

WSL2 Distro Uninstallation

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The uninstall process of WSL2 (Windows Subsystem for Linux 2) requires multiple steps, including removing the distro, kernel update, and other components.

Step 1: Terminate all Linux distros on WSL

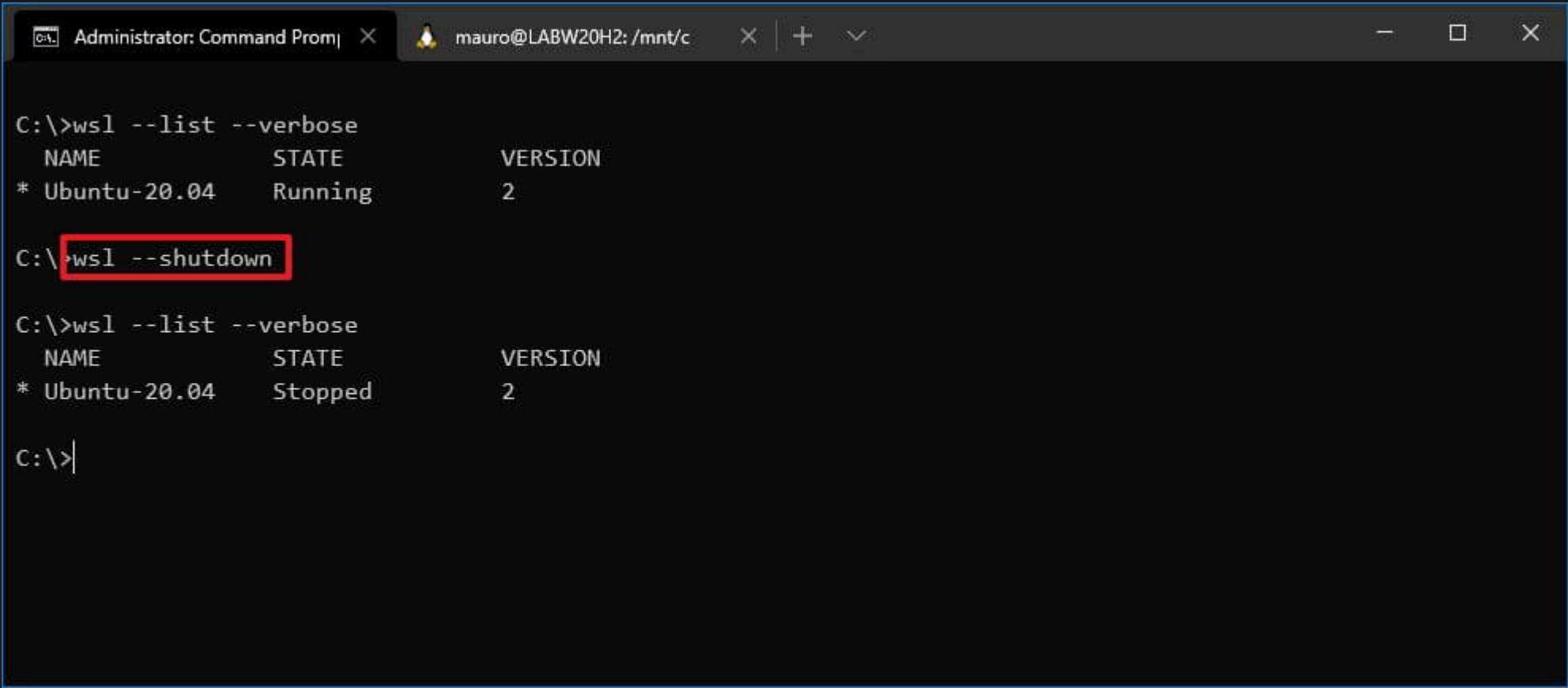
To shut down all the WSL distros running on Windows 10 (or 11), use these steps:

- Open Start.
- Search for Command Prompt (or PowerShell), right-click the top result and select the Run as administrator option.
- Type the following command to view all running WSL distros and press Enter:

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wsl --list --verbose
```

- Type the following command to shut down the Linux distributions on Windows 11 or 10 and press Enter:

```
wsl --shutdown
```

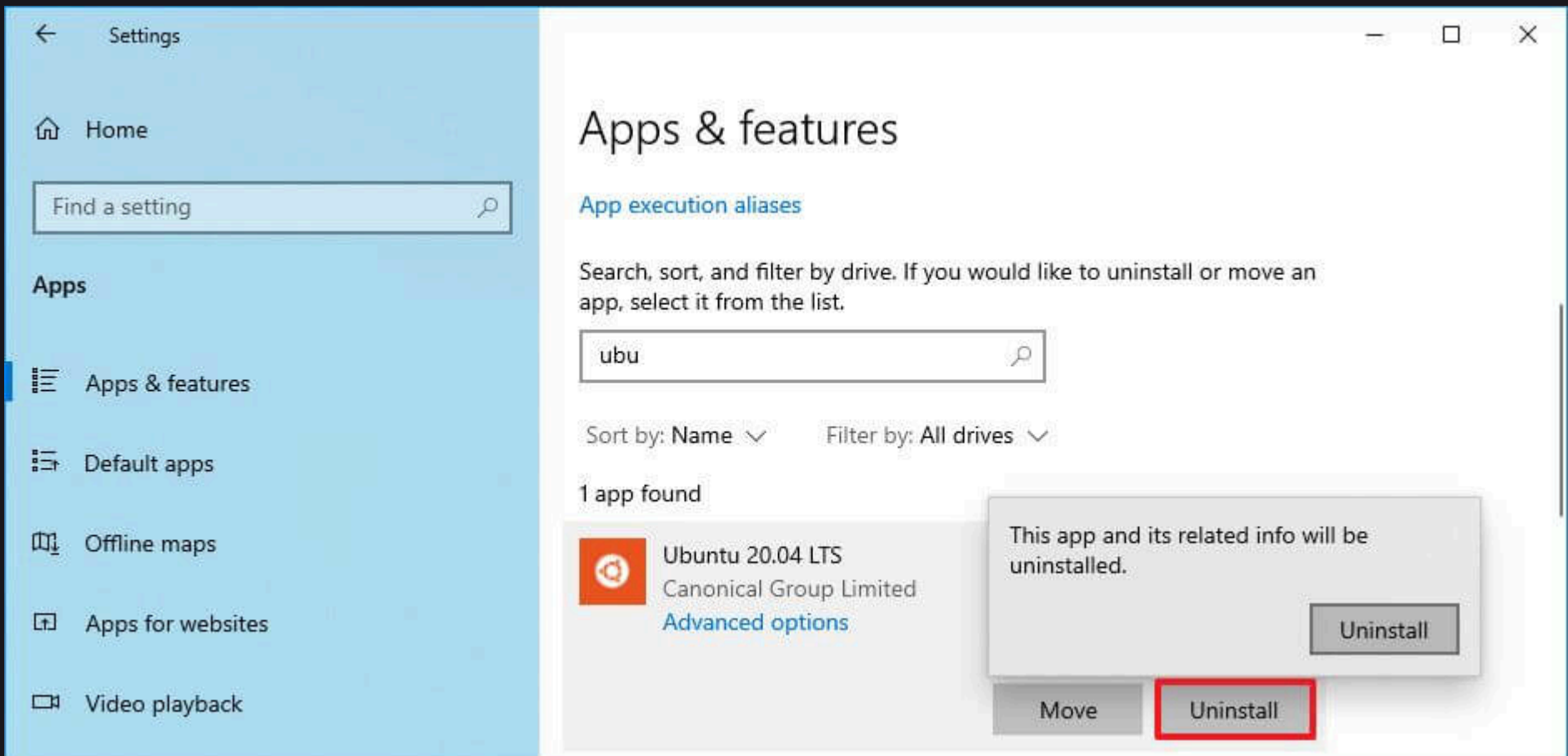


Step 2: Uninstall Linux distros from WSL2

To uninstall a distro of Linux, use these steps:

- Open Settings on Windows 10.
- Click on Apps.
- Click on Apps & features.

- Select the distribution of Linux and click the Uninstall button.



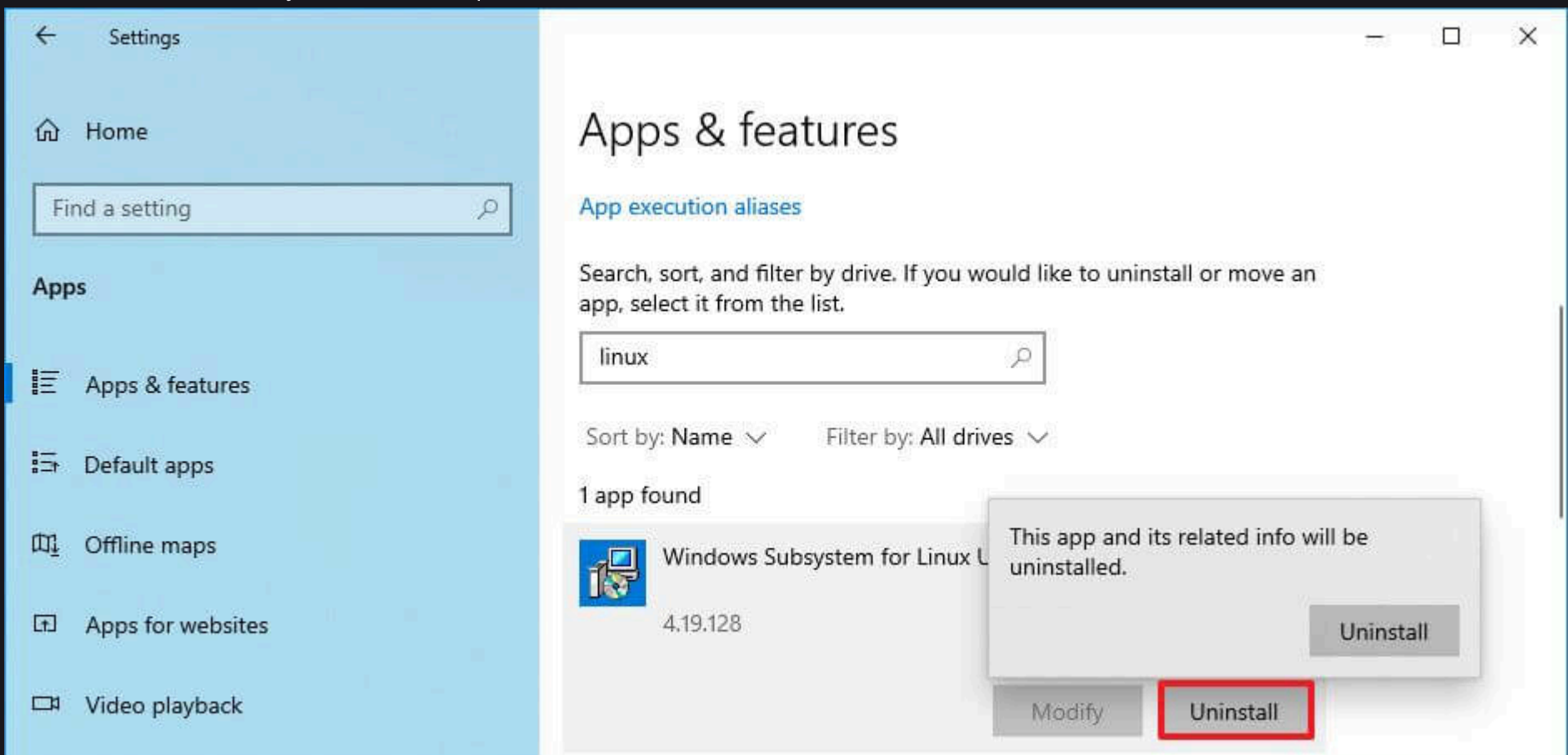
- Click the Uninstall button again.

! **Note:** Once you complete the steps, you may need to repeat the steps to continue removing additional distros as required.

Step 3: Uninstall Windows Subsystem for Linux update

To uninstall the WSL 2 Linux kernel update, use these steps:

- Open Settings.
- Click on Apps.
- Click on Apps & features.
- Select the Windows Subsystem for Linux update item and click the Uninstall button.



- Click the Uninstall button again.

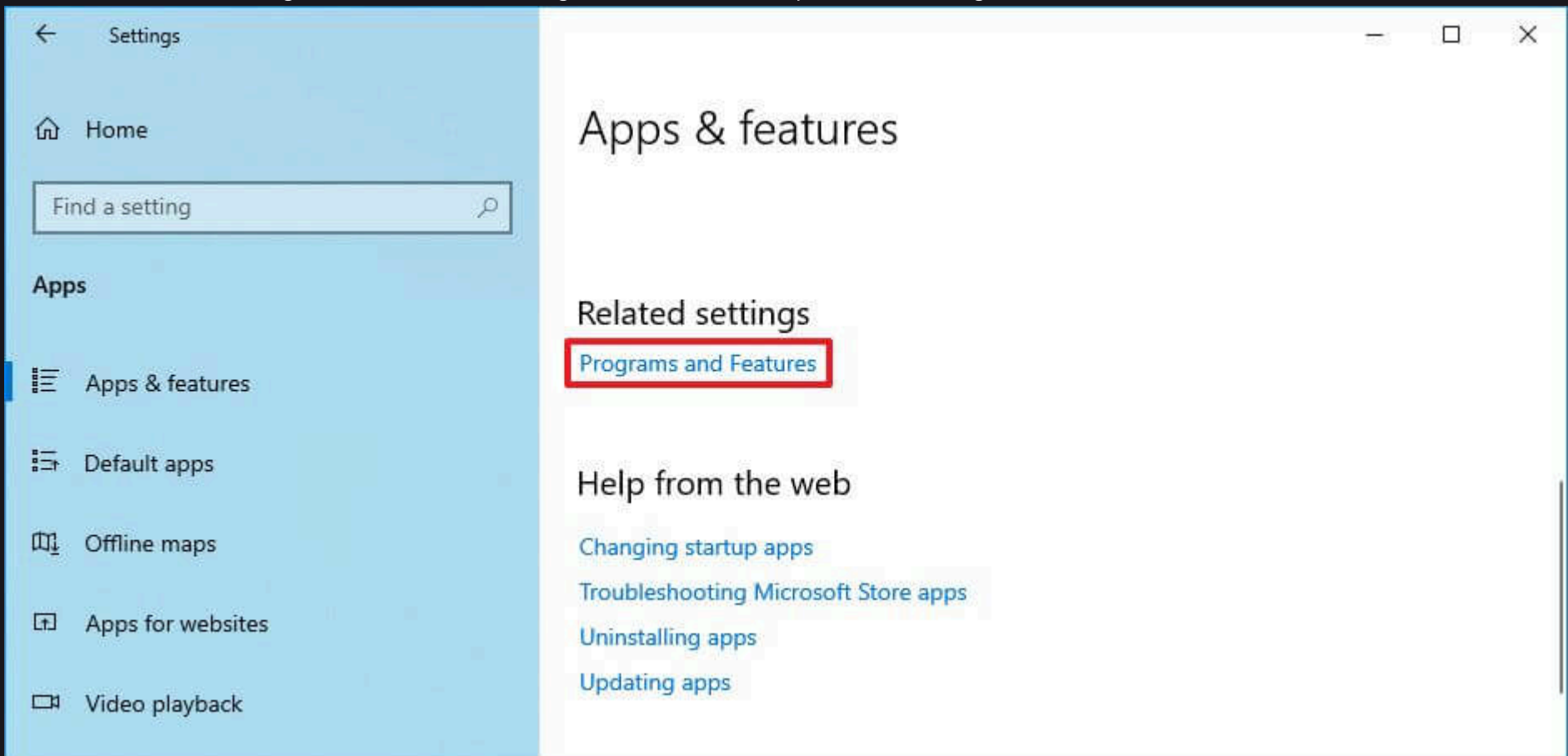
After you complete the steps, you can remove the remaining components.

Step 4: Uninstall WSL2 components

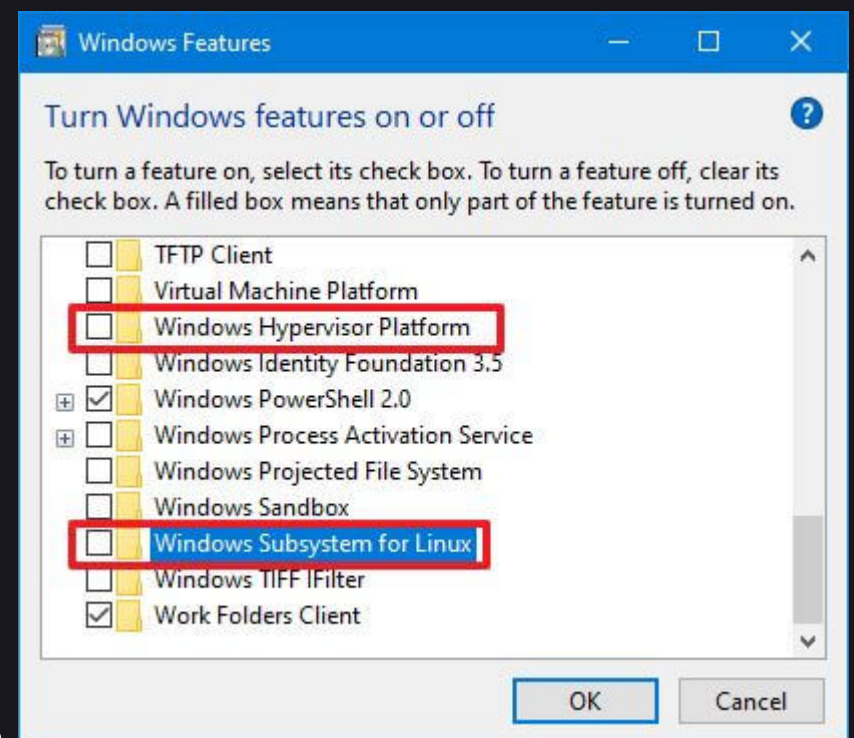
To disable the Windows Subsystem for Linux components, use these steps:

- Open Settings.
- Click on Apps.
- Click on Apps & features.

- Under the “Related settings” section, click the Programs and Features option from the right side.



- Click the Turn Windows features on or off option.



- Clear the Virtual Machine Platform option and Windows Subsystem for Linux option.
- Click the OK button.
- Click the Restart now button.

Once you complete the steps, the Windows Subsystem for Linux will be completely uninstalled from your computer.

You can use `devNext --help` or `devNext <command> --help` for more options/help

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