# **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.

Get going fast				
Change these at any time. Select Use Express settings to:				
Personalise your speech, typing and inking input by sending contacts and calendar details, along with other associated input data to Microsoft. Let Microsoft use that info to improve the suggestion and recognition platforms.				
Let Windows and apps request your location, including location history, and use your advertising ID to personalise your experiences. Send Microsoft and trusted partners some location data to improve location services.				
Help protect yourself from malicious web content and use page prediction to improve reading, speed up browsing and make your overall experience better in Windows browsers. Your browsing data will be sent to Microsoft.				
Automatically connect to suggested open hotspots and shared networks. Not all networks are secure.				
Send error and diagnostic information to Microsoft.				
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Customise settings			
Browser and protection			
Use SmartScreen online services to help protect against malicious content and downloads in sites loaded by Windows browsers and Store apps. Off			
Use page prediction to improve reading, speed up browsing, and make your overall experience better in Windows browsers. Your browsing data will be sent to Microsoft. Off			
Connectivity and error reporting			
Automatically connect to suggested open hotspots. Not all networks are secure. Off			
Automatically connect to networks shared by your contacts. Off			
Send error and diagnostic information to Microsoft.			
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# Customise settings

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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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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 more.	penefits. Sign in for your personalised experience. Lea	m	
Email or phone			
Password			
Forgotten my password			
No account? Create one.			
Skip this step Microsoft Privacy Statement			
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#### 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.



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Location		This will turn off dictation and Cortana w your voice and writing to
Came	ra	and will clear info on your device that Windows uses to make better
Microphone		suggestions for you.
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Account info		Stop getting to know me
Conta	octs	Manage cloud info
Calen	dar	Go to Bing and manage personal info for all your devices
Messa	aging	Learn more about speech, inking and typing settings
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2) While within the "Privacy" page, go to "Feedback & diagnostics", select Never in the first box, and Basic in the second box.

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Calen	dar	Diagnostic and usage data
Messa	aging	Send your device data to Microsoft
Radio	S	
Other	devices	This option controls the amount of Windows diagnostic and usage data sent to Microsoft from your device.
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3) Head to Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update > Advanced Options > Choose how updates are delivered, and turn the first switch off.

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Windows Defender	' No updates are available. We'll continue to check daily for newer				
Backup	updates.				
Recovery	Check for updates				
Activation	Available updates will be downloaded and installed auto	matically.			
For developers	Advanced options				

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	Give me updates for other Microsoft products when I update Windows.
	Defer upgrades Learn more
Viev	v your update history
Cho	ose how updates are delivered

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CHOOSE HOW UPDATES ARE DELIVERED

## 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

PCs on my local network

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

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### Wi-Fi Sense

Wi-Fi Sense connects you to suggested Wi-Fi hotspots and to Wi-Fi networks that your contacts share with you. By using Wi-Fi Sense, you agree that it can use your location.

Remember, not all Wi-Fi networks are secure.

Learn more

Connect to suggested open hotspots



Connect to networks shared by my contacts



Give and get Internet access without seeing shared passwords. You'll get connected to Wi-Fi networks your contacts share, and they'll get connected to networks you share. 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:



Programs and Features	
Power Options	
Event Viewer	
System	
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Network Connections	
Disk Management	
Computer Management	
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C:\Windows\system32>sc delete dmwappushservice [SC] DeleteService SUCCESS			
C:\Windows\system32>echo "" > C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Diagnosis\ETLLogs\AutoLogger\AutoLogger-Diagtra	ck-Lister	wer.etl	
C:\Windows\system32>reg add "HKLM\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows\DataCollection" /v AllowTelemetry 0 /f The operation completed successfully.	//t REG_	_DWORD /	/d
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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.





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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.

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Your account	Is Leaked
Sign-in options	Administrator
Sign in options	Billing info, family settings, subscriptions, security settings
Work access	and more
	Manage my Microsoft account
Family & other users	
Sync your settings	Sign in with a local account instead

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

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		Web browser settings	