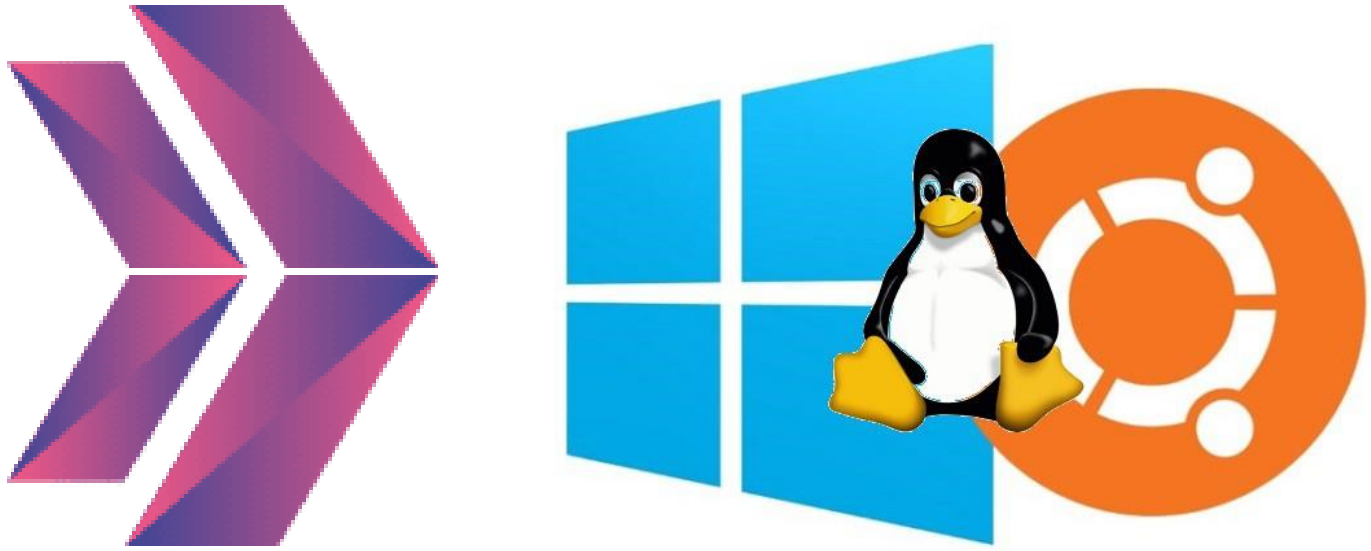
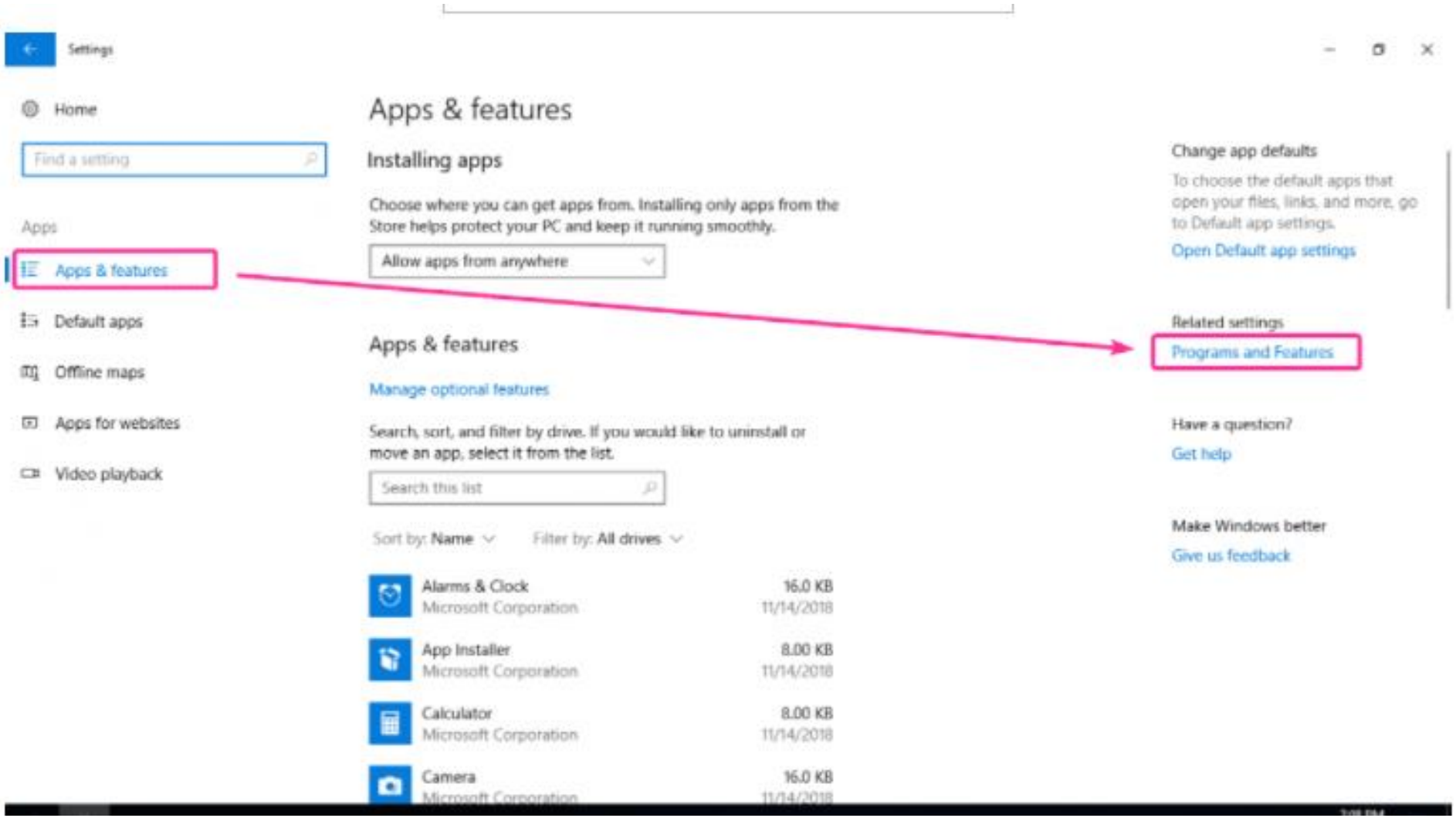


How to Install WSL2 on Windows

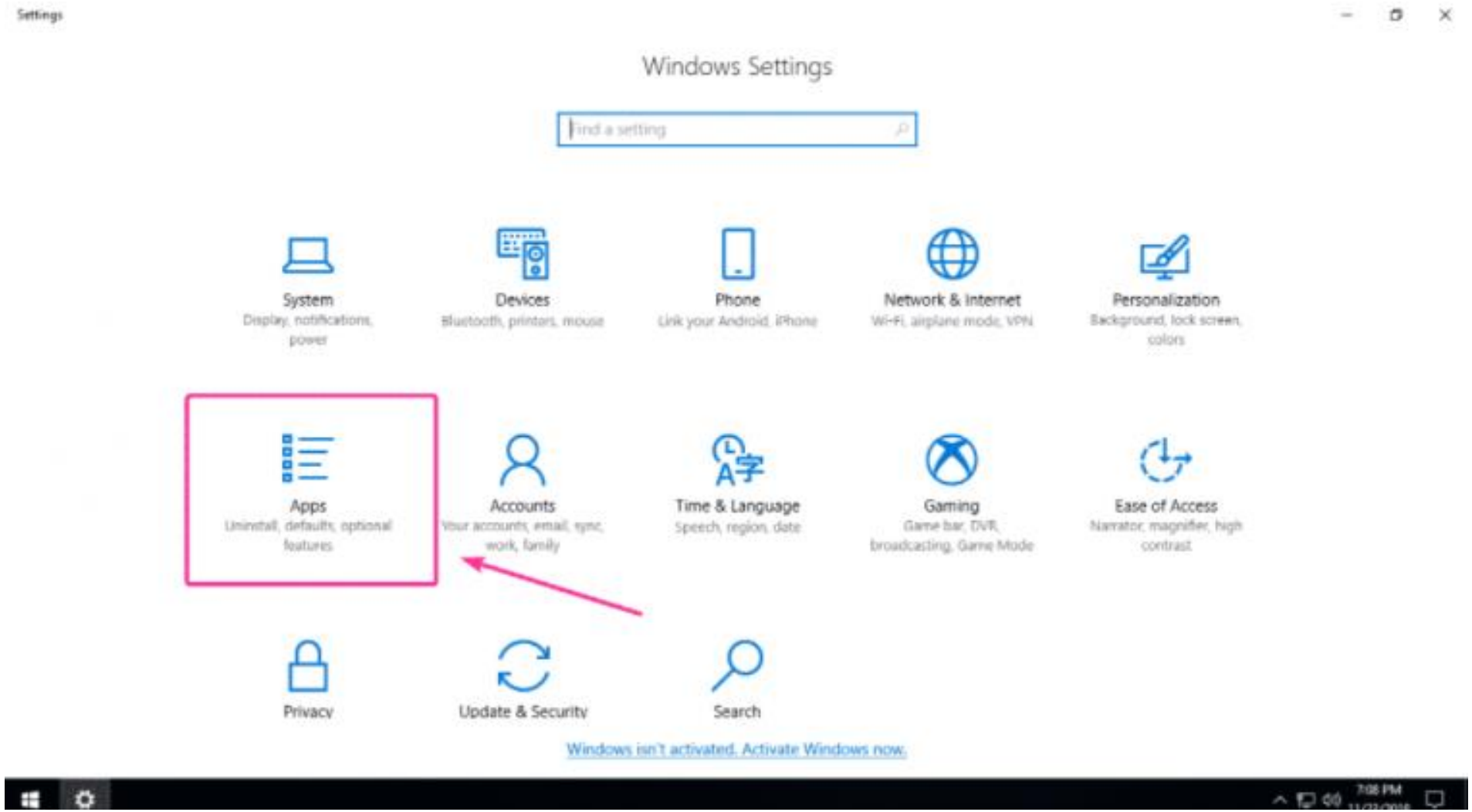
Enabling WSL:

First, you have to enable WSL on Windows 10. It is really easy. First, go to the **Settings** app from the **Start** menu.

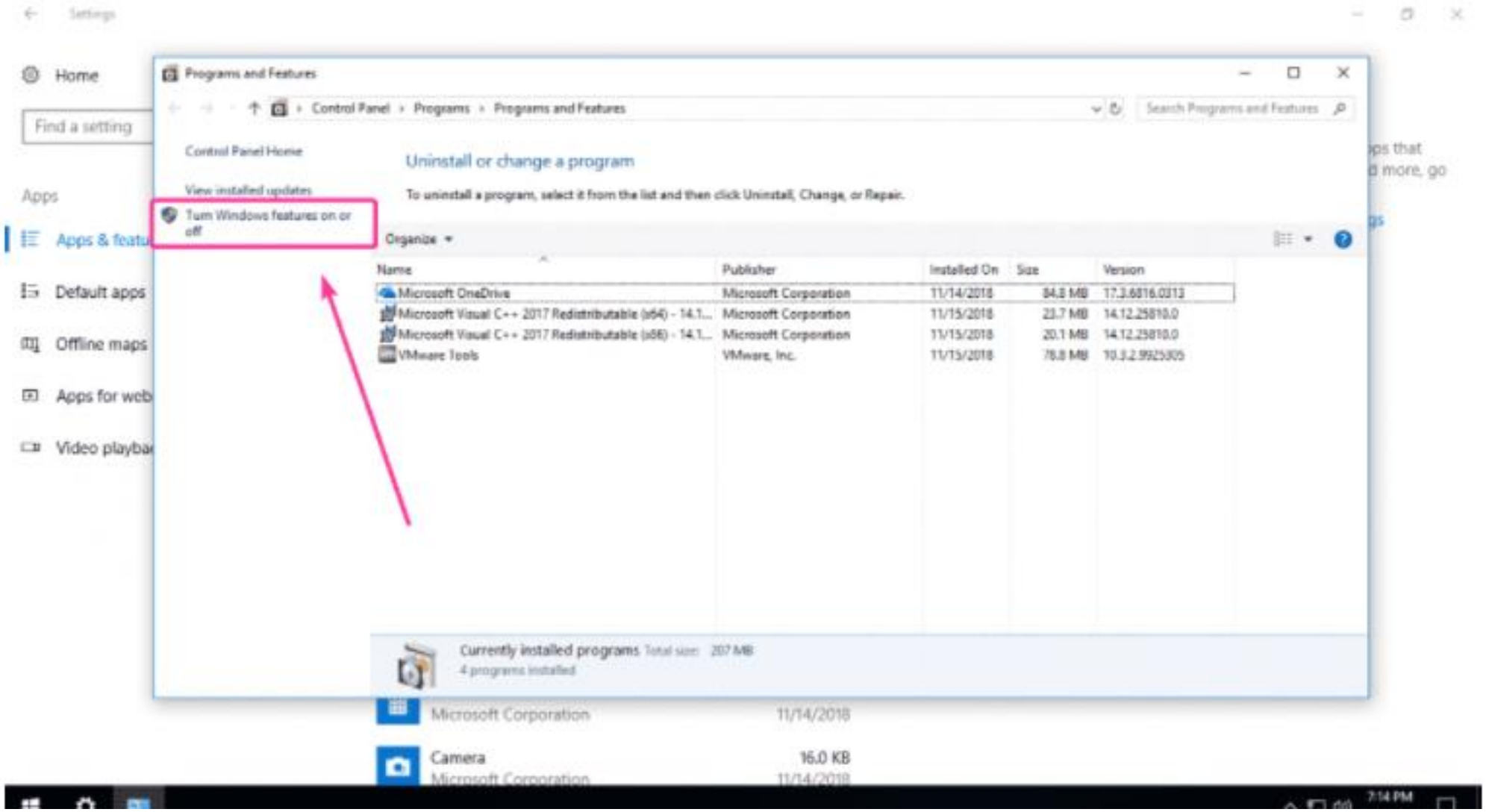
Now, from the **Apps & features** tab, click on **Programs and Features** as marked in the screenshot below.



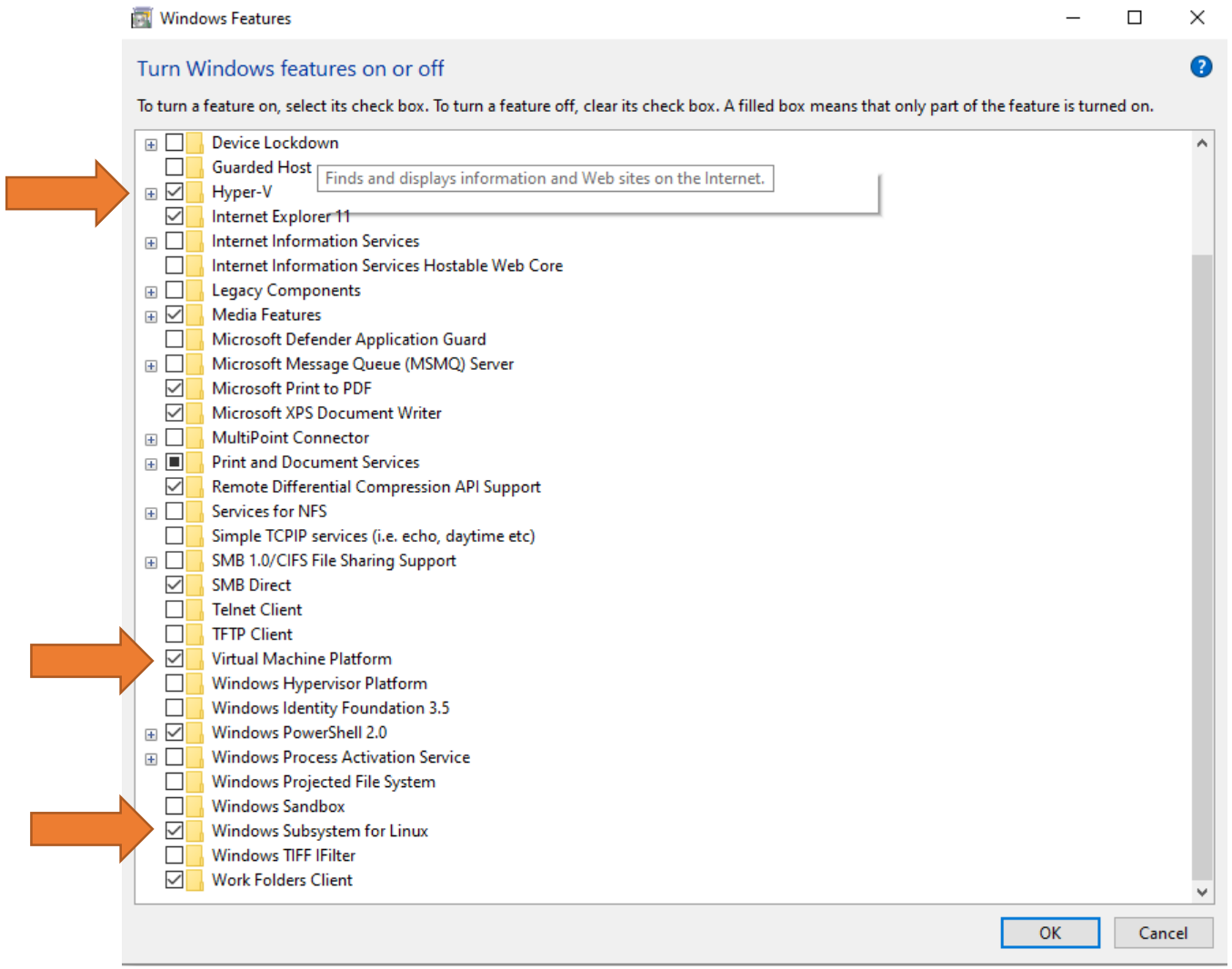
Now click on Apps.



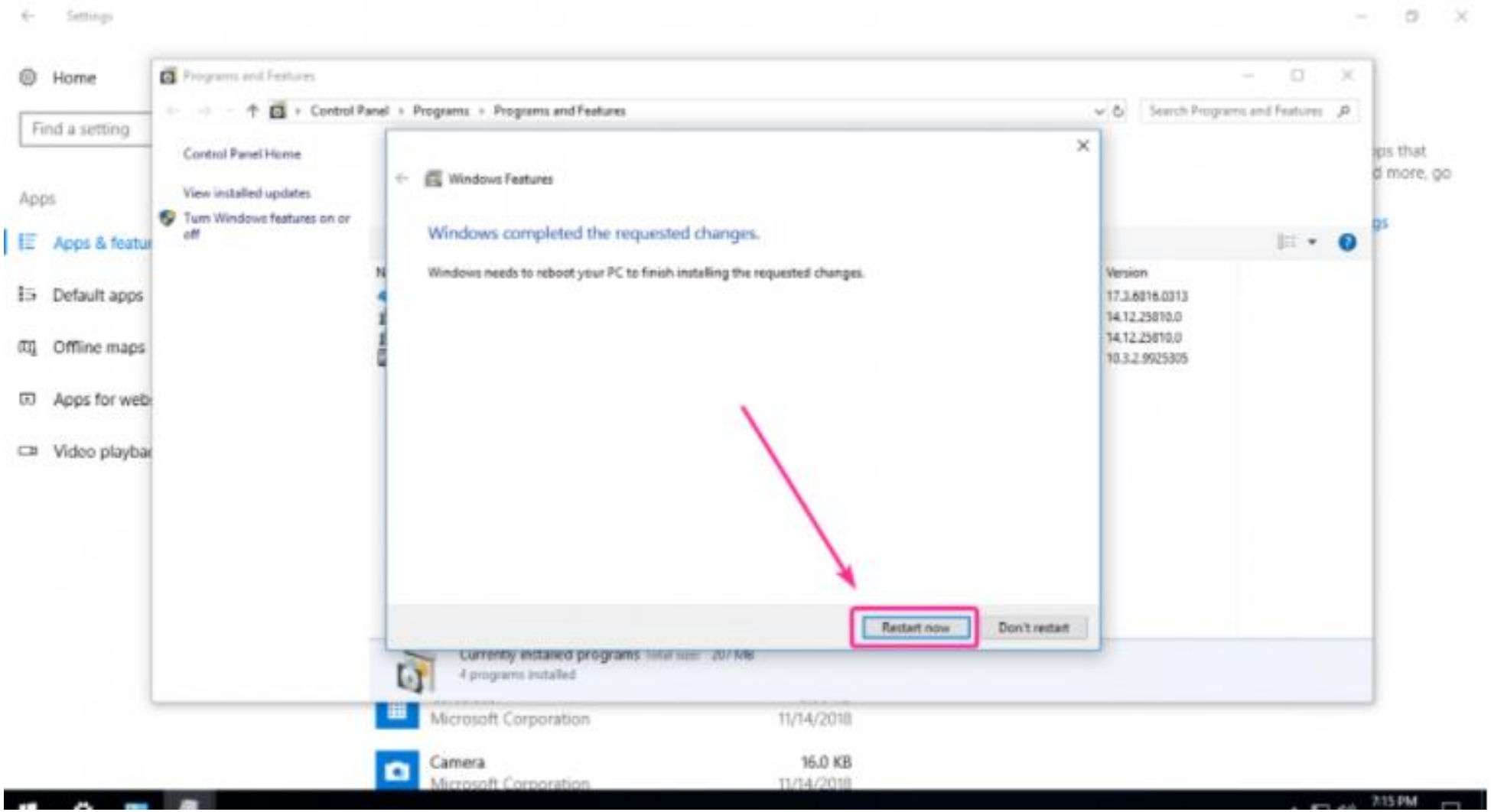
Now click on **Turn Windows features on or off** from the **Programs and Features** as marked in the screenshot below.



Now, check the **Windows Subsystem for Linux, Hyper-V, Virtual Machine Platform** checkboxes as marked in the screenshot below and click ok **OK**.

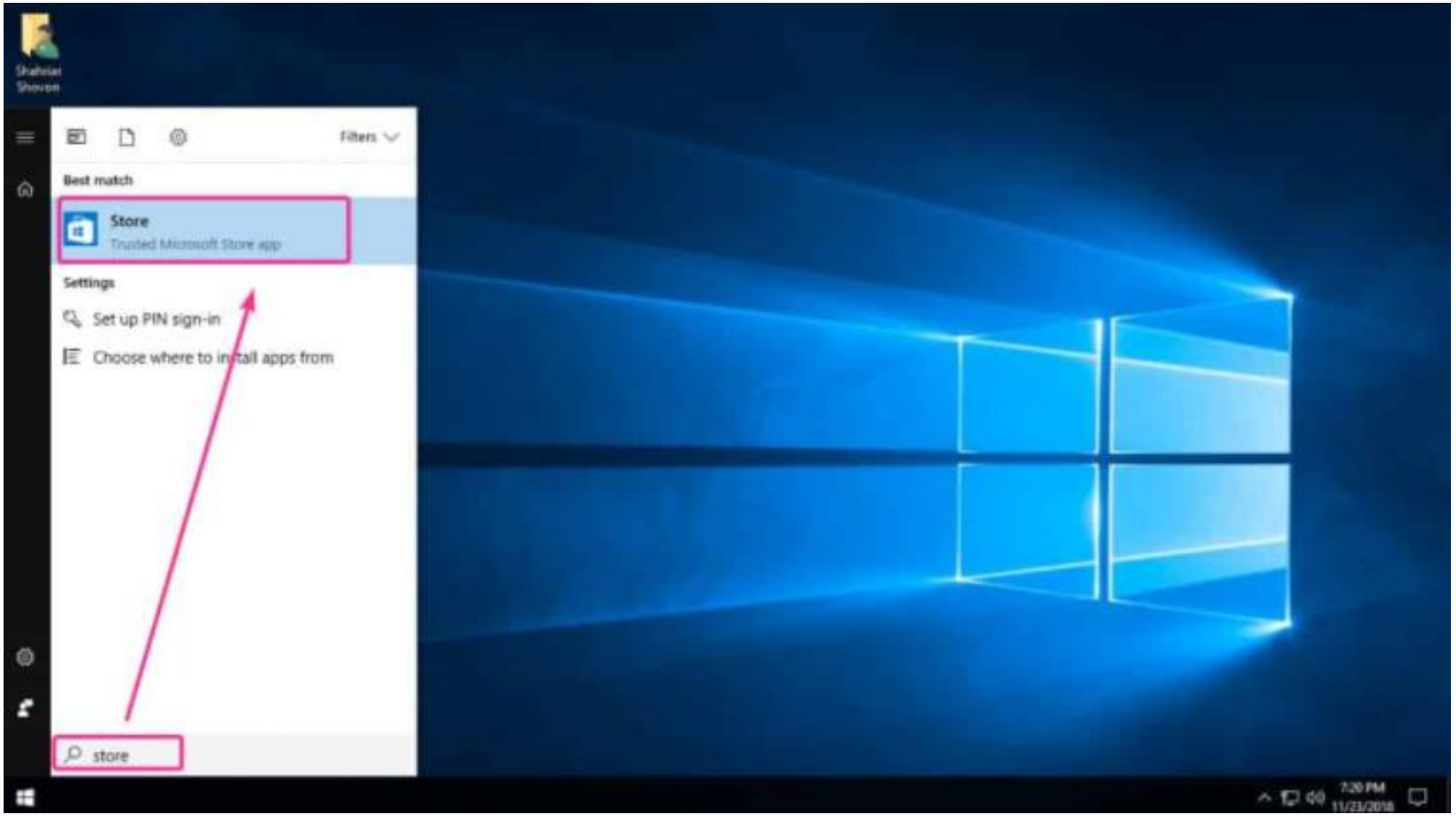


Now, click on **Restart now**. Windows 10 should reboot.

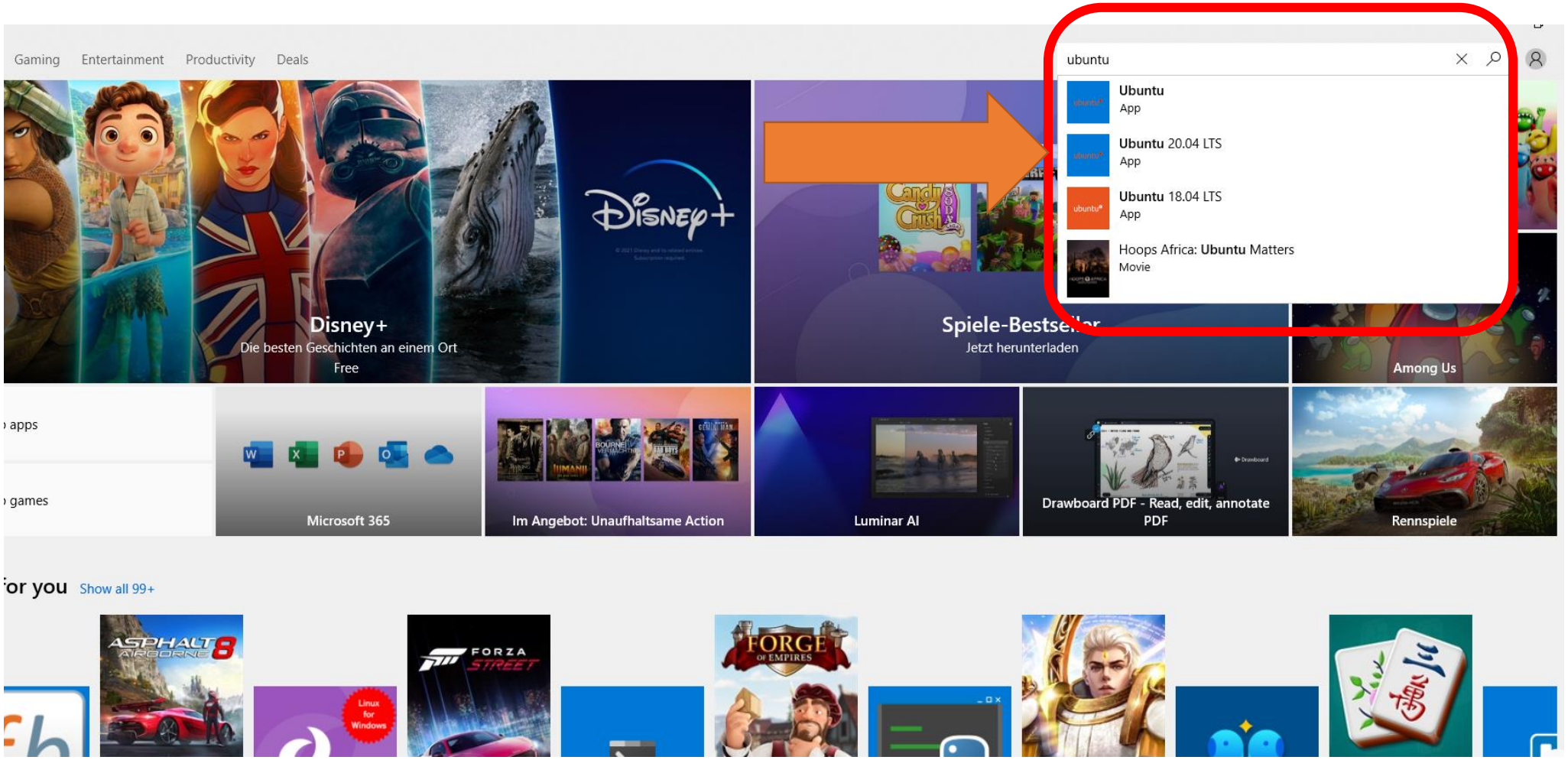


Installing and Configuring Ubuntu on Windows 10 WSL:

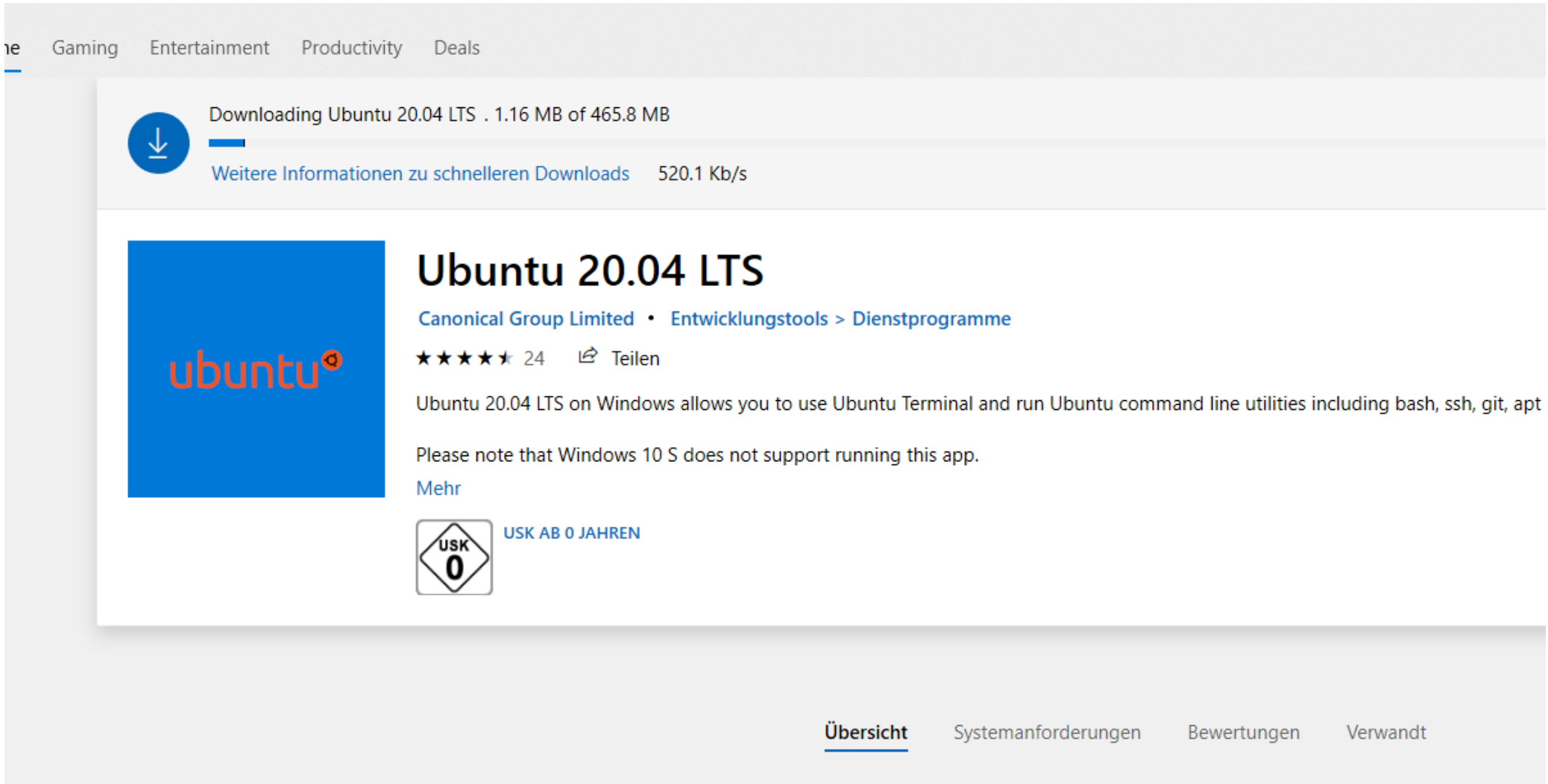
Once your computer starts, open **Microsoft Store** from the **Start** menu as shown in the screenshot below.



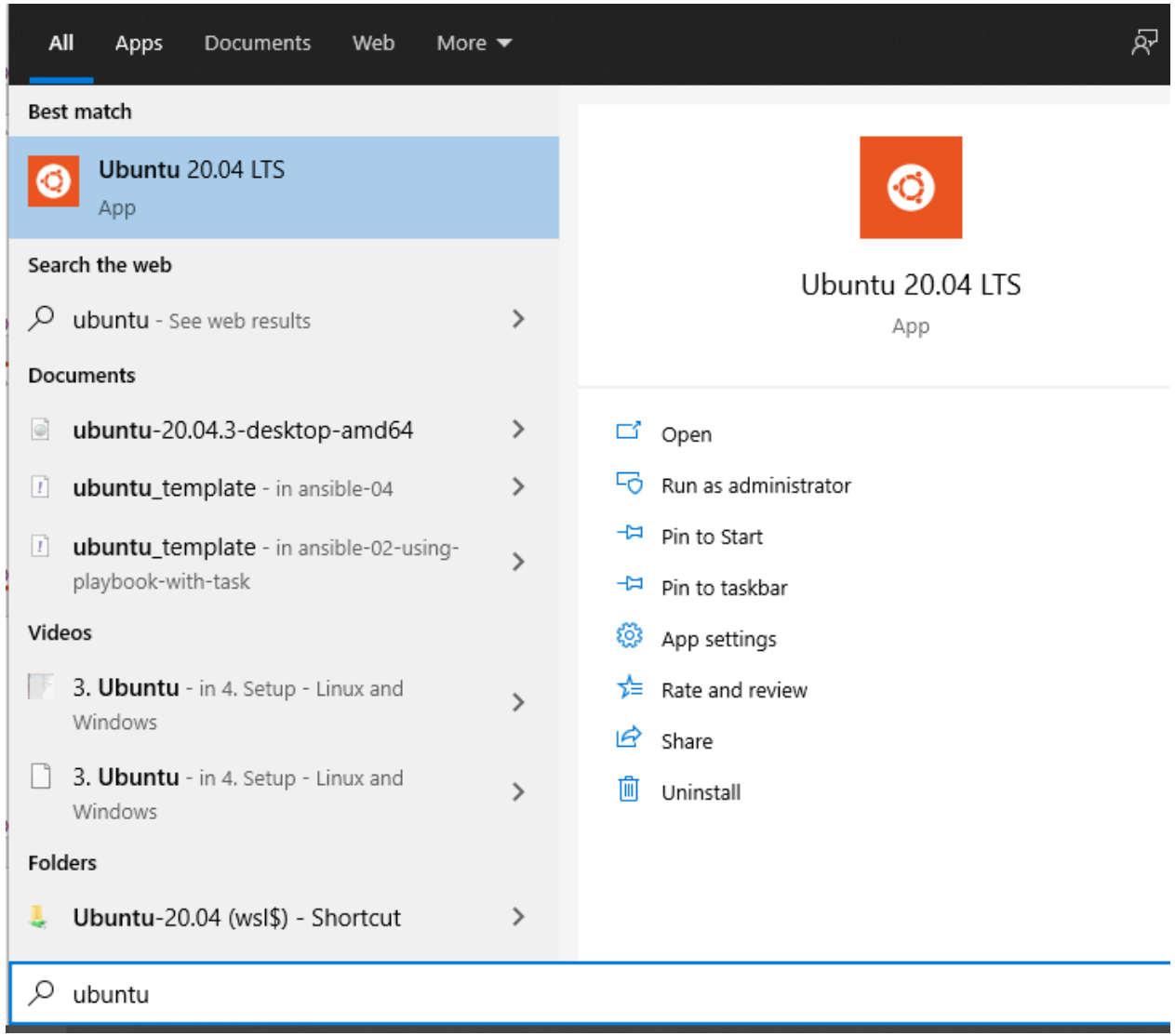
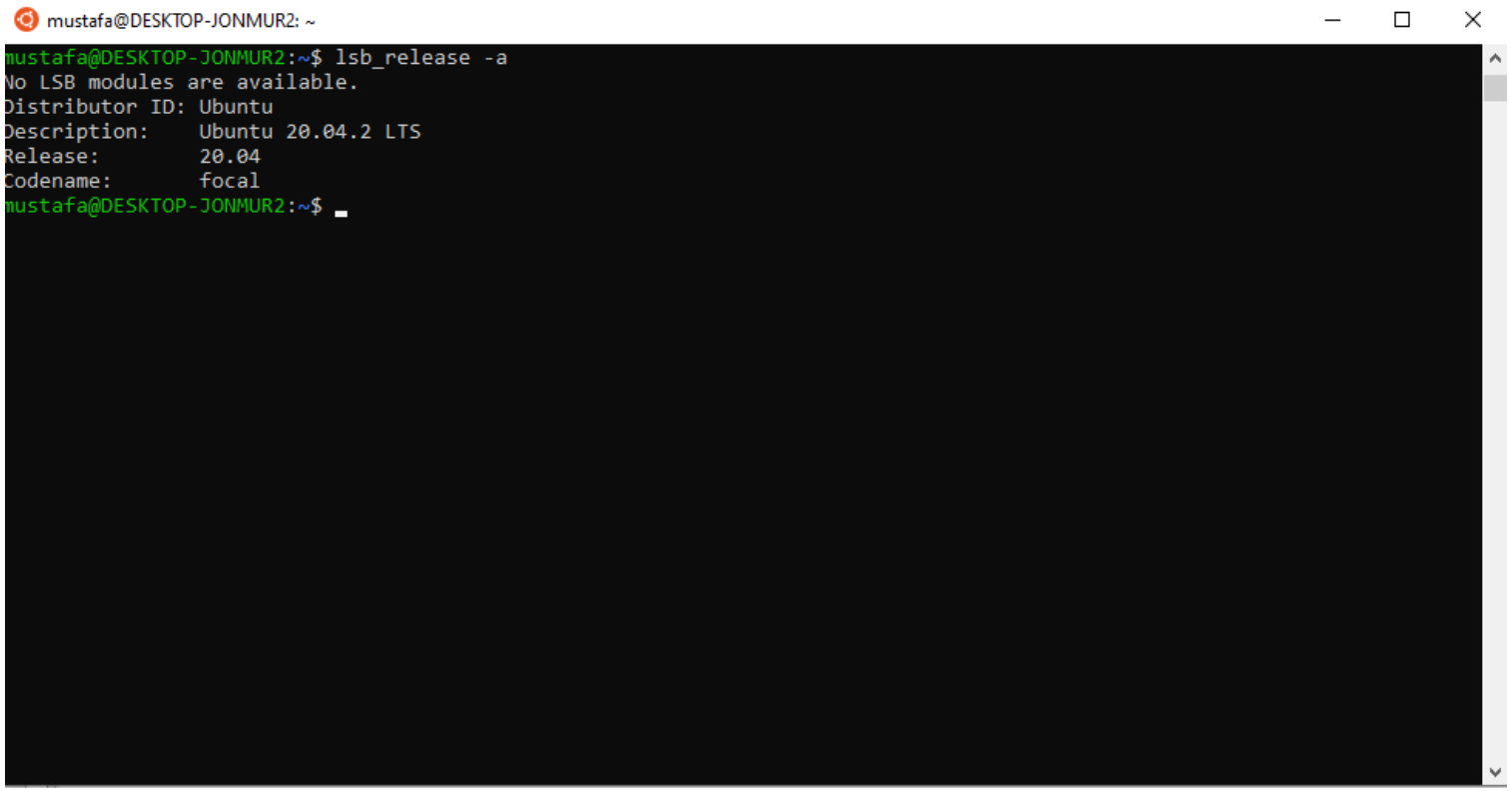
Now, search for **ubuntu**. As you can see in the screenshot below, you can install Ubuntu 20.04 LTS or Ubuntu 18.04 LTS at the time of this writing.



As you can see, Ubuntu is being installed from the Microsoft Store. It may take a while to complete.



Now, start **Ubuntu** from the **Start** menu as shown in the screenshot below.



* Now, you have to create a user account on Ubuntu. Type in the username and press **<Enter>**.
* Then, type in a new password for the username you picked and press **<Enter>**.
* Then, retype the password and press **<Enter>**.
* A new user for Ubuntu should be created.
* Finally, you can run any Ubuntu Linux command here. I ran the **lsb_release -a** command and as you can see in the screenshot below, I am running Ubuntu 16.04.5 LTS on Windows 10 through WSL.