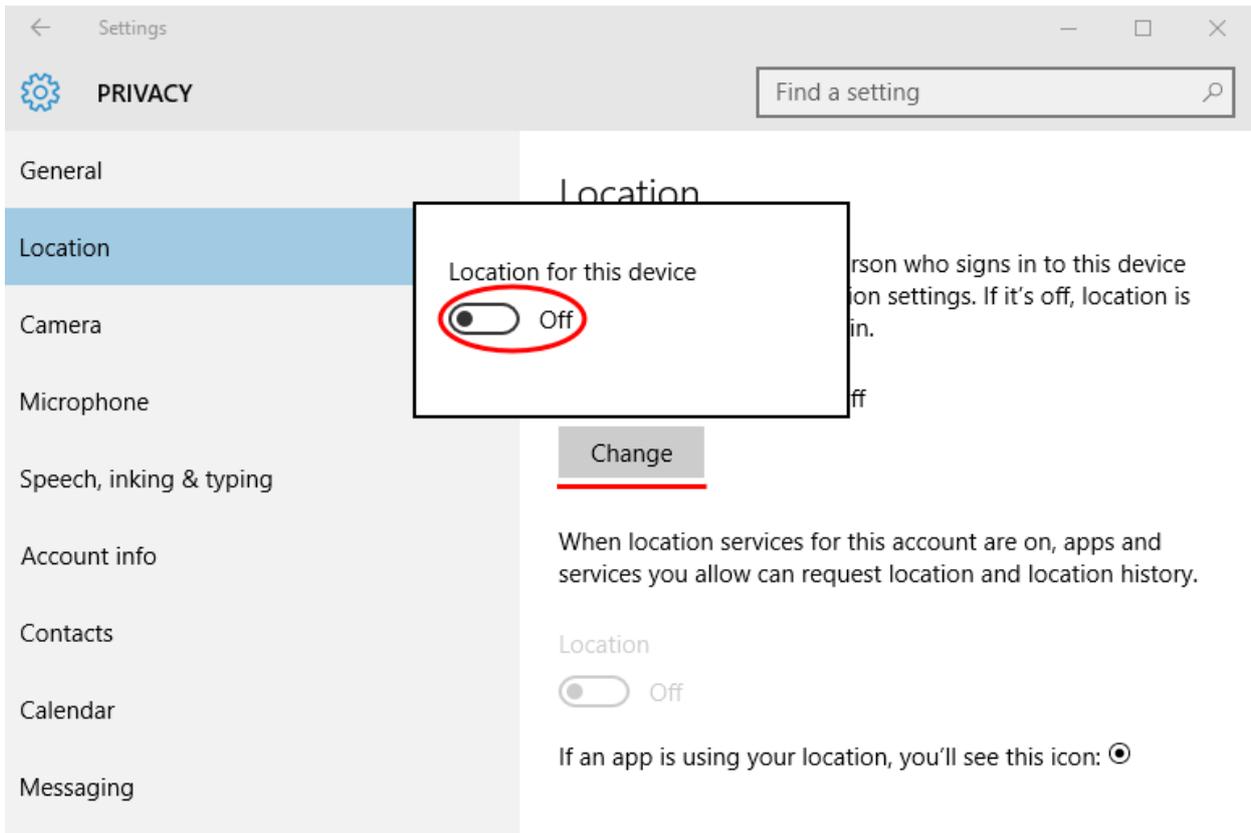
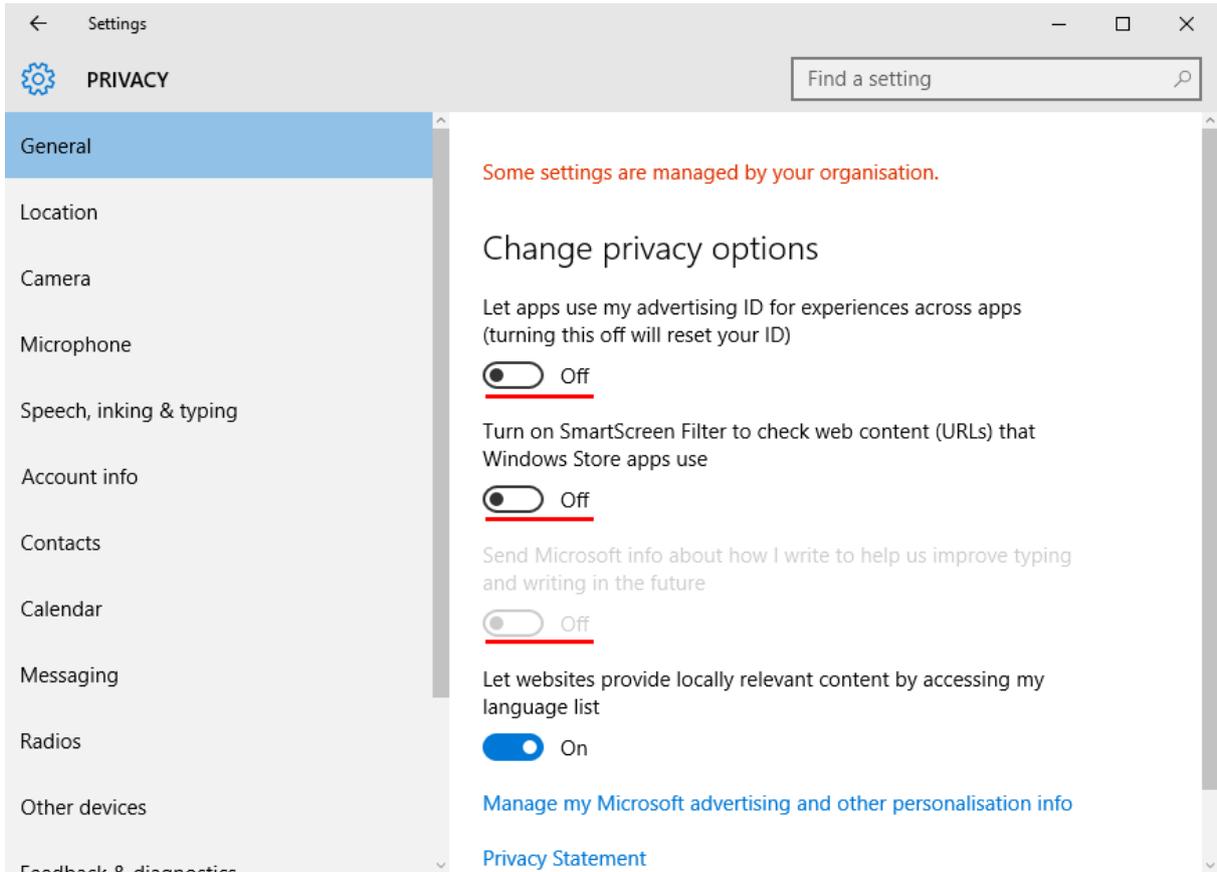


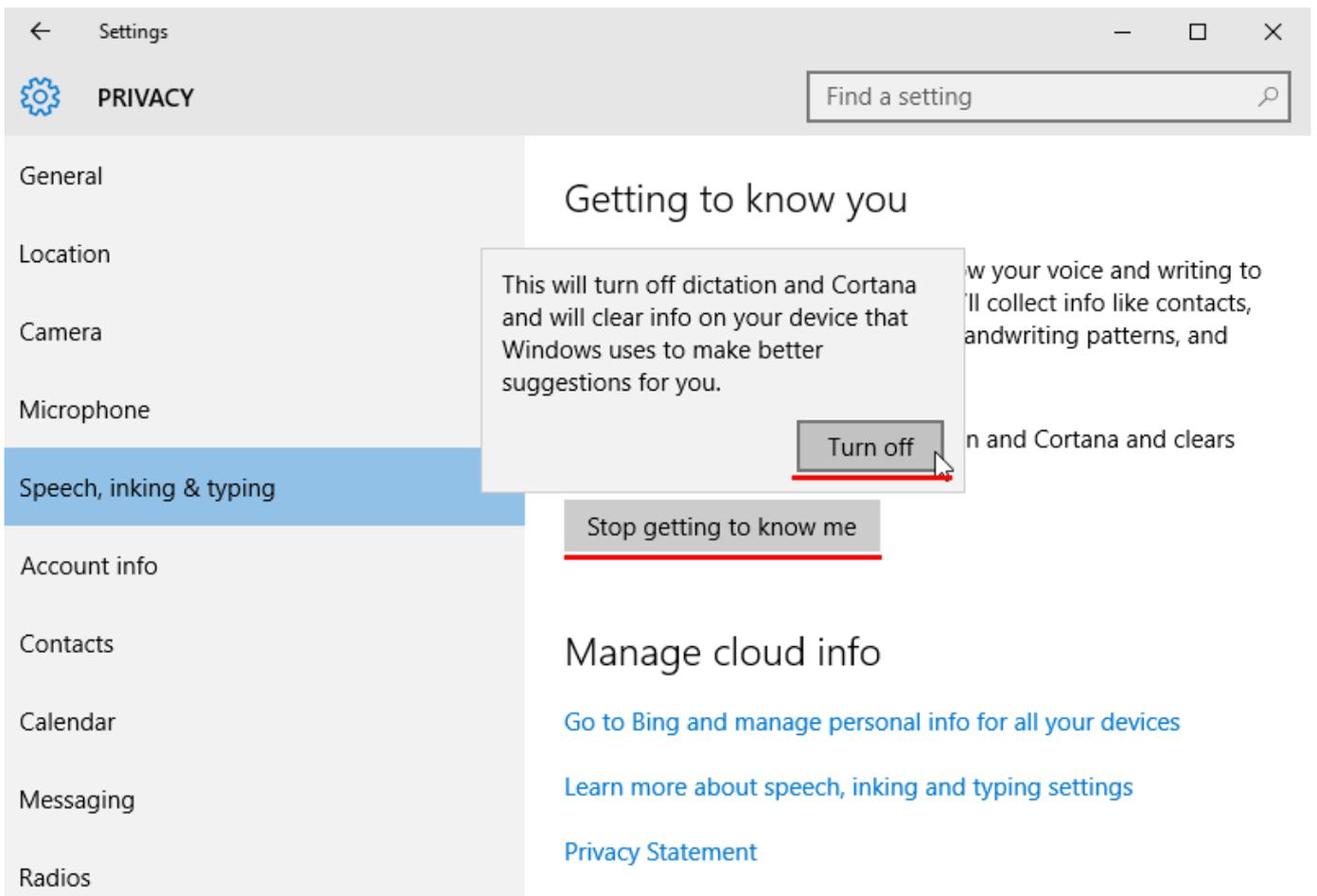
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Sign in

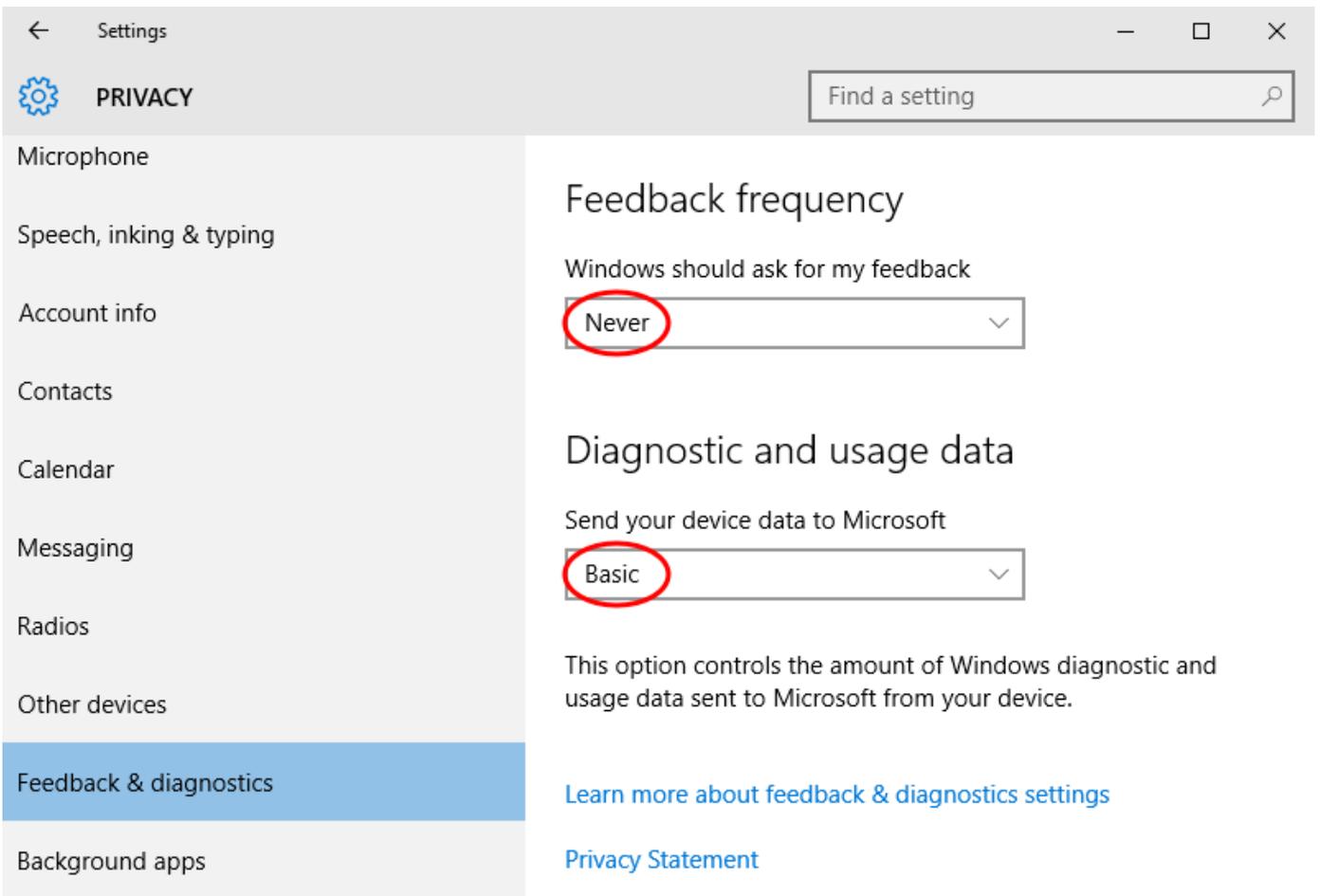
## On installed system

1) Head to Settings > Privacy, and disable everything, unless there are some things you really need (like allowing websites access to your language list). At least pay attention to "General", "Speech, inking & typing" and "Location" pages.

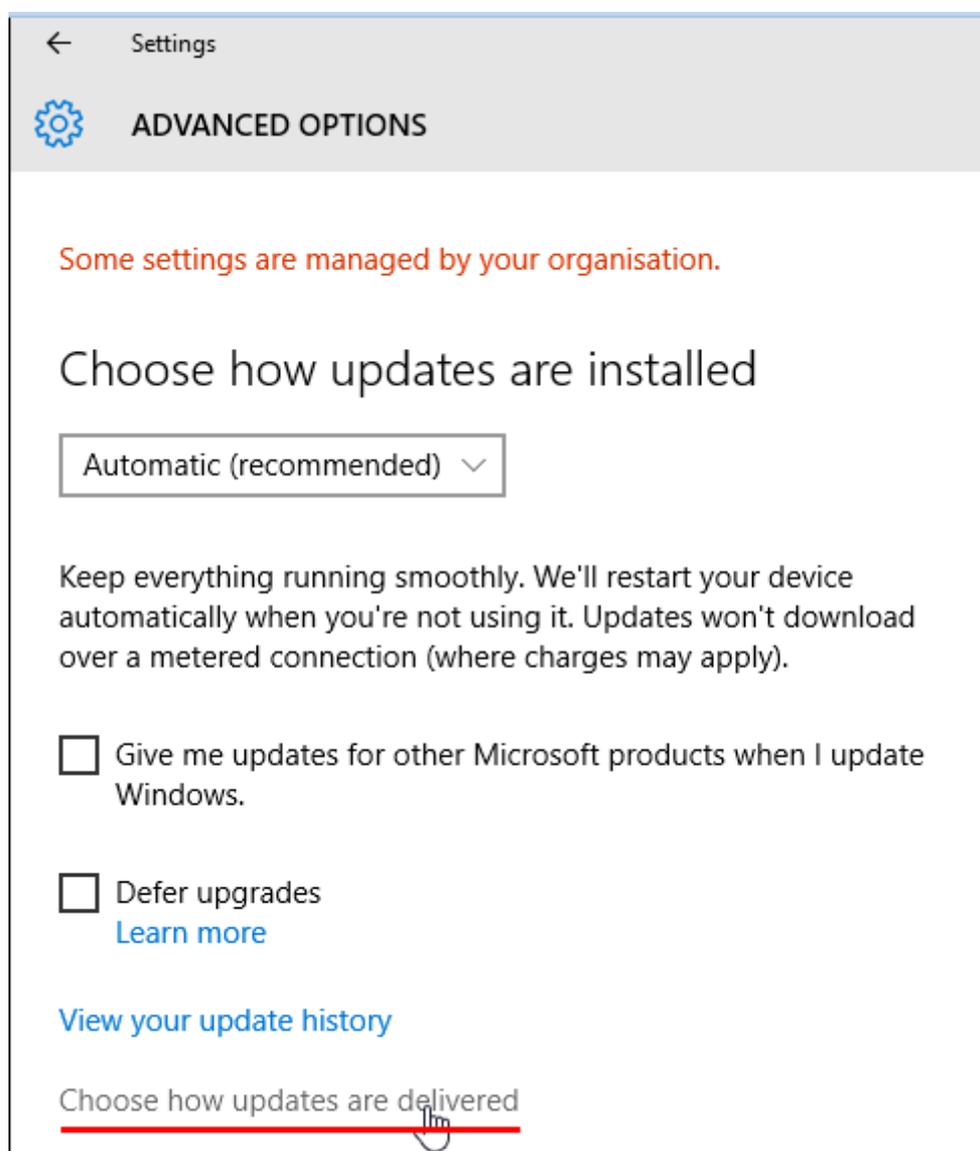
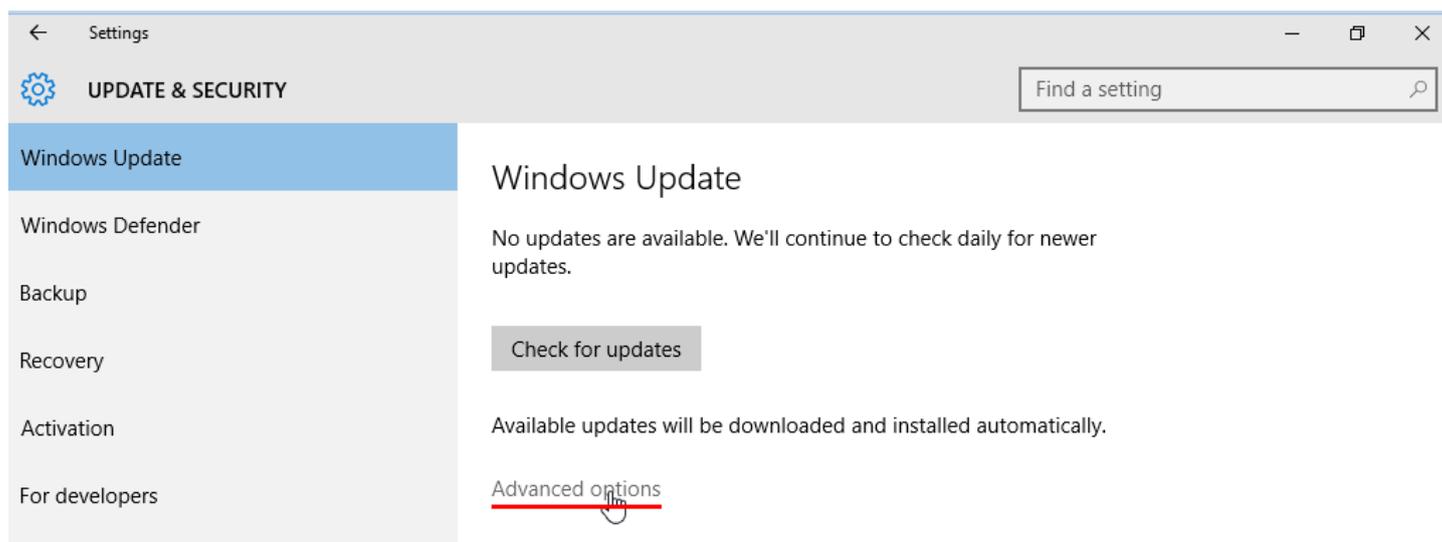




2) While within the "Privacy" page, go to "Feedback & diagnostics", select Never in the first box, and Basic in the second box.



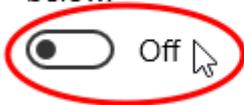
3) Head to Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update > Advanced Options > Choose how updates are delivered, and turn the first switch off.



## Updates from more than one place

Download Windows updates and apps from other PCs in addition to Microsoft. This can help speed up app and update downloads. [Learn more](#)

When this is turned on, your PC may also send parts of previously downloaded Windows updates and apps to PCs on your local network or PCs on the Internet, depending on what's selected below.

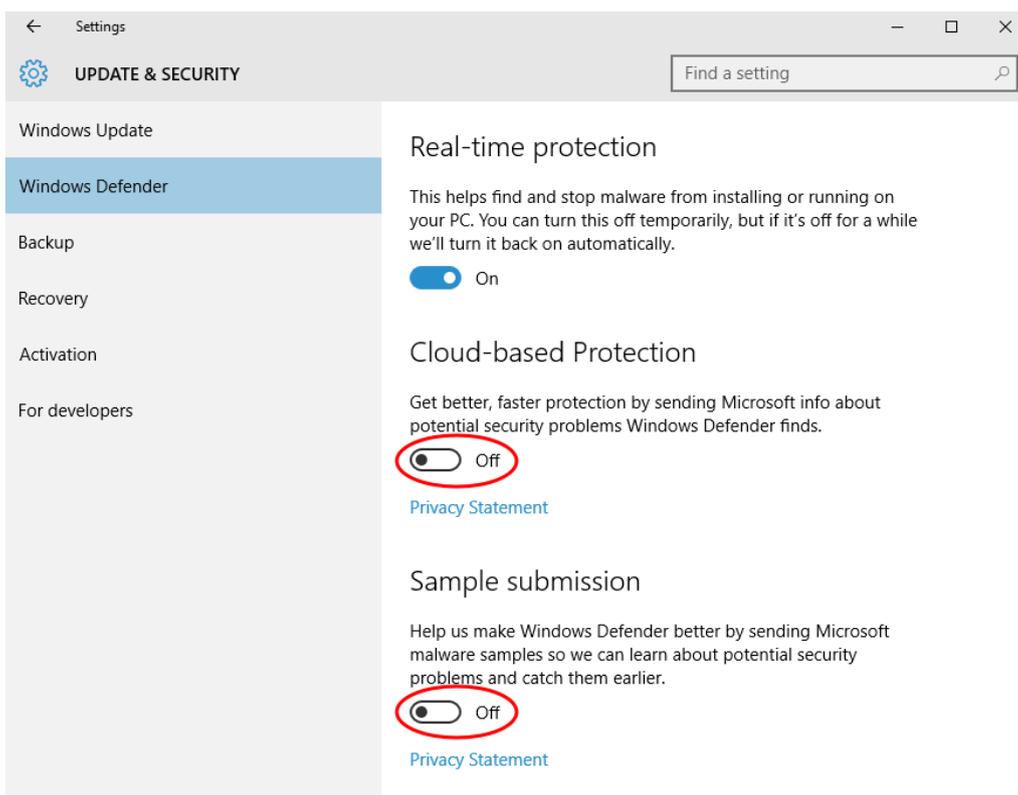


Get updates from Microsoft, and get updates from and send updates to

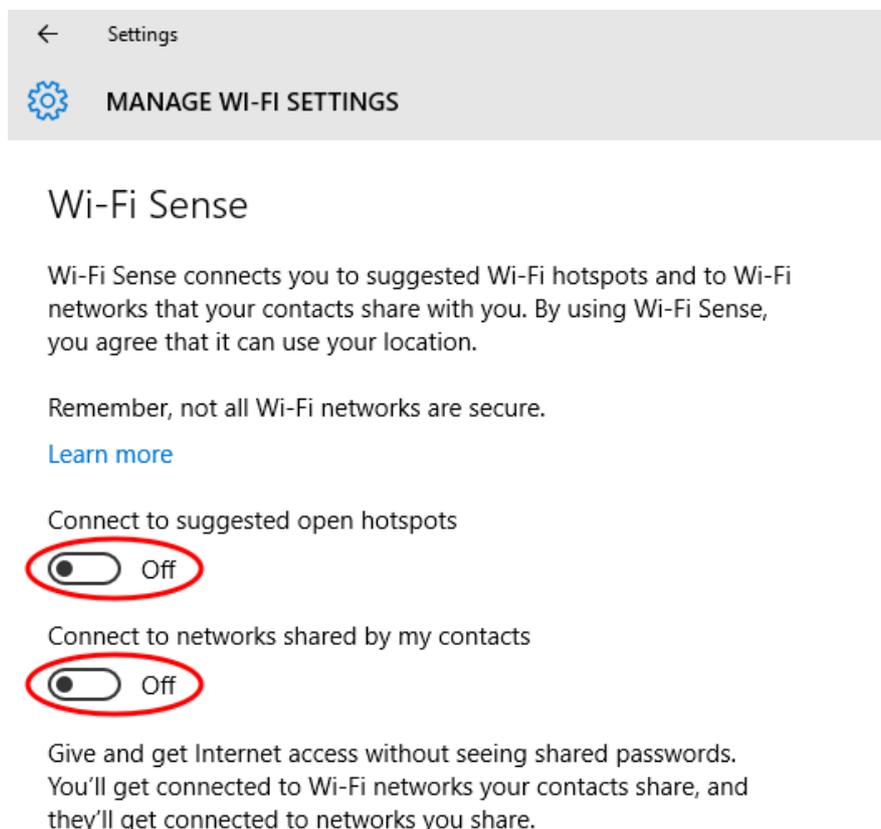
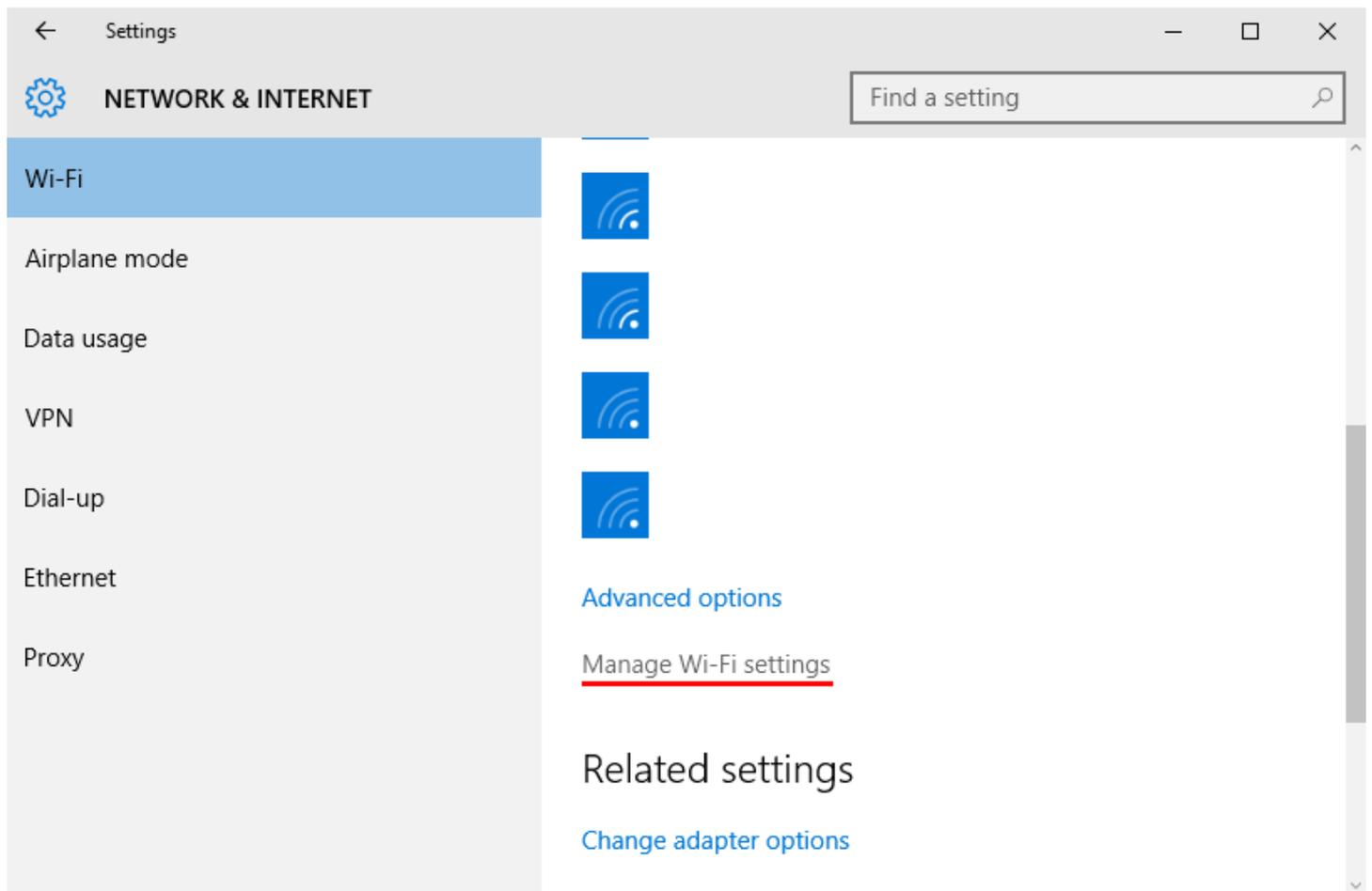
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PCs on my local network, and PCs on the Internet

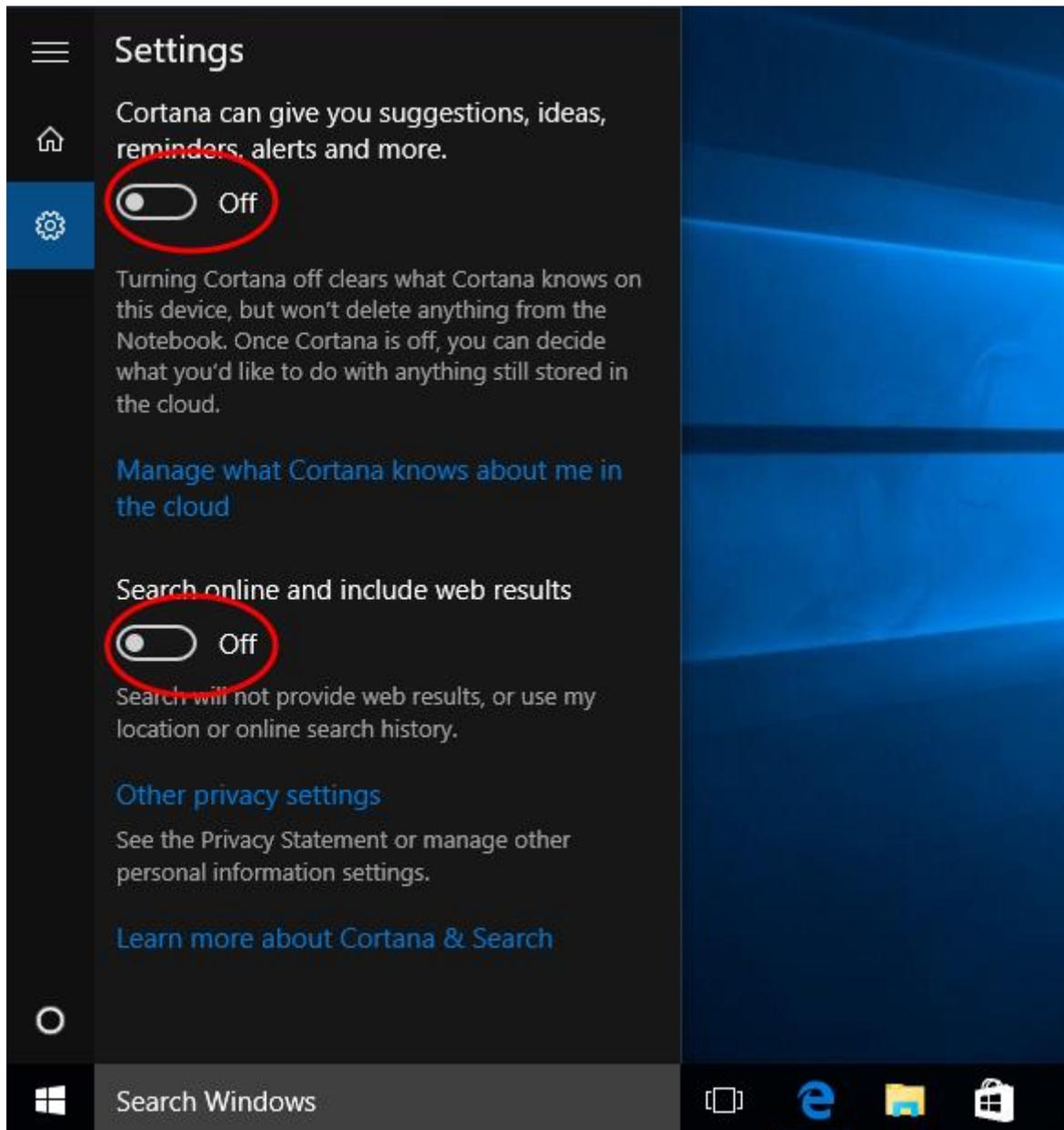
4) While within the Update & Security page, go to "Windows Defender" and turn off "Cloud based Protection" and "Sample submission".



5) Head to Settings > Network & Internet > Wi-Fi > Manage Wi-Fi settings. Turn off both switches to disable Wi-Fi Sense

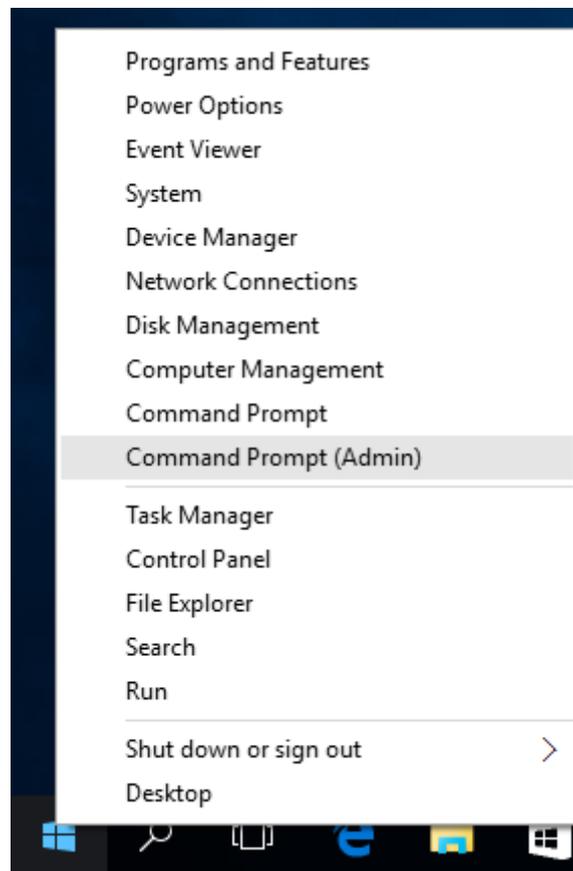


6) Disable Cortana and web search in "Search bar" by clicking on it, going to Settings by pressing on a cog icon, and turning off both switches.



7) To disable telemetry open Command Prompt as administrator by clicking right mouse button on Start button or by pressing Win+X shortcut, and enter the following:

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sc delete DiagTrack
sc delete dmwappushservice
echo "" > C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Diagnosis\ETLLogs\AutoLogger\AutoLogger-Diagtrack-Listener.etl
reg add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\DataCollection" /v AllowTelemetry /t REG_DWORD /d 0 /f
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Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.10240]
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C:\Windows\system32>sc delete DiagTrack
[SC] DeleteService SUCCESS

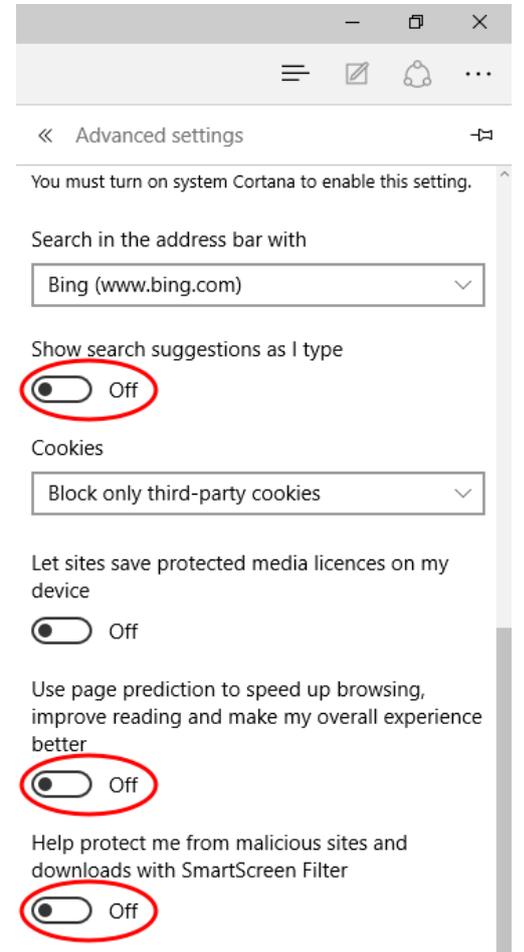
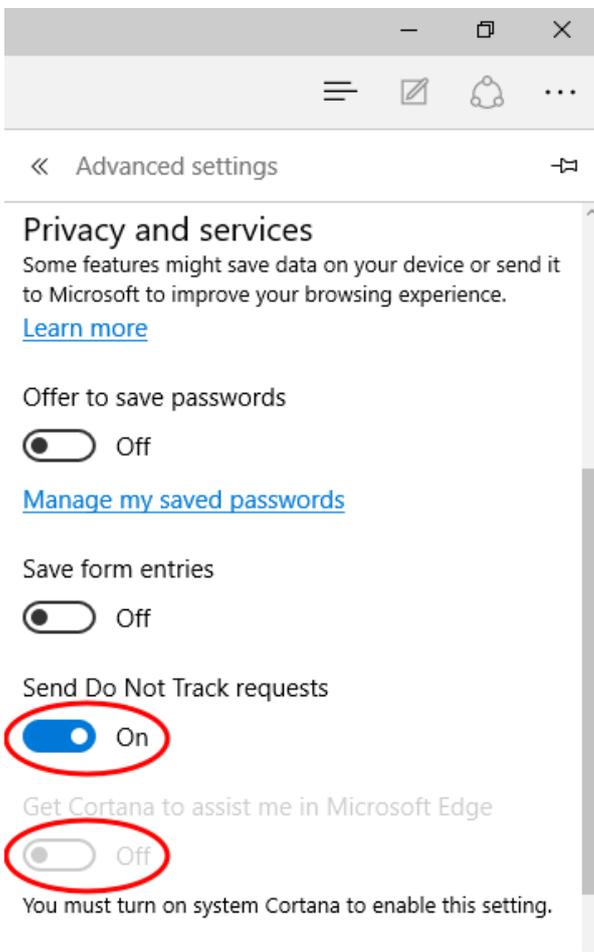
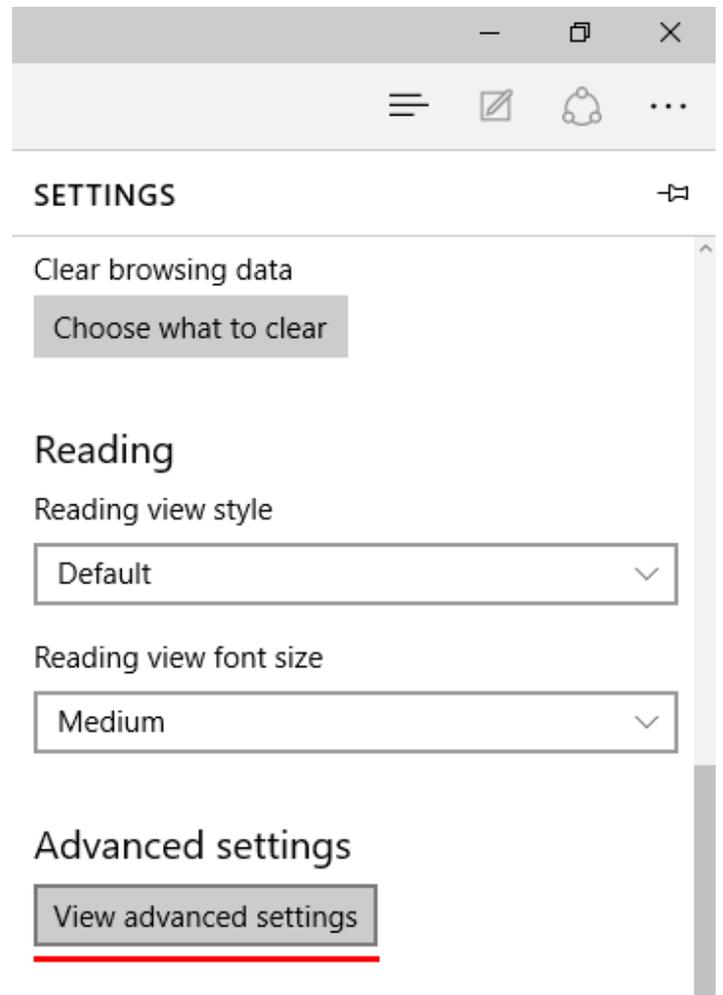
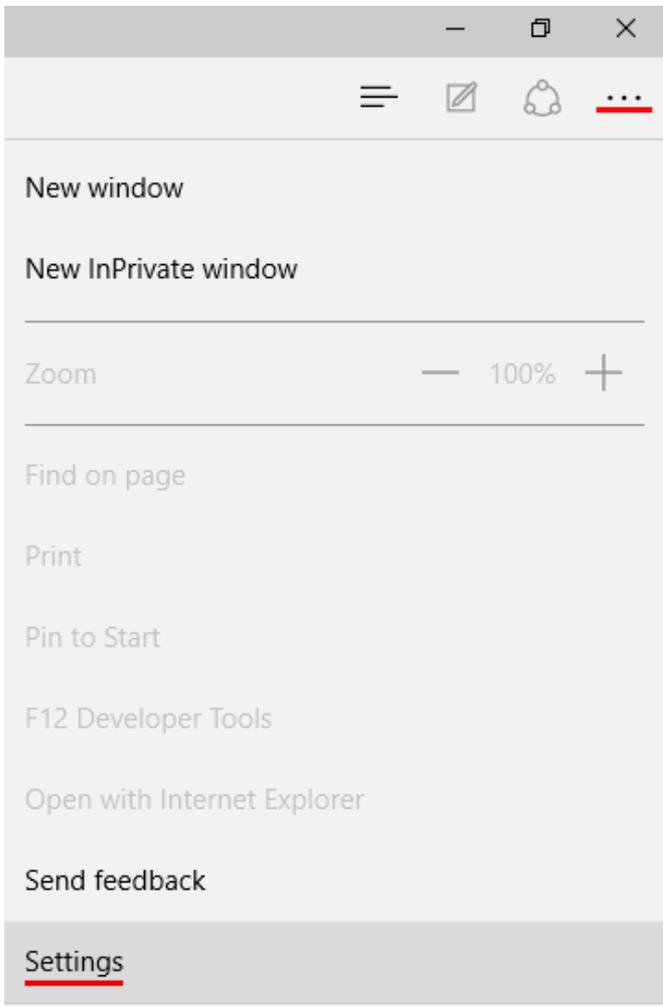
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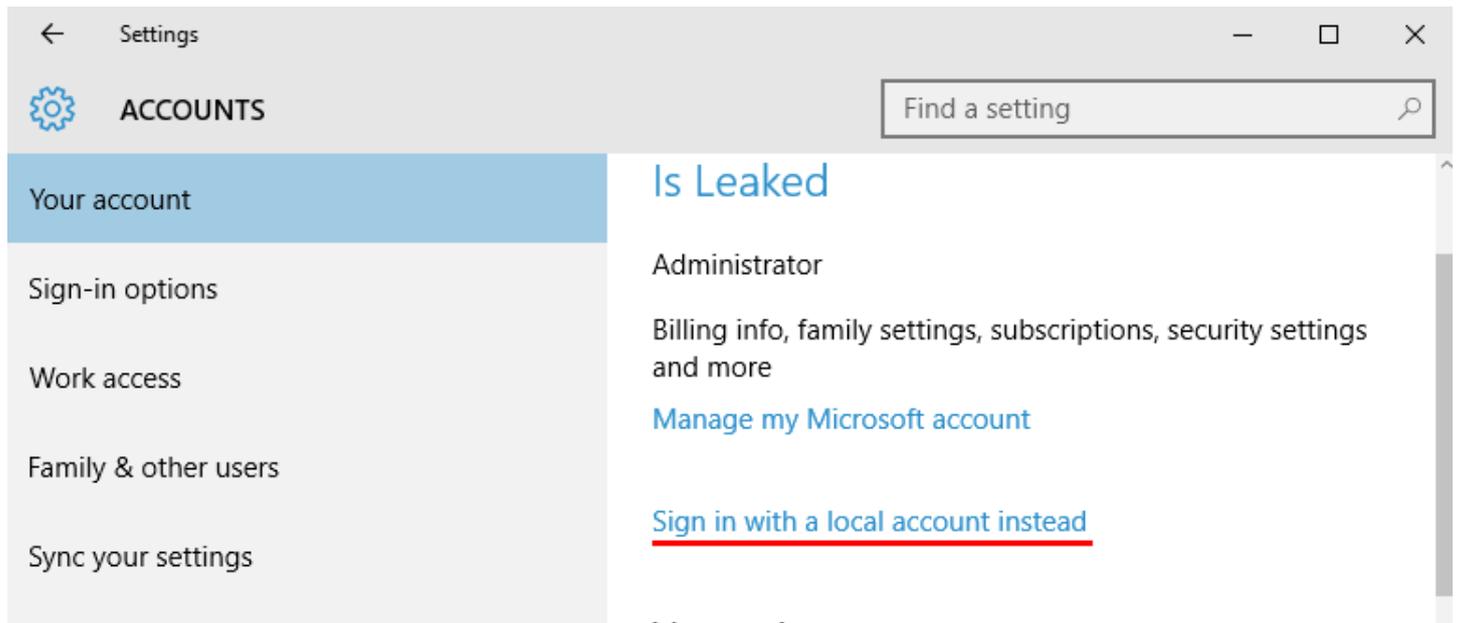
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8) It will not be superfluous to set up Edge browser. Open it, then go to More Actions > Settings > View advanced settings. Enable Do Not Track requests and disable search suggestions, page prediction and SmartScreen filter. Make sure that Cortana is switched off too.



9) If you're using Microsoft account, it's preferred to convert it to local account by heading to Settings > Accounts > Your accounts and clicking on Sign in with a local account instead and following the guide.



If you can't do this, turn off sync settings. Head to Settings > Accounts > Sync your settings and switch it off.

