**How to Completely Uninstall the Subsystem for Linux WSL on Windows**

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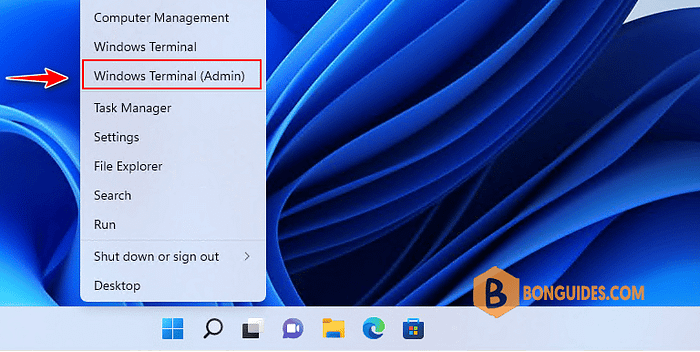
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In some cases, you want to completely uninstall the WSL Windows Subsystem for Linux in Windows 10/11. There are two ways to it:

* Uninstall WSL using PowerShell.
* Uninstall WSL from Windows Settings.

**Completely Uninstall the Subsystem for Linux (PowerShell)**

1. Right-click the Windows Start icon to open **Windows Terminal Admin.**In Windows 10, select **Windows PowerShell Admin** instead of Terminal.



2. Run **wsl -l -v** to get the list of the installed WSL instances on your computer.

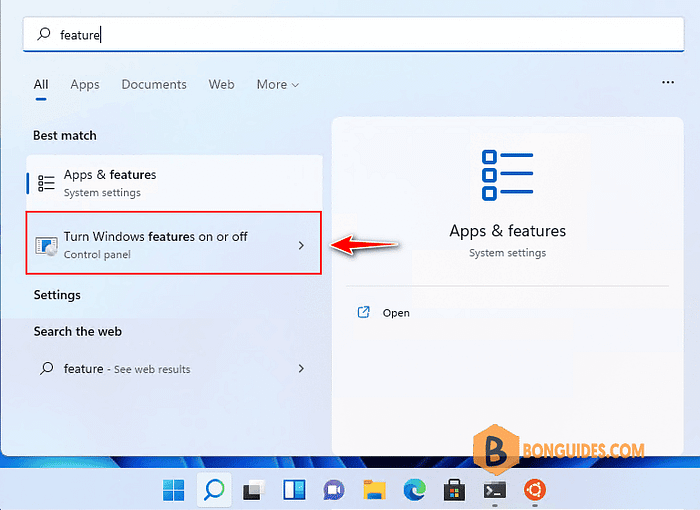
3. Next, remove the installed distributions using the **–unregister** parameter.

4. Re-run the wsl -l -v command to check if all the WSL instances got removed.

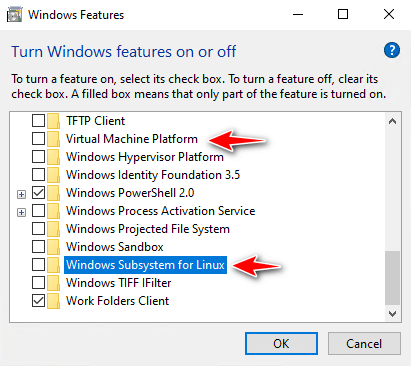
5. After running the unregister command, you can check the virtual hard disk is removed from this location:

C:\Users\<username>\AppData\Local\Packages\LocalState\

6. Search for **feature**, then open Turn Windows features on or off.



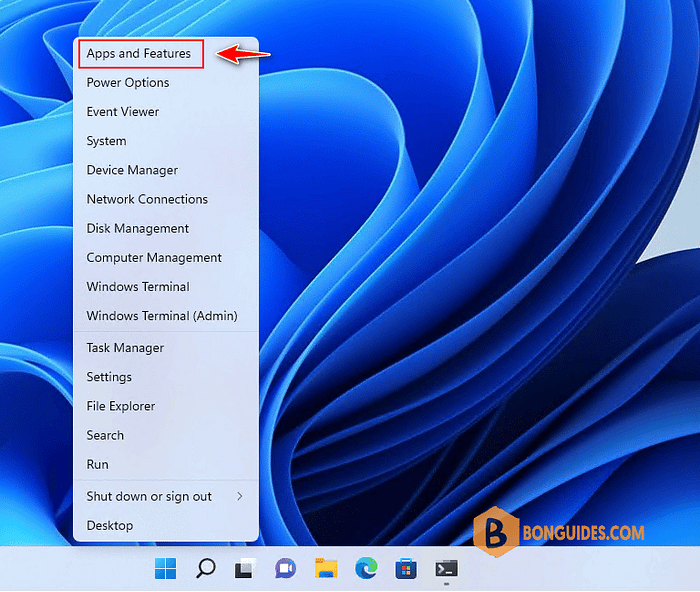
7. Finally, remove **Virtual Machine Platform** and **Windows Subsystem for Linux** features from Windows Features then restart your computer.



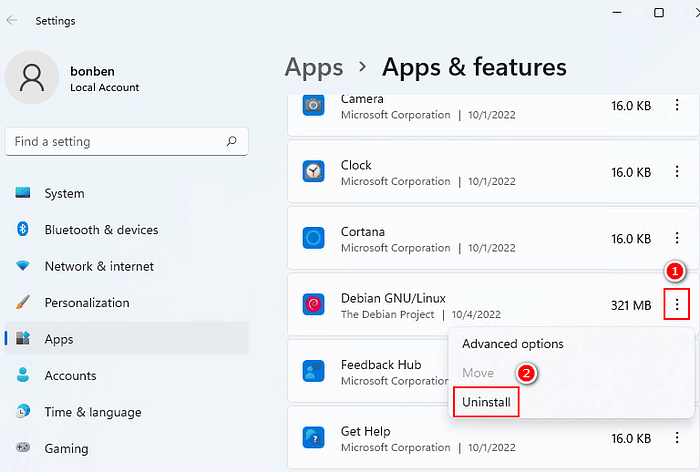
**Completely Uninstall the Subsystem for Linux (Windows Settings)**

Alternatively, you can remove the installed distributions from Apps and Features in Windows Settings.

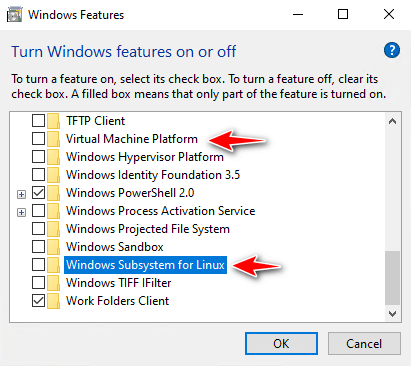
1. Right-click on the Windows start icon, then select Apps and Features.



2. Under App & features, select the Linux distribution that you want to remove, then choose the **Uninstall**button.



3. Once done, remove the **Virtual Machine Platform** and **Windows Subsystem for Linux** features from Windows Features to completely uninstall WSL in Windows 11.



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