yes!

PASSWORD POLICY

To change the password policy on Windows 11, you can use the Local Group Policy Editor or the Command Prompt, depending on what aspect of the password policy you want to modify. Here's how to do it using both methods:

Method 1: Using Local Group Policy Editor

1. Open Local Group Policy Editor:
   - Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.
   - Type gpedit.msc and press Enter or click OK.
2. Navigate to Password Policy:
   - In the Local Group Policy Editor, go to:

Computer Configuration > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Account Policies > Password Policy

3. Edit the Password Policy:
   - On the right-hand side, you'll see several password policy options. You can modify the following:
   - Enforce password history: Set the number of unique passwords the system will remember before allowing reuse.
   - Maximum password age: Set how long a password can be used before it must be changed.
   - Minimum password age: Set how long a password must be in use before it can be changed.
   - Minimum password length: Set the minimum number of characters a password must contain.
   - Password must meet complexity requirements: Enable or disable password complexity (e.g., requiring uppercase letters, numbers, etc.).
   - Store passwords using reversible encryption: Enable or disable reversible encryption for passwords.
4. Apply Changes:
   - After making your changes, close the Local Group Policy Editor.
   - You may need to run the following command in an elevated Command Prompt to enforce the changes:

```
gpupdate /force
```

Method 2: Using Command Prompt (secpol.msc)

1. Open Local Security Policy:
- Press Windows + R, type secpol.msc, and press Enter or click OK.
2. Navigate to Password Policies:
- In the Local Security Policy window, go to:

Account Policies > Password Policy

3. Modify the Password Policies:
- You will see the same options as in the Group Policy Editor, and you can right-click on each policy to edit it.
4. Apply Changes:
- Once you modify the policies, close the Local Security Policy window.
- To apply the changes immediately, run:

gpupdate /force

Notes:

- If you're on a Home edition of Windows 11, the Group Policy Editor might not be available. In that case, you can use the Registry Editor to modify some password settings, but that approach is less user-friendly and is not recommended for beginners.
- For more advanced configurations or enterprise environments, you might also want to configure Active Directory policies if applicable.

LOCKOUT POLICY

To change the account lockout policy on Windows 11, you can use the Local Group Policy Editor or Local Security Policy. The lockout policy defines how many failed login attempts are allowed before a user account is locked out and how long the lockout lasts.

Here's how to modify these settings:

Method 1: Using Local Group Policy Editor

1. Open the Group Policy Editor:
- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.
- Type gpedit.msc and press Enter or click OK.
2. Navigate to the Account Lockout Policies:
- In the Local Group Policy Editor, go to:

Computer Configuration > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Account Policies > Account Lockout Policy

3. Modify the Lockout Policies:

You will see several options in the Account Lockout Policy section:

- Account lockout duration: This sets how long an account will remain locked after reaching the failed login attempts limit. Set it to the desired time (in minutes).
- Account lockout threshold: This specifies the number of failed login attempts allowed before an account is locked. You can set this value to your preferred number of attempts (e.g., 3).
- Reset account lockout counter after: This defines the time period in minutes that must pass before the failed login attempt counter is reset. For example, if you set it to 15 minutes, the counter will reset after 15 minutes of no failed login attempts.

4. Set the Policies:

- Double-click on each of these settings to open the configuration window and set the values you want. For example, to change the account lockout threshold to 3 attempts, double-click Account lockout threshold, select the number of failed attempts, and click OK.

5. Apply the Changes:

- Once you make your changes, close the Group Policy Editor. The policies should take effect immediately, but you may need to run the following command in an elevated Command Prompt to ensure that the changes are applied:

```
gpupdate /force
```

Method 2: Using Local Security Policy (secpol.msc)

1. Open Local Security Policy:
- Press Windows + R, type secpol.msc, and press Enter or click OK.
2. Navigate to Account Lockout Policies:
- In the Local Security Policy window, go to:

Account Policies > Account Lockout Policy

3. Edit the Lockout Policies:
- You will see the following policies:
- Account lockout duration
- Account lockout threshold
- Reset account lockout counter after
- Double-click each policy to modify its settings (similar to what you would do in Group Policy Editor).

4. Apply the Changes:
- After making the changes, close the Local Security Policy window.

- If you want the changes to take effect immediately, run the following command:

gpupdate /force

Notes:

- If you set Account lockout threshold to 0, account lockout will be disabled, meaning no account lockout will occur after failed login attempts.
- Be careful when modifying lockout policies in a production or business environment, as setting too low of a threshold can lock out users who make several typos when logging in, while setting too high of a threshold might make accounts more vulnerable to brute-force attacks.

CHECK USER SETTINGS

To change and check user account settings on Windows 11, you can use a variety of built-in tools, such as Settings, Control Panel, and Local Users and Groups (for more advanced settings). Below are the steps for checking and changing user settings through different methods.

Method 1: Using Settings (Basic User Settings)

1. Open Settings:
- Press Windows + I to open Settings.
2. Navigate to Accounts:
- In the Settings window, click on Accounts from the left-hand sidebar.
3. Check User Settings:
- Under the Your info section, you can view your Microsoft account or local account settings.
- You can also click Family & other users to view other users on the system (if applicable), and you can manage permissions for additional accounts.
4. Change User Settings:
- To change the account type or permissions (e.g., switching from a standard user to an administrator):
- Under Other users, select the user account you want to modify, and click Change account type.
- In the pop-up, choose Administrator or Standard User and click OK.

Method 2: Using Control Panel (Advanced Settings)

1. Open Control Panel:
- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.
- Type control and press Enter.
2. Navigate to User Accounts:

- In the Control Panel, click on User Accounts.
- Here, you can manage your account settings, change your password, or change the account type.

3. Change Account Type:

- If you want to modify an account type (administrator or standard user), click Manage another account, select the account, and then choose Change the account type.

Method 3: Using Local Users and Groups (Advanced)

This method is available in Windows 11 Pro and higher editions. It's useful for managing advanced user settings such as group memberships, account lockout policies, and more.

1. Open Local Users and Groups:

- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.
- Type lusrmgr.msc and press Enter.

2. Manage Users:

- In the Local Users and Groups window, click on the Users folder.
- Here, you can see all user accounts on the system.

3. Modify User Settings:

- Right-click on any user account to:
- Set password: Change the password of the account.
- Properties: Modify advanced settings like account description, group memberships, and whether the account is disabled or locked out.
- Add to Group: Add the user to specific groups (e.g., Administrators or Users).

Method 4: Using Command Prompt or PowerShell (Advanced)

You can also use Command Prompt or PowerShell to check and modify user account settings.

Command Prompt:

1. Open Command Prompt (as Administrator):

- Press Windows + X and select Command Prompt (Admin) or Windows Terminal (Admin).

2. Check User Accounts:

- To list all user accounts, type the following command and press Enter:

```
net user
```

3. Change User Account Password:

- To change a user account password, use the following command (replace username with the actual user name and newpassword with the new password):

```
net user username newpassword
```

PowerShell:

1. Open PowerShell (as Administrator):
- Press Windows + X and select Windows PowerShell (Admin).
2. Check User Accounts:
- To list all users, use this command:

```
Get-LocalUser
```

3. Change User Account Password:
- To change a user password, use this command (replace username with the account name and newpassword with the desired password):

```
Set-LocalUser -Name "username" -Password (ConvertTo-SecureString "newpassword" -AsPlainText -Force)
```

Method 5: Using Task Manager (For User Activity Monitoring)

You can also use Task Manager to monitor active users or log off users.

1. Open Task Manager:
- Press Ctrl + Shift + Esc to open Task Manager.
2. Navigate to the Users Tab:
- Click on the Users tab to see the currently logged-in users.
- From here, you can log off users, check their activity, and manage sessions.

Key User Settings You Can Modify:

1. Account Type (Standard or Administrator)
2. Password Settings (Change/Reset)
3. Account Lockout Settings
4. Group Memberships (e.g., adding to administrators or other groups)
5. Account Enabled/Disabled Status
6. Login Scripts and Profiles (in advanced settings via Local Users and Groups or Active Directory, if applicable)

Notes:

- Home Editions: Some advanced tools, like Local Users and Groups (lusrmgr.msc), are not available on Windows 11 Home. For these editions, you can still use Settings and Control Panel for most user management tasks.
- Administrator Access: To make changes to user accounts or modify system settings, you often need administrator privileges.

CHECK GROUPS

To check user groups on Windows 11, you can use several methods depending on whether you want to view group memberships for a specific user, or if you simply want to view all the groups on the system. Here are the main ways to check groups:

Method 1: Using Settings (for Basic Group Memberships)

While Settings doesn't provide a direct way to view all groups, it does show group memberships for user accounts, specifically whether an account is an Administrator or Standard User.

1. Open Settings:
   - Press Windows + I to open Settings.
2. Go to Accounts:
   - In the left sidebar, click on Accounts.
3. View User Type:
   - Under the Your info section, you can see whether you're signed in with a Microsoft account or a local account, and your account type (either Administrator or Standard User).

For more detailed group membership info, you would need to use other methods.

Method 2: Using Control Panel (for Viewing Groups)

1. Open Control Panel:
   - Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.
   - Type control and press Enter.
2. Go to User Accounts:
   - In the Control Panel, click on User Accounts, then Manage another account.
3. Manage Groups:
   - From here, you can view user accounts and their associated group memberships. However, this method is somewhat limited, and you won't see detailed group memberships directly.

Method 3: Using Local Users and Groups (lusrmgr.msc)

If you're using Windows 11 Pro or higher, the Local Users and Groups manager is the most effective way to view all groups and their members.

1. Open Local Users and Groups:

- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.
- Type lusrmgr.msc and press Enter. This opens the Local Users and Groups window.

2. View Groups:

- In the Local Users and Groups window, click on the Groups folder on the left-hand side. This will show a list of all local groups on the system.
- You can click on any group (e.g., Administrators, Users, Guests) to view the members of that group.

3. Add/Remove Group Members:

- To see the members of a specific group, double-click on it, and a list of the members will appear. You can also add or remove users from these groups by clicking Add or Remove.

Method 4: Using Command Prompt (To View User's Group Memberships)

You can use Command Prompt to view the groups associated with a user account.

1. Open Command Prompt:

- Press Windows + X and select Command Prompt (Admin) or Windows Terminal (Admin).

2. Check User's Group Memberships:

- To view the groups a specific user is a part of, use the following command:

net user username

Replace username with the actual name of the user account.

- The output will show you details about the user account, including the list of groups that the user belongs to (look under "Local Group Memberships").

Method 5: Using PowerShell (To View All Groups)

1. Open PowerShell:

- Press Windows + X and select Windows PowerShell (Admin).

2. List All Groups:

- To view all groups on the system, run this command:

Get-LocalGroup

- This will list all the local groups on your computer.

3. View Members of a Specific Group:

- To view the members of a specific group, use:

Get-LocalGroupMember -Group "GroupName"

Replace "GroupName" with the name of the group, such as "Administrators" or "Users".

4. View Groups for a Specific User:
- To check the groups that a specific user belongs to, use:

Get-LocalUser | Where-Object { $_.Name -eq "username" } | Get-LocalGroup

Replace "username" with the actual name of the user account.

Method 6: Using Task Manager (for Active Users)

If you want to view which user accounts are logged in and some of their group information:

1. Open Task Manager:
- Press Ctrl + Shift + Esc to open Task Manager.
2. View Users:
- Go to the Users tab to see active users. While this doesn't show specific groups, you can see which users are logged in.

Key Points:

- Local Groups: Common groups include Administrators, Users, Guests, etc.
- Built-In Groups: You cannot delete or modify some groups like Administrators or Guests, but you can add or remove users from them.
- Windows 11 Home: If you're on Windows 11 Home, some of the more advanced tools like Local Users and Groups (lusrmgr.msc) are not available. You would need to rely on Command Prompt or PowerShell for advanced group management.

UAC

To turn User Account Control (UAC) to the maximum level on Windows 11, follow these steps:

Method 1: Using the Control Panel

1. Open the Control Panel:
- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
- Type control and press Enter.
2. Navigate to User Account Control Settings:
- In the Control Panel, go to System and Security > Security and Maintenance > Change User Account Control settings (on the left side).
3. Set UAC to the Maximum Level:
- In the User Account Control Settings window, you'll see a slider with four levels:
- Never notify

- Notify me only when apps try to make changes to my computer (default)
- Notify me only when apps try to make changes to my computer (do not dim my desktop)
- Always notify (this is the highest level, and it will prompt you every time an app tries to install software or make changes to your PC)

4. Move the Slider to “Always Notify”:
- To set UAC to the maximum level, move the slider to Always notify (the top-most option).

5. Click OK:
- After selecting Always notify, click OK to apply the changes.
- You may need to restart your computer for the settings to take effect.

Method 2: Using Local Group Policy Editor (Windows 11 Pro and Higher)

If you’re using Windows 11 Pro, you can also configure UAC settings through the Local Group Policy Editor.

1. Open Local Group Policy Editor:
- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
- Type gpedit.msc and press Enter.

2. Navigate to UAC Policies:
- In the Local Group Policy Editor, go to:

Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > User Account Control

3. Modify UAC Policies:
- Double-click on the policy called User Account Control: Run all administrators in Admin Approval Mode.
- Ensure it is set to Enabled to enforce UAC behavior.
- There are other settings under User Account Control that can modify how UAC behaves, such as:
- User Account Control: Behavior of the elevation prompt for administrators (set this to Prompt for consent to get the maximum UAC experience).
- User Account Control: Behavior of the elevation prompt for standard users (this can be set to Prompt for credentials to require a password every time).

4. Apply the Changes:
- After modifying the settings, close the Local Group Policy Editor.

Method 3: Using Registry Editor (Advanced)

If you want to manually change UAC settings in the registry (use with caution), you can do so via the Registry Editor.

1. Open Registry Editor:

- Press Windows + R, type regedit, and press Enter.

2. Navigate to the UAC Registry Keys:
- In the Registry Editor, navigate to the following path:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\System

3. Modify the UAC Settings:
- Look for the EnableLUA key. This controls whether UAC is enabled.
- Ensure that the Value is set to 1 (this enables UAC).

You can also modify these keys for finer control over UAC behavior:

- ConsentPromptBehaviorAdmin: Set this to 2 for “Prompt for consent” (this is the most stringent setting).
- ConsentPromptBehaviorUser: Set this to 3 for “Prompt for credentials” for standard users.

4. Restart the Computer:
- After making these changes, restart your computer for them to take effect.

Notes:

- UAC Notifications: When set to “Always notify,” Windows will prompt you whenever an app tries to install software or make changes to your computer, even if you’re logged in as an administrator.
- Security: Increasing the UAC level can improve security by requiring more frequent user consent before changes are made to the system. However, it may also be more intrusive, especially when installing software or modifying system settings.

ADAPTER SETTINGS

To change adapter settings (network adapter settings) on Windows 11, you can access them through the Settings app or Control Panel, depending on your preferences. Here are the steps for both methods:

Method 1: Using Settings (New Method)

1. Open Settings:
- Press Windows + I to open Settings.

2. Navigate to Network Settings:
- In the Settings window, click on Network & internet in the left sidebar.

3. Go to Advanced Network Settings:

- Scroll down and click on Advanced network settings.

4. View Network Adapters:

- Under the Related settings section, click on Network adapters. This will show all network adapters (Wi-Fi, Ethernet, etc.) available on your system.

5. Change Adapter Settings:

- You will see a list of network interfaces, such as Wi-Fi, Ethernet, or virtual adapters. Right-click on the adapter you want to modify and choose one of the following options:
- Disable: Temporarily turn off the adapter.
- Enable: Turn the adapter back on if it's disabled.
- Properties: Open the adapter properties where you can modify settings like IP address, DNS servers, and more.

6. Modify Adapter Properties:

- If you click Properties, a window will open where you can:
- Change the IP settings (e.g., static IP address or DHCP).
- Configure DNS servers.
- Enable or disable IPv4 or IPv6.
- Adjust Adapter settings like Jumbo Frames or offload settings for performance.

Method 2: Using Control Panel (Legacy Method)

1. Open Control Panel:

- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.
- Type control and press Enter.

2. Go to Network and Sharing Center:

- In the Control Panel, click on Network and Sharing Center.

3. Access Adapter Settings:

- On the left sidebar, click Change adapter settings. This will open the Network Connections window where you can see all network interfaces.

4. Modify Adapter Settings:

- Right-click on the network adapter you want to configure (e.g., Wi-Fi or Ethernet) and select Properties.
- In the Properties window, you can modify settings like:
- Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) or Version 6 (TCP/IPv6).
- DNS settings.
- File and printer sharing or client for Microsoft Networks.

5. Change IP Configuration:

- To manually configure the IP address or DNS servers:
- Click on Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4), then click Use the following IP address.
- Enter your desired IP address, Subnet mask, and Default gateway.
- Under Preferred DNS server, enter your DNS settings.

Method 3: Using Device Manager (For Adapter Properties)

1. Open Device Manager:
   - Press Windows + X and select Device Manager from the menu.
2. Expand Network Adapters:
   - In the Device Manager window, scroll down and expand the Network adapters section.
3. Change Adapter Settings:
   - Right-click on the network adapter you want to modify and select Properties.
   - Here, you can view detailed information about the adapter and its current driver, and you can also update or roll back the driver if needed.
4. Update Driver:
   - If you need to update the network adapter driver, click on the Driver tab and then click Update Driver to search for updates.

Method 4: Using Command Prompt or PowerShell (Advanced)

If you're comfortable with command-line tools, you can also manage network settings using Command Prompt or PowerShell.

Example: Change IP Address Using Command Prompt

1. Open Command Prompt (Admin):
   - Press Windows + X and choose Command Prompt (Admin) or Windows Terminal (Admin).
2. View Adapter Configuration:
   - Type the following command to list all network interfaces:

```
ipconfig /all
```

3. Change IP Address:
   - You can change the IP address using the following command (replace Ethernet with the appropriate interface name and provide the desired IP):

```
netsh interface ip set address name="Ethernet" static 192.168.1.10 255.255.255.0 192.168.1.1
```

This command assigns a static IP of 192.168.1.10 with a subnet mask 255.255.255.0 and a default gateway of 192.168.1.1.

Example: Change DNS Server Using PowerShell

1. Open PowerShell (Admin):
   - Press Windows + X and select Windows PowerShell (Admin).
2. Set DNS Server:

- To change the DNS server for a specific network adapter (replace Wi-Fi with the adapter name and 8.8.8.8 with your preferred DNS):

Set-DnsClientServerAddress -InterfaceAlias "Wi-Fi" -ServerAddresses 8.8.8.8, 8.8.4.4

Notes:

- Admin Privileges: Changing network settings often requires administrator privileges, so ensure you are running apps like Control Panel or Device Manager as an administrator if needed.
- Static IP vs. DHCP: When configuring network settings, you can choose to either use Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) for automatic IP assignment or set a Static IP manually.
- DNS Configuration: You can also configure DNS servers if you want to use custom DNS services like Google DNS (8.8.8.8) or Cloudflare DNS (1.1.1.1).

DISABLE PORT

To disable a port on Windows 11, there are several methods you can use, depending on whether you want to block network traffic on a specific port (via a firewall rule), or physically disable a network interface. Here are a few ways to disable ports:

Method 1: Using Windows Defender Firewall (Block Port Traffic)

You can block a specific port on your system using the Windows Defender Firewall. This will prevent inbound or outbound network traffic through that port.

Steps to Block a Port Using Windows Defender Firewall:

1. Open Windows Firewall:
   - Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
   - Type wf.msc and press Enter to open the Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security.
2. Create a New Inbound or Outbound Rule:
   - In the left panel, click on Inbound Rules (to block incoming traffic) or Outbound Rules (to block outgoing traffic).
   - In the right-hand panel, click on New Rule.
3. Choose Port Rule:
   - In the New Inbound Rule Wizard, select Port and click Next.
4. Select the Protocol:
   - Choose TCP or UDP depending on which type of traffic you want to block.
   - Select Specific local ports, then enter the port number you want to block (e.g., 80 for HTTP or 443 for HTTPS). You can also enter a range of ports (e.g., 5000-6000).
5. Block the Connection:
   - Choose Block the connection and click Next.
6. Select When to Apply the Rule:

- Ensure all options (Domain, Private, and Public) are checked, so the rule applies to all network types.
- Click Next.

7. Name the Rule:
- Give the rule a name (e.g., “Block Port 80”) and click Finish.

This will block traffic on the specified port through the firewall, making it inaccessible from both inside and outside the system.

Method 2: Using Command Prompt (Netsh) to Block Ports

You can also block ports by using the netsh command in Command Prompt, which interacts with the Windows Firewall.

1. Open Command Prompt as Administrator:
- Press Windows + X, then select Command Prompt (Admin) or Windows Terminal (Admin).

2. Block a Port Using netsh:
- To block a specific port (e.g., port 8080), type the following command and press Enter:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="Block Port 8080" dir=in action=block protocol=TCP localport=8080
```

- This will block inbound traffic on port 8080.
- You can replace in with out to block outbound traffic.
- If you need to block UDP traffic, change protocol=TCP to protocol=UDP.

3. Check the Firewall Rule:
- To verify the rule, you can list the firewall rules by typing:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall show rule name=all
```

4. Remove the Rule:
- If you want to remove the rule later, run:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall delete rule name="Block Port 8080"
```

Method 3: Using Device Manager (Disable a Network Interface)

If you’re trying to disable a port associated with a network interface (such as disabling Ethernet or Wi-Fi), you can disable the network interface from Device Manager.

1. Open Device Manager:
- Press Windows + X and select Device Manager from the menu.

2. Find the Network Adapter:

- Expand the Network adapters section to see the network interfaces (e.g., Wi-Fi, Ethernet).

3. Disable the Adapter:

- Right-click on the adapter you want to disable (e.g., Ethernet adapter) and select Disable device.
- This will disable the entire network interface, and no traffic will pass through that interface, including all ports.

4. Re-enable the Adapter:

- If you need to re-enable the adapter, right-click on the disabled adapter and select Enable device.

Method 4: Using Advanced Firewall Settings (For Specific IP and Port Blocking)

You can configure more advanced rules in the Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security to block ports for specific IPs or subnets.

1. Open Advanced Firewall:

- Press Windows + R, type wf.msc, and press Enter.

2. Create a New Rule for Specific IP and Port:

- In the Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security window, click on Inbound Rules or Outbound Rules.
- Click New Rule.
- Choose Port and select TCP or UDP.
- Enter the port number(s) you want to block (e.g., 80 for HTTP).
- On the next screen, select This IP address (under Which remote IP addresses does this rule apply to?), and enter the IP address or subnet you want to block the port from.

3. Block the Connection:

- Choose Block the connection and proceed to apply the rule.

This allows for blocking a port for specific external IP addresses while keeping the port open for others.

Notes:

- Firewall Rules: Blocking ports through the firewall only prevents network traffic through the port but doesn't physically disable the port.
- Network Interface: Disabling a network adapter entirely disables all ports and network services associated with that interface.
- UAC Permissions: You will need administrator permissions to modify firewall rules and disable network interfaces.

If you want to block a specific service or application on a port (like a web server on port 80), blocking the port using the firewall is typically sufficient. If you need to completely prevent network connectivity for a device or interface, disabling the network adapter is the way to go.

WINDOWS SERVICES

To edit a Windows service on Windows 11, you can modify its configuration, start/stop it, or change its startup type (automatic, manual, or disabled). Here are the main methods you can use to manage and edit services:

Method 1: Using Services Management Console (services.msc)

The Services console is the most common way to manage and edit Windows services.

Steps to Edit a Windows Service:

1. Open the Services Console:
   - Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
   - Type services.msc and press Enter. This opens the Services management console.
2. Find the Service:
   - In the Services window, scroll down to find the service you want to edit. The services are listed alphabetically.
3. Edit the Service:
   - Right-click on the service you want to edit and select Properties. The Service Properties window will appear.
4. Modify Startup Type:
   - In the General tab, you can change the Startup type of the service. The options are:
   - Automatic: The service starts automatically when Windows boots.
   - Manual: The service starts when called upon (e.g., by an application or another service).
   - Disabled: The service cannot be started.
5. Start/Stop the Service:
   - You can manually Start, Stop, Pause, or Restart the service from this window.
6. Change Service Logon Account:
   - In the Log On tab, you can specify which account the service should run under. By default, services often run under the Local System account, but you can change this to another account if needed (e.g., a custom user account).
7. Apply and Close:
   - After making your changes, click Apply, then OK to save the settings.

Method 2: Using Task Manager (For Basic Start/Stop of Services)

For a quick way to start or stop services, you can use Task Manager.

Steps to Manage Services Using Task Manager:

1. Open Task Manager:
   - Press Ctrl + Shift + Esc to open Task Manager.
   - Alternatively, you can press Ctrl + Alt + Delete and select Task Manager from the options.
2. Go to the Services Tab:
   - In Task Manager, click the Services tab. This will show you a list of all active and inactive services.
3. Start/Stop a Service:
   - To manage a service, right-click on it and choose either Start, Stop, or Restart.
4. Open Services Management Console:
   - If you want more advanced settings, right-click on the service and select Open Services. This will open the Services console (services.msc), where you can configure the service settings in more detail.

Method 3: Using Command Prompt or PowerShell (Advanced Configuration)

For more advanced configuration, including starting, stopping, or changing the status of a service, you can use Command Prompt or PowerShell.

Using Command Prompt:

1. Open Command Prompt as Administrator:
   - Press Windows + X and select Command Prompt (Admin) or Windows Terminal (Admin).
2. Start/Stop a Service:
   - To start a service:

```
net start "ServiceName"
```

   - To stop a service:

```
net stop "ServiceName"
```

3. Change Service Startup Type:
   - To change the startup type of a service, use:
   - For Automatic:

```
sc config "ServiceName" start= auto
```

- For Manual:

```
sc config "ServiceName" start= demand
```

- For Disabled:

```
sc config "ServiceName" start= disabled
```

Replace "ServiceName" with the actual name of the service (e.g., "wuauserv" for Windows Update).

Using PowerShell:

1. Open PowerShell as Administrator:
   - Press Windows + X and select Windows PowerShell (Admin).
2. Start/Stop a Service:
   - To start a service:

```
Start-Service -Name "ServiceName"
```

- To stop a service:

```
Stop-Service -Name "ServiceName"
```

3. Change Service Startup Type:
   - To change the startup type:

```
Set-Service -Name "ServiceName" -StartupType Automatic
```

You can replace Automatic with Manual or Disabled to change the startup behavior.

Method 4: Using Registry Editor (For Advanced Users)

You can also modify the startup behavior of services by editing the Windows Registry. This is recommended only for advanced users as incorrect changes can affect system stability.

Steps to Edit Service Startup Type in Registry:

1. Open Registry Editor:
   - Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.

- Type regedit and press Enter.

2. Navigate to the Service Key:
- Go to the following registry path:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services

3. Find the Service:
- Under the Services key, find the folder corresponding to the service you want to edit. The folders are named after each service.

4. Change the Start Value:
- Click on the service folder (e.g., wuauserv for Windows Update), and look for a value called Start.
- Double-click on Start and change its value:
- 2 = Automatic
- 3 = Manual
- 4 = Disabled

5. Apply Changes:
- Click OK and close the Registry Editor.
- You may need to restart your computer for the changes to take effect.

Method 5: Using Group Policy (Windows 11 Pro and Higher)

If you're using Windows 11 Pro, you can also control services via Local Group Policy.

1. Open Group Policy Editor:
- Press Windows + R, type gpedit.msc, and press Enter.

2. Navigate to Services Policy:
- Go to:

Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > System > Services

3. Edit a Service Policy:
- Find the service you want to edit in the list and double-click on it.
- You can choose Disabled, Enabled, or Not Configured.

Notes:

- Administrator Privileges: Modifying services typically requires administrator privileges. Make sure you're logged in as an administrator.
- Be Careful: Some services are critical to Windows' operation. Disabling or misconfiguring these services can cause system instability.

- Restoring Default Settings: If you ever need to restore a service to its default settings, you can either use the System Restore feature or manually reset the configuration via Services or Group Policy.

WINDOWS FEATURES

To check and manage Windows Features on Windows 11, you can use different methods, such as through the Settings app, the Control Panel, or PowerShell. These features are optional components that you can enable or disable, such as Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL), Hyper-V, .NET Framework, and more.

Here are the methods you can use:

Method 1: Using Control Panel (Traditional Way)

1. Open Control Panel:
- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
- Type control and press Enter.
2. Navigate to Windows Features:
- In the Control Panel, go to Programs.
- Under Programs and Features, click Turn Windows features on or off.
3. View and Manage Features:
- The Windows Features dialog will open, showing a list of features that are available on your system.
- You can check or uncheck the boxes to enable or disable specific features.
- For example:
- Hyper-V (for virtualization)
- Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL)
- .NET Framework 3.5 and 4.8
- Internet Explorer 11 (if you still need it)
- Telnet Client and SMB 1.0/CIFS File Sharing Support (use with caution)
- After making your changes, click OK. Windows may need to download or install some components, and a restart may be required.

Method 2: Using Settings (Newer Method)

While Windows Settings doesn't offer as extensive control over features as the Control Panel method, you can still manage certain features like Virtual Machine Platform or Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL).

1. Open Settings:
- Press Windows + I to open the Settings app.
2. Navigate to Optional Features:
- In the Settings app, go to Apps on the left sidebar.
- Click Optional features under the Apps & Features section.

3. View and Add Optional Features:

- Here, you can see features like .NET Framework, Windows Media Player, OpenSSH, and others.
- Click on View features to add new optional features.
- Search for the feature you want to add and click Install.

Method 3: Using PowerShell (For Advanced Users)

For a more granular view and management of Windows features, you can use PowerShell.

1. Open PowerShell as Administrator:

- Press Windows + X and choose Windows Terminal (Admin) or PowerShell (Admin).

2. List Installed Windows Features:

- To view all installed features and their status (enabled or disabled), type the following command:

Get-WindowsFeature

3. Enable or Disable a Feature:

- To enable a feature, use the following command:

Enable-WindowsOptionalFeature -FeatureName <FeatureName> -Online

- To disable a feature, use this command:

Disable-WindowsOptionalFeature -FeatureName <FeatureName> -Online

Replace <FeatureName> with the name of the feature you want to enable or disable (e.g., Microsoft-Windows-Subsystem-Linux for WSL).

Method 4: Using Command Prompt (DISM)

You can also use DISM (Deployment Imaging Service and Management Tool) to manage Windows features from the Command Prompt.

1. Open Command Prompt as Administrator:

- Press Windows + X and select Command Prompt (Admin) or Windows Terminal (Admin).

2. List Installed Features:

- Run the following command to see a list of all features and their statuses:

dism /online /get-features /format:table

3. Enable or Disable Features:

- To enable a feature, use this command:

dism /online /enable-feature /featurename:<FeatureName> /all

- To disable a feature, use:

dism /online /disable-feature /featurename:<FeatureName>

Replace <FeatureName> with the actual feature name (e.g., Microsoft-Hyper-V-All for Hyper-V).

Common Features You Can Manage

Here are some common Windows features you might want to enable or disable:

1. Hyper-V: A feature for virtualization.
- Available via Control Panel > Turn Windows features on or off or via PowerShell/Command Prompt.
2. Windows Subsystem for Linux (WSL): Install Linux distributions and use a Linux shell.
- Available in Windows Settings > Apps > Optional Features or via PowerShell.
3. .NET Framework: Many applications require .NET Framework 3.5 or 4.8 to run.
- Available in Control Panel > Turn Windows features on or off.
4. SMB 1.0/CIFS File Sharing: Needed for legacy file sharing but considered insecure.
- Available in Control Panel > Turn Windows features on or off.
5. Telnet Client: For command-line access to remote servers.
- Available in Control Panel > Turn Windows features on or off.
6. Internet Explorer: For compatibility purposes, though it's being phased out.
- Available in Control Panel > Turn Windows features on or off.
7. Print and Document Services: To manage printers and print servers.
- Available in Control Panel > Turn Windows features on or off.
8. Microsoft Edge: The default browser on Windows 11, can't be removed, but can be managed via Settings.

Notes:

- Be Cautious: Some features are integral to Windows, and disabling them may impact the stability or functionality of your system.
- Reboot May Be Required: After enabling or disabling features, some changes may require a system restart to take effect.

- Admin Permissions: You'll need administrator privileges to enable/disable many of these features.

SHARES

To check shared folders (network shares) on Windows 11, there are several methods you can use, ranging from the File Explorer to Command Prompt or PowerShell. Here are the different ways to check for shared folders on your system:

Method 1: Using File Explorer

File Explorer provides an easy way to view shared folders and network locations.

Steps to Check Shares in File Explorer:

1. Open File Explorer:
   - Press Windows + E to open File Explorer.
2. Navigate to Network:
   - In the left sidebar, click on Network under This PC. This will show you other computers and devices on your local network.
3. View Shared Folders:
   - Any shared folders from other devices or PCs will appear here. You can click on a networked computer to see the shared folders available from that system.
4. Check Your Own Shared Folders:
   - To check the shared folders on your own machine, you need to access Shared Folders settings through Control Panel or Advanced Sharing Settings.

Method 2: Using Control Panel (Advanced Sharing Settings)

To see and manage the shared folders on your Windows 11 PC, you can use the Control Panel.

Steps to Access Shared Folders from Control Panel:

1. Open Control Panel:
   - Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog, type control, and press Enter.
2. Navigate to Shared Folders:
   - In the Control Panel, go to Network and Sharing Center.
   - On the left sidebar, click on Change advanced sharing settings.
3. Enable File and Printer Sharing:
   - Ensure that Network discovery and File and printer sharing are enabled. This will make your shared folders visible to other computers on the network.
4. Access Shared Folders:

- To see which folders are shared, go to Control Panel > Administrative Tools and click on Computer Management.
- In Computer Management, expand Shared Folders in the left pane. Under Shares, you'll see all shared folders on your computer.

Method 3: Using Command Prompt (Net Share Command)

The net share command in Command Prompt allows you to view all shared folders on your system.

Steps to Check Shared Folders via Command Prompt:

1. Open Command Prompt:
   - Press Windows + X and select Command Prompt (Admin) or Windows Terminal (Admin).
2. Use net share Command:
   - Type the following command and press Enter:

```
net share
```

3. View Shared Folders:
   - The output will list all shared folders on your system, including their share names and paths. For example:

```
C$              C:\             Remote Admin
Users           C:\Users        Everyone
```

- C$ is a hidden administrative share, and Users is a user folder shared with the network.

Method 4: Using PowerShell

You can also use PowerShell to check shared folders on your computer.

Steps to View Shared Folders via PowerShell:

1. Open PowerShell:
   - Press Windows + X and select Windows PowerShell (Admin) or Windows Terminal (Admin).
2. Use Get-SmbShare Command:
   - To see the shared folders, type the following command and press Enter:

Get-SmbShare

3. View Shared Folders:

• The output will show you all the shared folders, along with their names, paths, and permissions. For example:

```
Name     Path          Description
----     ----          -----------
C$       C:\           Default share
Users    C:\Users      User folder share
```

• This will show the shared folders and the associated sharing permissions.

Method 5: Using Shared Folders in Computer Management

1. Open Computer Management:
• Right-click on the Start menu and select Computer Management.
• Alternatively, press Windows + R, type compmgmt.msc, and press Enter.
2. Go to Shared Folders:
• In Computer Management, expand the Shared Folders section in the left panel, and click on Shares.
• This will show you all folders that are currently shared on your computer.
3. View Share Details:
• In the middle panel, you can see all the shared folders, their share names, and the folder paths. You can also right-click on a shared folder to view or modify its properties.

Method 6: Using Network and Sharing Center (To See Active Shares)

You can also see some shared resources via the Network and Sharing Center.

1. Open Network and Sharing Center:
• Press Windows + R, type control and press Enter to open Control Panel.
• Go to Network and Sharing Center.
2. Access Network:
• Under View your active networks, click on your current network connection (e.g., your Wi-Fi or Ethernet connection).
3. View Network Details:
• From here, you can manage shared folders and see what network resources are available on your system.

Notes:

- Hidden Shares: Some shares, like administrative shares (e.g., C$, D$), are hidden by default. These are used for remote management and are not visible in File Explorer, but you can see them via Command Prompt or PowerShell.
- Permissions: Be mindful of the permissions you assign to shared folders. For example, setting a share to Everyone with full access could expose sensitive data.
- Network Discovery: Ensure Network Discovery is turned on in your Advanced Sharing Settings if you want shared folders to be discoverable across your network.

FIREWALL RULES

To change firewall rules on Windows 11, you can use several methods, including using the Windows Defender Firewall interface, PowerShell, or Command Prompt. Below are the most common ways to manage and edit firewall rules.

Method 1: Using Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security

This method provides a graphical interface to create and manage inbound and outbound firewall rules.

Steps to Change Firewall Rules Using the Windows Firewall Interface:

1. Open the Windows Firewall Settings:
- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.
- Type wf.msc and press Enter. This opens the Windows Defender Firewall with Advanced Security window.
2. Navigate to the Rule Section:
- On the left pane, you'll see:
- Inbound Rules: Rules for incoming traffic (e.g., from the network to your PC).
- Outbound Rules: Rules for outgoing traffic (e.g., from your PC to the network).
- Choose either Inbound Rules or Outbound Rules depending on the type of traffic you want to configure.
3. Create a New Rule (Inbound/Outbound):
- In the right panel, click on New Rule.
- A wizard will appear that lets you configure the rule.
4. Choose Rule Type:
- Program: Block or allow a specific program.
- Port: Block or allow specific ports (e.g., TCP port 80 for HTTP).
- Predefined: Use a predefined rule for certain common services (e.g., Remote Desktop).
- Custom: Define advanced settings for a more tailored rule (e.g., for specific IP addresses or protocols).
5. Configure Rule Settings:
- For a Program rule, browse to the program's executable file (e.g., chrome.exe) and choose whether to allow or block it.

- For a Port rule, specify the port(s) (e.g., 80 for HTTP) and choose the protocol (TCP or UDP).
- For Predefined, select the service from the list.

6. Action (Allow or Block):
- After specifying the type of rule, you'll be asked if the rule should Allow or Block the connection. You can also specify if it should apply to Domain, Private, or Public networks.

7. Finish Rule Setup:
- Name your rule (e.g., "Block HTTP Port") and click Finish.

8. Edit or Delete an Existing Rule:
- To edit an existing rule, right-click the rule in the Inbound Rules or Outbound Rules list, and select Properties.
- To delete a rule, right-click the rule and select Delete.

Method 2: Using Control Panel (For Simple Allow/Block)

If you want to enable or disable specific programs through the firewall:

1. Open Control Panel:
- Press Windows + R, type control, and press Enter.

2. Go to Firewall Settings:
- In Control Panel, go to System and Security > Windows Defender Firewall.

3. Allow an App or Feature Through the Firewall:
- On the left pane, click on Allow an app or feature through Windows Defender Firewall.
- Click Change settings and then click on Allow another app… to select the app or service you want to allow or block.
- Check or uncheck the box next to the application to allow or block it for Private or Public networks.

Method 3: Using PowerShell (For Command-Line Management)

You can also manage firewall rules using PowerShell for more advanced scenarios or automation.

Steps to Change Firewall Rules via PowerShell:

1. Open PowerShell as Administrator:
- Press Windows + X and select Windows Terminal (Admin) or PowerShell (Admin).

2. Get All Firewall Rules:
- To view all the current firewall rules, run the following command:

```
Get-NetFirewallRule
```

3. Create a New Firewall Rule:
- To create a new rule, use the following syntax:

```
New-NetFirewallRule -Name "BlockPort80" -DisplayName "Block HTTP Port" -Enabled True
-Direction Inbound -Protocol TCP -LocalPort 80 -Action Block
```

- This example creates a rule named “BlockPort80” to block incoming traffic on TCP port 80 (HTTP).

4. Modify an Existing Rule:
- To enable or disable an existing rule, use:

```
Enable-NetFirewallRule -Name "RuleName"
Disable-NetFirewallRule -Name "RuleName"
```

5. Delete a Rule:
- To remove a rule, use:

```
Remove-NetFirewallRule -Name "RuleName"
```

6. Advanced Rule (Using IP Address or Subnet):
- You can create a rule to allow or block traffic from a specific IP address or subnet:

```
New-NetFirewallRule -Name "BlockIP" -DisplayName "Block Specific IP" -Enabled True
-Direction Inbound -Action Block -RemoteAddress "192.168.1.100"
```

Method 4: Using Command Prompt (Netsh)

The netsh command can also be used to manage firewall rules in Windows.

Steps to Change Firewall Rules Using netsh:

1. Open Command Prompt as Administrator:
- Press Windows + X and select Command Prompt (Admin) or Windows Terminal (Admin).

2. View Current Firewall Rules:
- To view the current firewall rules, run:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall show rule name=all
```

3. Create a New Rule:

- To create a new inbound rule that blocks a specific port (e.g., TCP port 8080), use the following command:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="Block Port 8080" dir=in action=block protocol=TCP localport=8080
```

4. Delete a Rule:

- To delete an existing rule, use:

```
netsh advfirewall firewall delete rule name="Block Port 8080"
```

Method 5: Using Group Policy Editor (For Pro/Enterprise Editions)

If you're using Windows 11 Pro or Enterprise, you can configure firewall rules using the Local Group Policy Editor.

Steps to Edit Firewall Rules in Group Policy:

1. Open Group Policy Editor:
   - Press Windows + R, type gpedit.msc, and press Enter.
2. Navigate to Windows Firewall Rules:
   - Go to Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Network > Network Connections > Windows Firewall > Domain Profile (or Standard Profile).
3. Edit Inbound/Outbound Rules:
   - You can configure inbound and outbound rules in this section by enabling or disabling specific options.

Notes:

- Administrator Rights: You will need administrator privileges to create, modify, or delete firewall rules.
- Be Cautious: Incorrectly configuring firewall rules can block critical network traffic or expose your system to security risks.
- Testing: After creating or modifying firewall rules, test the changes to ensure that the desired traffic is allowed or blocked as expected.

TILES

In Windows 11, the Start Menu has undergone a significant redesign compared to previous versions of Windows, and the traditional Live Tiles from Windows 10 have been removed.

However, you can still edit the Start Menu and customize it by pinning apps to the Start Menu or Taskbar, creating custom groups, and arranging tiles to suit your preferences.

Here's how to manage and edit tiles (or pinned items) on the Start Menu and Taskbar in Windows 11:

Method 1: Pin/Unpin Apps from the Start Menu

To edit the layout of your Start Menu by pinning and unpinning apps:

1. Open the Start Menu:
   - Click the Start button on the taskbar or press the Windows key.
2. Pin Apps to the Start Menu:
   - To pin an app to the Start Menu, click on All Apps (top right), find the app you want to pin, right-click on it, and select Pin to Start.
   - The app will now appear in the Start Menu as a tile (in the form of a shortcut).
3. Unpin Apps from the Start Menu:
   - If you no longer want an app pinned to the Start Menu, right-click the app tile (or icon) in the Start Menu, and select Unpin from Start.
4. Resize Tiles (Apps pinned to the Start Menu):
   - Right-click on a pinned app tile in the Start Menu and select Resize.
   - You can choose from Small, Medium, Wide, or Large depending on your preference.

Method 2: Create and Manage Groups in the Start Menu

You can organize apps in the Start Menu into groups for better organization.

1. Open the Start Menu and Pin Apps:
   - Pin several apps to the Start Menu as described above.
2. Drag to Create Groups:
   - Once you have multiple pinned apps, you can drag and drop tiles next to each other to form a group.
   - For example, you can create a group for Productivity, Games, or Utilities.
3. Name Your Groups:
   - After grouping tiles, you'll see a placeholder text that says "Name Group".
   - Click on the placeholder text and type a name for the group to help identify the apps within.
4. Move and Arrange Groups:
   - You can also drag the groups to different positions in the Start Menu to further customize the layout.

Method 3: Pin Apps to the Taskbar

If you prefer to have access to apps directly from the Taskbar, you can pin them there.

1. Pin Apps to the Taskbar:

- To pin an app to the Taskbar, right-click on the app in the Start Menu or All Apps, and select Pin to Taskbar.
- The app will now appear as an icon in your Taskbar for easy access.

2. Unpin Apps from the Taskbar:

- To unpin an app from the Taskbar, right-click the app icon in the Taskbar and select Unpin from Taskbar.

Method 4: Manage Start Menu Settings

You can further customize the behavior and appearance of the Start Menu using the Settings app.

1. Open Settings:
- Press Windows + I to open Settings.

2. Customize Start Menu Settings:
- Navigate to Personalization > Start.
- Here, you can:
- Show recently added apps.
- Show most used apps.
- Show recently opened items in Jump Lists on Start or the Taskbar.
- Enable/Disable recommendations (like suggested apps or documents).

3. Enable or Disable Live Tiles (via Classic Start Menu tools):
- Windows 11 no longer uses Live Tiles as Windows 10 did, but some third-party tools, like Open-Shell (formerly Classic Shell), may allow you to bring back a more classic Start Menu with Live Tiles. These tools are not native to Windows 11.

Method 5: Using Third-Party Tools for More Customization

If you're looking for more advanced customization options for the Start Menu (like Live Tiles or a more familiar Start Menu), you can consider third-party tools like:

1. StartAllBack:
- This tool allows you to customize the Start Menu, Taskbar, and File Explorer to resemble older versions of Windows, including Windows 7 or 10.

2. Open-Shell (formerly Classic Shell):
- Open-Shell is a free program that allows you to use a more traditional-style Start Menu and provides additional customization options like Live Tiles or classic Start Menu layouts.

These tools are especially useful if you miss the Live Tiles experience from Windows 10.

Notes:

- Start Menu Layout: The layout of the Start Menu in Windows 11 is more simplified compared to Windows 10. You no longer have the option to organize pinned tiles into multiple columns.

- App Shortcuts: If you're looking for flexibility with tiles similar to the Windows 10 Live Tiles, you might need to explore third-party options.
- Taskbar Pins: Taskbar pinning is persistent and will remain as long as you don't manually unpin them.

By following the above methods, you can easily modify the Start Menu in Windows 11 and customize the layout to better suit your needs.
In Windows 11, the Live Tiles feature, which was present in Windows 10, has been completely removed from the Start Menu. However, if you want to turn off or reduce some of the Start Menu features that may resemble the Live Tile experience, you can customize settings related to app suggestions, recent activities, and the overall layout.

Here's how to disable certain features in the Start Menu and control what shows up in Windows 11:

Method 1: Disable Suggested Apps and Content in the Start Menu

You can turn off suggestions and recommendations that appear in the Start Menu, which are sometimes seen as the equivalent of Live Tiles in terms of dynamic content.

1. Open Settings:
- Press Windows + I to open the Settings app.
2. Navigate to Start Settings:
- Go to Personalization > Start.
3. Turn Off Suggested Items:
- Under Start, you'll see options like:
- Show recently added apps: Turn this off if you don't want to see newly installed apps.
- Show most used apps: Turn this off if you don't want to see frequently used apps in the Start Menu.
- Show recently opened items in Jump Lists on Start or the taskbar: Turn this off to stop seeing recently opened files and apps in the Start Menu.
4. Disable Recommendations:
- Scroll down and you will see an option for Show recommendations. Turning this off will prevent suggested apps, documents, and activities from appearing in the Start Menu.

Method 2: Remove Pinned Apps (Tiles) in the Start Menu

You can also remove pinned apps (which are effectively like tiles in older versions) to declutter the Start Menu.

1. Open the Start Menu:
- Click the Start button or press the Windows key.
2. Unpin Apps:
- Right-click on any app tile you no longer want to see in the Start Menu, and select Unpin from Start.

3. Resizing Tiles:

- While you can't remove the tile-like structure entirely, you can resize them. Right-click on a pinned app and choose Resize to make it smaller or larger.

Method 3: Disable All Live Tiles (Classic Menu Tools)

While Live Tiles no longer exist in the standard Windows 11 Start Menu, if you're looking for more traditional behavior (such as in Windows 10), third-party tools like Open-Shell or StartAllBack can help you bring back a more classic style Start Menu with Live Tile functionality.

Using Open-Shell for Classic Start Menu with Live Tiles:

1. Install Open-Shell:

- Download and install Open-Shell (formerly Classic Shell) from the official site.

2. Choose a Classic Start Menu Style:

- Once installed, open Open-Shell and configure the Start Menu to look like the Windows 7 or Windows 10 Start Menu, complete with Live Tiles.

Notes:

- Live Tiles: Windows 11 doesn't have Live Tiles, so the most you can disable is recommendations or recently used apps/content that appear in the Start Menu.
- Full Customization: To fully restore or simulate the Windows 10 experience, third-party tools like Open-Shell or StartAllBack are the best options.

AUTOPLAY

To turn off AutoPlay in Windows 11, you can adjust the settings in the Settings app. AutoPlay is the feature that automatically opens a media file or action (such as playing videos, displaying pictures, or opening folders) when you insert a USB drive, external hard drive, DVD, or any other removable media.

Here's how to turn off AutoPlay on Windows 11:

Steps to Turn Off AutoPlay in Windows 11:

1. Open the Settings app:

- Press Windows + I to open Settings.

2. Go to the AutoPlay Settings:

- In the Settings window, navigate to Devices > AutoPlay. Alternatively, you can use the search bar in the Settings app and search for "AutoPlay."

3. Disable AutoPlay for All Devices:

- Under the AutoPlay section, you'll see an option that says "Use AutoPlay for all media and devices".

- Turn off the toggle switch next to “Use AutoPlay for all media and devices”. This will disable AutoPlay completely.

4. Customize AutoPlay for Specific Devices (Optional):

- If you want to disable AutoPlay only for certain types of media but keep it active for others, you can scroll down and adjust settings individually for each type of device. For example:
- Removable drives: You can set this to Take no action or choose another option (like Open folder to view files).
- Memory cards: You can set this to Take no action.
- DVDs: You can choose options like Play DVD movie or Take no action.
- Music CDs: You can choose Take no action or set it to open your preferred music player.
- Pictures: You can choose Import pictures or Take no action.

5. Close Settings:

- After making your changes, simply close the Settings app. The changes will take effect immediately.

Notes:

- Disabling AutoPlay prevents media from automatically playing or opening, but you’ll still be able to manually open or use the media when you choose.
- If you only want AutoPlay disabled for specific devices, you can leave it enabled globally and then customize the options for each device type.

RUN COMMAND

To run a command in Windows 11, you can use several methods, including Command Prompt, PowerShell, or the Run dialog. Below are the most common ways to execute commands on your system:

Method 1: Using the Run Dialog

The Run dialog is a quick way to run a command or open an app.

Steps to Use the Run Dialog:

1. Open the Run Dialog:

- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog box.

2. Enter Your Command:

- Type the command you want to run in the text box. For example, typing cmd will open Command Prompt. If you want to open PowerShell, type powershell.

3. Execute the Command:

- Press Enter or click OK to run the command.

Method 2: Using Command Prompt

The Command Prompt is a command-line interface that allows you to run various commands.

Steps to Open and Run Commands in Command Prompt:

1. Open Command Prompt:
   - Press Windows + X to open the Quick Link menu, then select Command Prompt or Windows Terminal (which includes Command Prompt).
   - Alternatively, you can search for “Command Prompt” or “cmd” in the Start menu and click on the result.
2. Run a Command:
   - Type the command you want to execute (e.g., ipconfig to check network settings) and press Enter.

Method 3: Using PowerShell

PowerShell is a more powerful and advanced command-line tool for running scripts and commands.

Steps to Open and Run Commands in PowerShell:

1. Open PowerShell:
   - Press Windows + X and select Windows Terminal (which defaults to PowerShell in Windows 11).
   - Alternatively, you can search for “PowerShell” in the Start menu and open it from there.
2. Run a Command:
   - Type your desired command and press Enter. For example, typing Get-Process will list all running processes on your computer.

Method 4: Using Windows Terminal (For Multiple Shells)

Windows Terminal is a more modern, versatile app that allows you to run Command Prompt, PowerShell, and even WSL (Windows Subsystem for Linux) commands.

Steps to Open and Run Commands in Windows Terminal:

1. Open Windows Terminal:
   - Press Windows + X and choose Windows Terminal (Admin) for elevated (administrator) access or just Windows Terminal for regular use.
   - Alternatively, search for Windows Terminal in the Start menu.
2. Run a Command:

- By default, Windows Terminal opens PowerShell, but you can switch between Command Prompt, PowerShell, and WSL by using the tabs at the top.
- Type your command and press Enter.

Method 5: Using Task Manager (For Running Programs/Commands)

If you need to run a program as an administrator or run a command that requires elevated privileges:

1. Open Task Manager:
   - Press Ctrl + Shift + Esc to open Task Manager, or press Windows + X and select Task Manager.
2. Run a New Task:
   - Click on File in the top-left corner, and select Run new task.
3. Enter Your Command:
   - Type the command you want to run, like cmd or powershell, and check the box labeled Create this task with administrative privileges if you need elevated access.
4. Execute:
   - Press Enter or click OK to run the command.

Method 6: Using Cortana or Search Box (Voice/Typed Command)

If you want to quickly run a command without opening any apps manually:

1. Open the Search Box:
   - Press Windows + S to open the search bar or click the Search icon on the taskbar.
2. Type Your Command:
   - Type the name of the program or command you want to run. For example, typing cmd will open Command Prompt, or typing powershell will open PowerShell.
3. Run the Command:
   - Click on the program or press Enter to run the command.

Method 7: Running Commands as Administrator

Some commands require elevated privileges (administrator rights) to execute properly. You can run Command Prompt, PowerShell, or Windows Terminal as an administrator by following these steps:

1. Right-click on the app or program (e.g., Command Prompt or PowerShell) in the Start menu or search results.
2. Select Run as Administrator.
3. Confirm any prompts from User Account Control (UAC) to allow the program to make changes to your computer.

Common Useful Commands to Run:

- ipconfig: Displays network configuration information.
- chkdsk: Checks the disk for errors and attempts to repair them.
- sfc /scannow: Runs the System File Checker to fix corrupt system files.
- shutdown /s /f /t 0: Shuts down the PC immediately.
- tasklist: Lists all running processes on your computer.
- msconfig: Opens the System Configuration tool for troubleshooting startup issues.
- winver: Displays the current version of Windows installed on your system.

Notes:

- Run Elevated Commands: Some commands, like installing software or modifying system settings, require administrative access. You can do this by opening Command Prompt or PowerShell as an administrator.
- PowerShell vs Command Prompt: While both tools can run many of the same commands, PowerShell is more powerful and can handle more advanced scripts and automation tasks.

DISABLE ONEDRIVE ON STARTUP

To disable OneDrive from starting automatically when you boot up your Windows 11 PC, you can use one of several methods. Below are the most common ways to stop OneDrive from running at startup:

Method 1: Use OneDrive Settings to Disable Auto-Start

You can directly adjust OneDrive's settings to prevent it from starting automatically when you log in.

1. Open OneDrive:
   - Click on the OneDrive icon in the taskbar notification area (system tray). If it's not visible, you may need to click on the upward arrow to show hidden icons.
2. Access OneDrive Settings:
   - Right-click the OneDrive icon and select Settings from the context menu.
3. Disable Auto-Start:
   - In the Microsoft OneDrive Settings window, go to the Settings tab.
   - Uncheck the box that says "Start OneDrive automatically when I sign in to Windows".
4. Apply Changes:
   - Click OK to save the settings and close the window.

Method 2: Disable OneDrive from the Task Manager (Startup Tab)

You can also disable OneDrive from starting automatically using the Task Manager.

1. Open Task Manager:
- Press Ctrl + Shift + Esc to open the Task Manager, or right-click the Start button and select Task Manager.
2. Go to the Startup Tab:
- In Task Manager, go to the Startup tab where you can see all apps that run on startup.
3. Disable OneDrive:
- Find Microsoft OneDrive in the list, right-click on it, and select Disable.
4. Close Task Manager:
- Close Task Manager. OneDrive will no longer start automatically after a reboot.

Method 3: Use the Group Policy Editor (for Windows 11 Pro/Enterprise)

If you have Windows 11 Pro or Enterprise, you can use the Group Policy Editor to disable OneDrive from starting at login.

1. Open the Group Policy Editor:
- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
- Type gpedit.msc and press Enter.
2. Navigate to OneDrive Settings:
- In the Local Group Policy Editor, navigate to:

Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > OneDrive

3. Disable OneDrive Auto-Start:
- Double-click on “Prevent the usage of OneDrive for file storage” on the right pane.
- Select Enabled, then click Apply and OK.
4. Restart Your Computer:
- OneDrive will no longer start automatically after a restart.

Method 4: Unlink OneDrive from Your Account

If you no longer want to use OneDrive on your PC but still want to keep the app installed, you can unlink your Microsoft account from OneDrive. This will prevent it from syncing and starting up.

1. Open OneDrive Settings:
- Right-click the OneDrive icon in the system tray and select Settings.
2. Unlink OneDrive:
- In the Account tab, click on Unlink this PC.
- Follow the prompts to unlink your account from OneDrive.

This will stop OneDrive from syncing and running on startup.

Method 5: Uninstall OneDrive (If You No Longer Need It)

If you want to completely remove OneDrive from your system:

1. Open Settings:
   - Press Windows + I to open Settings.
2. Go to Apps:
   - In Settings, go to Apps > Installed apps.
3. Find OneDrive:
   - Scroll through the list of installed apps or search for OneDrive.
4. Uninstall OneDrive:
   - Click the three dots next to Microsoft OneDrive and select Uninstall.
   - Follow the prompts to remove OneDrive from your system.

Notes:

- Disabling OneDrive from Startup means that it won't automatically sync or start when your computer boots, but you can still manually open it from the Start menu or the system tray whenever you need to.
- Unlinking or Uninstalling OneDrive will stop its syncing and cloud storage features completely.

SCREEN SAVER

To change the screen saver on Windows 11, you can follow these steps:

Steps to Change Screen Saver in Windows 11:

1. Open Settings:
   - Press Windows + I to open the Settings app.
2. Navigate to Personalization:
   - In the Settings window, click on Personalization in the left-hand menu.
3. Select Lock Screen:
   - Under Personalization, click on Lock screen. This will take you to the settings related to your lock screen and screen saver.
4. Scroll Down and Open Screen Saver Settings:
   - Scroll down until you see the Screen saver settings link. Click on it. This will open the Screen Saver Settings window.
5. Choose Your Screen Saver:
   - In the Screen Saver Settings window, you will see a drop-down menu under Screen saver. Click the drop-down menu to select the screen saver you want from the list (e.g., 3D Text, Bubbles, Mystify, or Photos).
6. Customize Your Screen Saver (Optional):

- If your selected screen saver has options (e.g., Photos, Bubbles, or 3D Text), click on the Settings button next to the drop-down to customize it further. For example, you can choose the photo folder for the Photos screen saver.

7. Set Time for Screen Saver:

- You can also set how long your PC should wait before the screen saver kicks in by adjusting the Wait time (in minutes) in the box.

8. Preview the Screen Saver:

- Click Preview to see a preview of your selected screen saver.

9. Click Apply and OK:

- Once you're satisfied with your settings, click Apply, then click OK to confirm and exit the settings.

Additional Notes:

- Screen saver timeout: You can set the time delay after which the screen saver starts (e.g., 5 minutes).
- Password on resume: You can enable the option "On resume, display logon screen" to require a password when the screen saver is interrupted by moving the mouse or pressing a key.

This method should allow you to easily change and customize the screen saver settings on your Windows 11 PC.

AUDITING

To edit auditing settings on Windows 11, you use the Local Security Policy or the Group Policy Editor, depending on the version of Windows 11 you have. Auditing settings control what activities are logged in the Windows Event Viewer, such as logins, file access, system events, and more. Here's how to configure and edit auditing settings:

Method 1: Edit Auditing Settings via Local Security Policy

Local Security Policy is available in Windows 11 Professional, Enterprise, and Education editions. It allows you to manage auditing settings.

Steps to Enable or Edit Auditing via Local Security Policy:

1. Open the Local Security Policy:

- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
- Type secpol.msc and press Enter. This opens the Local Security Policy editor.

2. Navigate to Advanced Audit Policy Settings:

- In the Local Security Policy window, expand the Advanced Audit Policy Configuration section in the left-hand pane.

- Go to: Advanced Audit Policy Configuration > System Audit Policies > Logon/Logoff or Object Access (depending on what you want to audit).

3. Edit Audit Policies:

- For example, if you want to audit logon events, go to Logon/Logoff and find the Logon/Logoff category.
- Double-click on the policy you want to edit, such as Logon/Logoff events or Account Logon.
- Choose Success to log successful logon events, Failure to log failed logons, or both.
- Click Apply, then OK to save your changes.

4. Enable Additional Auditing Categories:

- You can also explore other audit categories like Account Management, Directory Service Access, and Object Access to configure what gets audited.

5. Close Local Security Policy:

- Once you have edited the policies, close the Local Security Policy window. These changes take effect immediately.

Method 2: Using Group Policy Editor (For Windows 11 Pro/Enterprise)

Group Policy Editor is a more advanced tool available on Windows 11 Pro and Enterprise editions. It gives you greater control over auditing settings for multiple devices in a domain environment.

Steps to Enable or Edit Auditing via Group Policy Editor:

1. Open the Group Policy Editor:
- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
- Type gpedit.msc and press Enter. This opens the Local Group Policy Editor.
2. Navigate to Audit Policy Settings:
- In the Local Group Policy Editor, navigate to:

Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Event Log Service > Security

- Alternatively, you can navigate to Advanced Audit Policy Configuration under:

Computer Configuration > Policies > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Advanced Audit Policy Configuration

3. Enable Auditing Policies:
- Under Advanced Audit Policy Configuration, you will see various policies like:
- Logon/Logoff: Auditing login attempts (successful and failed).

- Account Logon: Auditing events related to account logons.
- Object Access: Auditing file, folder, and other object accesses.
- Double-click on the policy you want to enable, select Enabled, and configure the settings for Success or Failure as required.

4. Apply the Policy:
- Click Apply, then OK to confirm your settings.
- Close the Group Policy Editor.

Method 3: View and Configure Event Log (Event Viewer)

After you've enabled auditing, you can view the logs using the Event Viewer and configure custom filters or actions.

Steps to View Audit Logs in Event Viewer:

1. Open Event Viewer:
- Press Windows + X and select Event Viewer from the menu.
- Alternatively, press Windows + R, type eventvwr.msc, and press Enter.

2. Navigate to Security Logs:
- In the Event Viewer, expand Windows Logs and click on Security. Here, you'll find logs related to login attempts, file accesses, and other security events based on your audit policy.

3. Filter and Analyze Logs:
- You can right-click on Security logs and select Filter Current Log to view specific events or customize your search for events like successful logins or file access.

4. Create Custom Views:
- You can create custom views in the Event Viewer to focus on specific events, such as failed login attempts or permission changes.

Method 4: Enable Object Access Auditing (File/Folder Access)

To audit file or folder access, you need to enable Object Access auditing both in the Group Policy and via file or folder properties.

Steps to Enable Object Access Auditing:

1. Enable Object Access via Group Policy:
- Open gpedit.msc and navigate to:

Computer Configuration > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Advanced Audit Policy Configuration > Object Access

- Double-click Audit File System and set it to Success or Failure depending on what you want to track (e.g., access to files).

2. Enable Auditing on Specific Files/Folders:
- Right-click on the file or folder you want to audit, select Properties, then go to the Security tab.
- Click Advanced, then go to the Auditing tab.
- Click Add and select a principal (e.g., “Everyone” to audit all users), then choose the permissions you want to audit (e.g., Read, Write, or Delete).
3. Apply the Settings:
- Once you’ve set up the auditing for specific files or folders, click OK and close the properties window. The events will be logged in the Event Viewer.

Notes:

- Audit Success vs. Failure: Auditing Success logs when the action is performed successfully (e.g., a user logs in), while Failure logs when the action fails (e.g., a failed login attempt).
- Audit Policy Enforcement: Changes to auditing policies may take effect immediately, but it’s often a good idea to restart the system to ensure full policy enforcement.
- Reviewing Audit Logs: The Event Viewer is where you’ll review the events after enabling auditing. Make sure to periodically review these logs to monitor for unusual activity.

These methods should allow you to configure and manage auditing settings in Windows 11.

WINDOWS DEFENDER

To edit Windows Defender settings (now called Microsoft Defender Antivirus) on Windows 11, you can modify its settings through the Windows Security app, Group Policy Editor, or PowerShell (for advanced users). Below are the various ways you can adjust Defender’s settings:

Method 1: Edit Windows Defender Settings via Windows Security App

1. Open Windows Security:
- Press Windows + I to open Settings.
- Navigate to Privacy & Security > Windows Security.
2. Open the Virus & Threat Protection Settings:
- In the Windows Security window, under Protection Areas, click Virus & Threat Protection.
3. Adjust Defender Settings:
- Here, you can access several Defender features and settings, such as:
- Quick Scan / Full Scan: Run a manual scan.

- Virus & Threat Protection Settings: Click on Manage settings to adjust the following:
- Real-time protection: Toggle real-time protection on or off (Windows will warn you if you turn this off).
- Cloud-delivered protection: Enable or disable cloud-based protection (recommended for stronger threat detection).
- Automatic sample submission: Configure whether to automatically send suspicious files to Microsoft for analysis.
- Tamper protection: Prevents unauthorized changes to Defender settings.
- Controlled folder access: Protect important folders from unauthorized changes by malware.

4. Configure Exclusions:

- If you need to exclude certain files, folders, or processes from Defender's scans, go to Manage settings under Virus & Threat Protection settings and scroll down to Exclusions. Click Add or remove exclusions to specify items that you don't want Defender to scan.

Method 2: Use Group Policy Editor to Edit Windows Defender Settings (For Windows 11 Pro and Enterprise)

Group Policy Editor allows more granular control over Windows Defender settings, especially if you need to enforce or restrict its behavior.

1. Open Group Policy Editor:

- Press Windows + R, type gpedit.msc, and press Enter.

2. Navigate to Windows Defender Settings:

- In the Local Group Policy Editor, go to:

Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Microsoft Defender Antivirus

3. Modify Specific Defender Policies:

- In this section, you can modify a variety of Defender-related settings:
- Turn off Microsoft Defender Antivirus: You can disable Defender entirely (use with caution as this will leave your PC without real-time protection unless you have another antivirus installed).
- Real-time Protection: Enable or disable real-time scanning.
- Cloud-delivered protection: Enable/disable cloud-based threat analysis.
- Sample submission: Configure whether Microsoft can receive samples of suspicious files.
- Configure the behavior of the Windows Defender SmartScreen: Control SmartScreen settings for app and file reputation.
- Configure detection for potentially unwanted applications (PUAs): Enable or disable detection of PUAs.

4. Apply the Changes:

- Double-click on any policy setting you want to modify and choose Enabled, Disabled, or Not Configured. After making the changes, click Apply and then OK.

Method 3: Edit Defender Settings via Registry Editor (Advanced Users)

If you're comfortable with modifying the Windows registry, you can adjust certain Defender settings through the Registry Editor.

Warning: Incorrect changes in the registry can cause system issues. Always back up the registry before making any changes.

1. Open the Registry Editor:
- Press Windows + R, type regedit, and press Enter.
2. Navigate to Defender Settings in the Registry:
- Go to the following key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender

3. Modify or Add Values:
- You can add or edit certain DWORD values here to change Defender behavior, such as:
- DisableAntiSpyware: Set this to 1 to disable Windows Defender.
- DisableRealtimeMonitoring: Set this to 1 to disable real-time protection.
4. Apply the Changes:
- After editing the registry, restart your computer to apply the changes.

Method 4: Use PowerShell to Configure Defender (For Advanced Users)

PowerShell can be used to modify Defender settings, especially for more advanced configurations.

1. Open PowerShell as Administrator:
- Right-click on the Start button and select Windows Terminal (Admin) or search for PowerShell in the Start menu, right-click, and select Run as Administrator.
2. Disable Real-time Protection (if needed):

To disable real-time protection via PowerShell, use the following command:

Set-MpPreference -DisableRealtimeMonitoring $true

To re-enable it:

Set-MpPreference -DisableRealtimeMonitoring $false

3. Configure Other Defender Settings:

Some other useful commands include:

- To configure cloud-delivered protection:

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Set-MpPreference -EnableCloudProtection $true
```

- To configure automatic sample submission:

```
Set-MpPreference -SubmitSamplesConsent 2
```

- To add an exclusion (for a file, folder, or process):

```
Add-MpPreference -ExclusionPath "C:\path\to\folder"
```

- To disable Microsoft Defender Antivirus entirely:

```
Set-MpPreference -DisableAntivirus $true
```

Be sure to use these commands cautiously, especially when disabling or modifying Defender's protection.

Method 5: Turn Off or Uninstall Windows Defender (if using another antivirus)

If you have a third-party antivirus program installed and want to turn off Microsoft Defender:

1. Open Settings:
   - Press Windows + I to open Settings.
   - Go to Privacy & Security > Windows Security.
2. Go to Virus & Threat Protection:
   - Click on Virus & Threat Protection under Windows Security.
3. Disable Real-Time Protection:
   - Under Virus & Threat Protection Settings, click Manage settings.
   - Toggle off Real-time protection.

Note: If you install a third-party antivirus program, Windows Defender should automatically turn off. However, if you want to make sure it stays off, you'll need to manually disable real-time protection.

Summary of Common Defender Settings:

- Real-time protection: Protects against threats in real-time (enabled by default).

- Cloud-delivered protection: Uses Microsoft's cloud to enhance malware detection.
- Automatic sample submission: Sends suspicious files to Microsoft for analysis.
- Exclusions: You can exclude files, folders, or processes from Defender scans.
- Tamper protection: Prevents malicious software from altering Defender settings.

By using the methods above, you can configure Microsoft Defender settings to suit your security preferences on Windows 11.

USER RIGHTS

To edit user rights on Windows 11, you can use either the Local Security Policy (for professional and enterprise editions) or the Group Policy Editor (for advanced configurations). User rights management involves controlling access permissions, such as who can log in, shut down the computer, or perform system administration tasks.

Here's how you can edit user rights on Windows 11:

Method 1: Edit User Rights via Local Security Policy (for Windows 11 Pro, Enterprise, or Education)

Local Security Policy allows you to configure user rights assignments, such as who can log on locally, shut down the system, or perform specific administrative actions.

Steps to Edit User Rights via Local Security Policy:

1. Open the Local Security Policy:
   - Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
   - Type secpol.msc and press Enter. This will open the Local Security Policy window.
2. Navigate to User Rights Assignment:
   - In the Local Security Policy window, expand the Advanced Security Settings section on the left.
   - Then, click on Local Policies > User Rights Assignment.
3. Edit User Rights:
   - In the User Rights Assignment section, you will see a list of policies, such as:
   - Log on locally: Who can log on to the computer directly.
   - Shut down the system: Who can shut down the computer.
   - Log on as a service: Who can log on as a service.
   - Back up files and directories: Users who can back up files.
   - Right-click on the policy you want to edit and select Properties.
   - In the Properties window, you can add or remove users/groups from the list.
4. Add or Remove Users/Groups:
   - To add a user or group, click the Add User or Group button.

- Type the name of the user or group and click Check Names to verify.
- To remove a user or group, select the name and click Remove.

5. Apply Changes:
- Click OK to apply the changes.
- These changes take effect immediately.

Method 2: Edit User Rights via Group Policy Editor (for Windows 11 Pro, Enterprise)

If you're using Windows 11 Pro or Enterprise, you can also use the Group Policy Editor to edit user rights, especially in larger environments or if you need more detailed control over user and group permissions.

Steps to Edit User Rights via Group Policy Editor:

1. Open Group Policy Editor:
- Press Windows + R to open the Run dialog.
- Type gpedit.msc and press Enter. This opens the Local Group Policy Editor.

2. Navigate to User Rights Policies:
- In the Group Policy Editor, go to:

Computer Configuration > Windows Settings > Security Settings > Local Policies > User Rights Assignment

3. Modify User Rights:
- Here, you'll find the same set of policies as in the Local Security Policy (e.g., Log on locally, Shut down the system, etc.).
- Double-click on the policy you wish to modify.
- You can Add or Remove user or group names to manage their permissions.

4. Apply and Exit:
- After making your changes, click Apply and then OK to save them.

Method 3: Edit User Rights Using the Command Line (NET USER)

For quick administrative changes or automation, you can use the Command Prompt or PowerShell to edit user rights and permissions. For example, you can use the net user command to add or remove users from groups.

Steps to Add or Remove Users from Groups Using Command Line:

1. Open Command Prompt as Administrator:
- Right-click on the Start button and select Windows Terminal (Admin) or search for Command Prompt, right-click, and select Run as Administrator.

2. Add a User to a Group:

To add a user to a group (e.g., adding a user to the Administrators group), use the following command:

net localgroup Administrators <username> /add

Replace <username> with the actual user account name.

3. Remove a User from a Group:

To remove a user from a group (e.g., remove a user from the Administrators group), use:

net localgroup Administrators <username> /delete

4. Verify User Group Membership:

To verify a user's group membership, use:

net user <username>

Method 4: Edit User Rights via User Accounts Settings (for Basic Tasks)

For basic user rights management (like changing a user's role or modifying their account), you can do this via the Settings app.

Steps to Change User Roles (Standard/Administrator):

1. Open Settings:
   - Press Windows + I to open Settings.
2. Navigate to Accounts:
   - Go to Accounts > Family & other users.
3. Select a User:
   - Under Other users, select the user you want to modify.
4. Change Account Type:
   - Click on Change account type.
   - From the drop-down, you can set the user as an Administrator or a Standard User.
   - Click OK to apply.

Common User Rights Policies You Can Edit:

- Log on locally: Determines who can log on to the system physically (via console).
- Log on as a service: Defines which accounts can start a service.
- Log on as a batch job: Defines which accounts can run batch jobs.
- Shut down the system: Specifies who can shut down the computer.

- Back up files and directories: Allows users to back up files regardless of permissions.
- Restore files and directories: Allows users to restore files and directories.
- Change the system time: Grants the ability to change the system time.
- Take ownership of files or other objects: Grants the ability to take ownership of files, folders, or other objects.

Notes:

- Local Security Policy and Group Policy Editor are typically only available on Windows 11 Pro, Enterprise, or Education editions. They are not available on Windows 11 Home.
- Modifying user rights can have significant security implications, especially when granting administrative rights, so ensure you understand the effects of the changes you're making.
- Command Line and PowerShell options provide powerful automation but should be used with caution.

These methods should help you manage user rights and permissions on Windows 11.

LOCAL SECURITY POLICIES