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How to Reset Passwords in Windows 11

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This post shows students and new users how to change or reset their passwords in Windows 11.

Windows 11 allows you to change your password if you can not remember your current password. This can be done easily as long as you remember key password hints and have an online account.

Resetting passwords in Windows works similar to that of any other system. Usually you type in password hints when settings creating new passwords. In the event that you forget, complete the password hints and reset it.

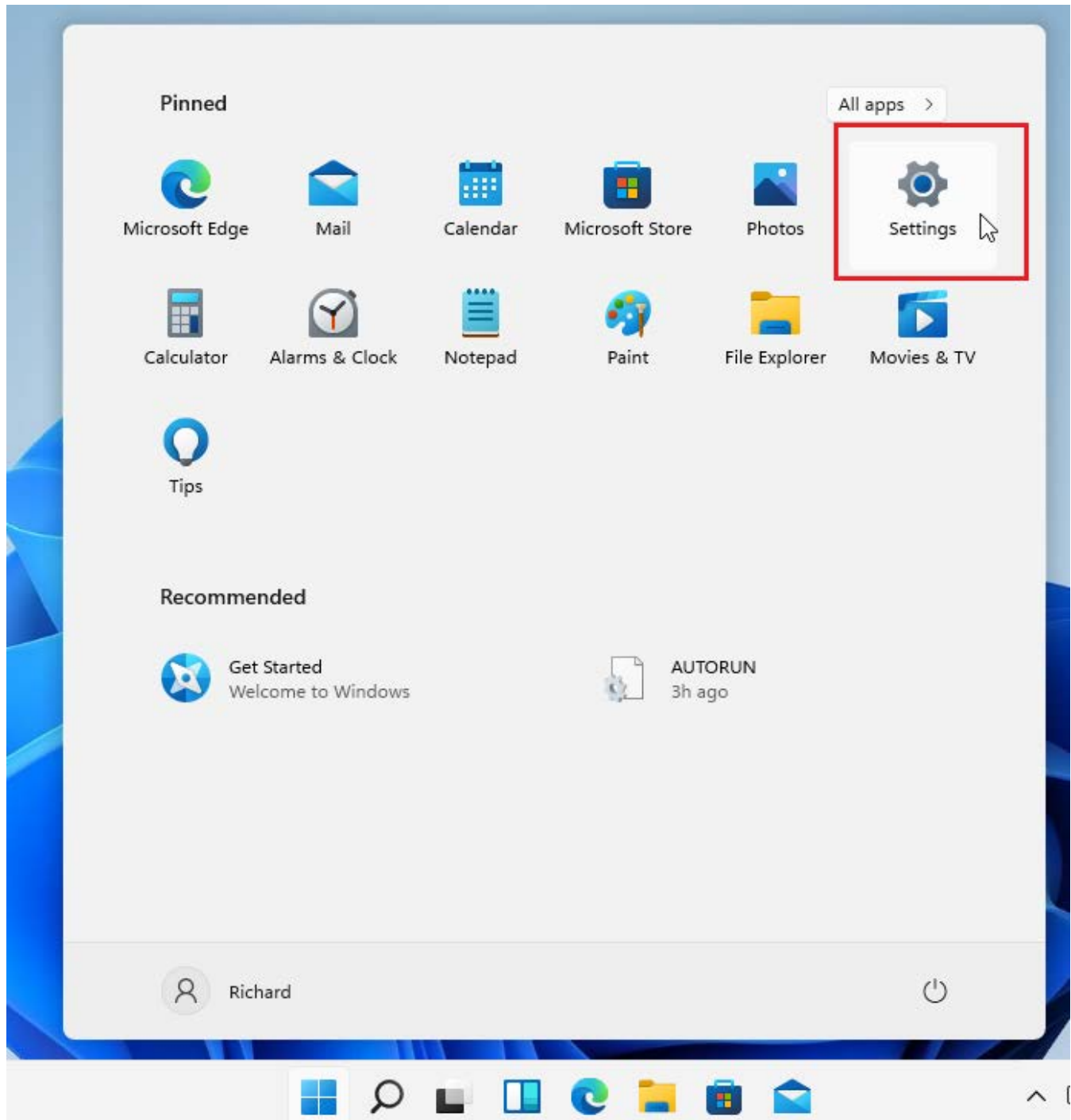
If you're a student or new user looking for a Windows computer to use, the easiest place to start is Windows 11. Windows 11 is a major release of the Windows NT operating system developed by Microsoft. Windows 11 is the successor to Windows 10 and it's expected to be released later this year.

To get started with resetting your password in Windows 11, follow the steps below.

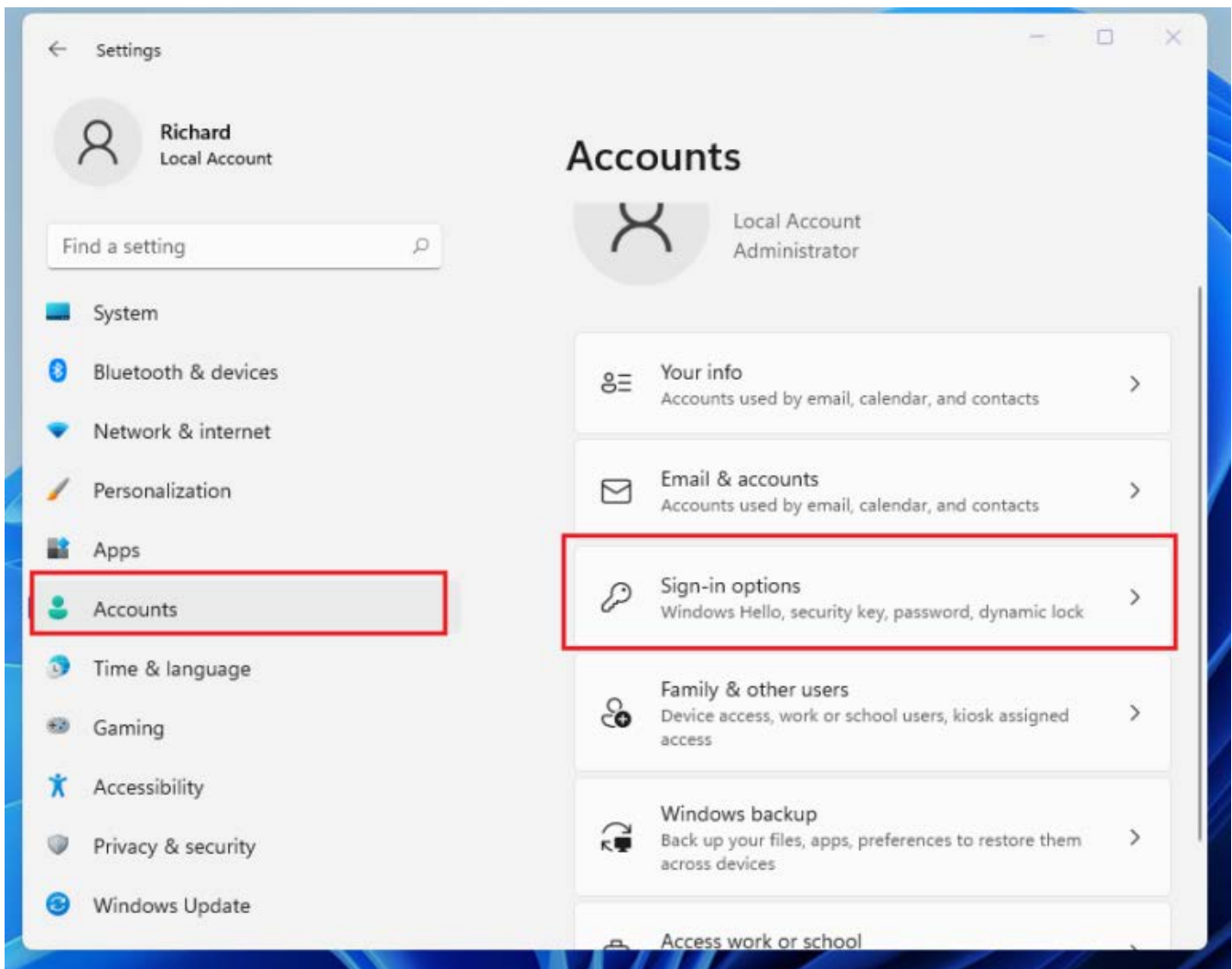
Changing your Password in Windows 11

If you already know your password, then simply use the steps below to change it.

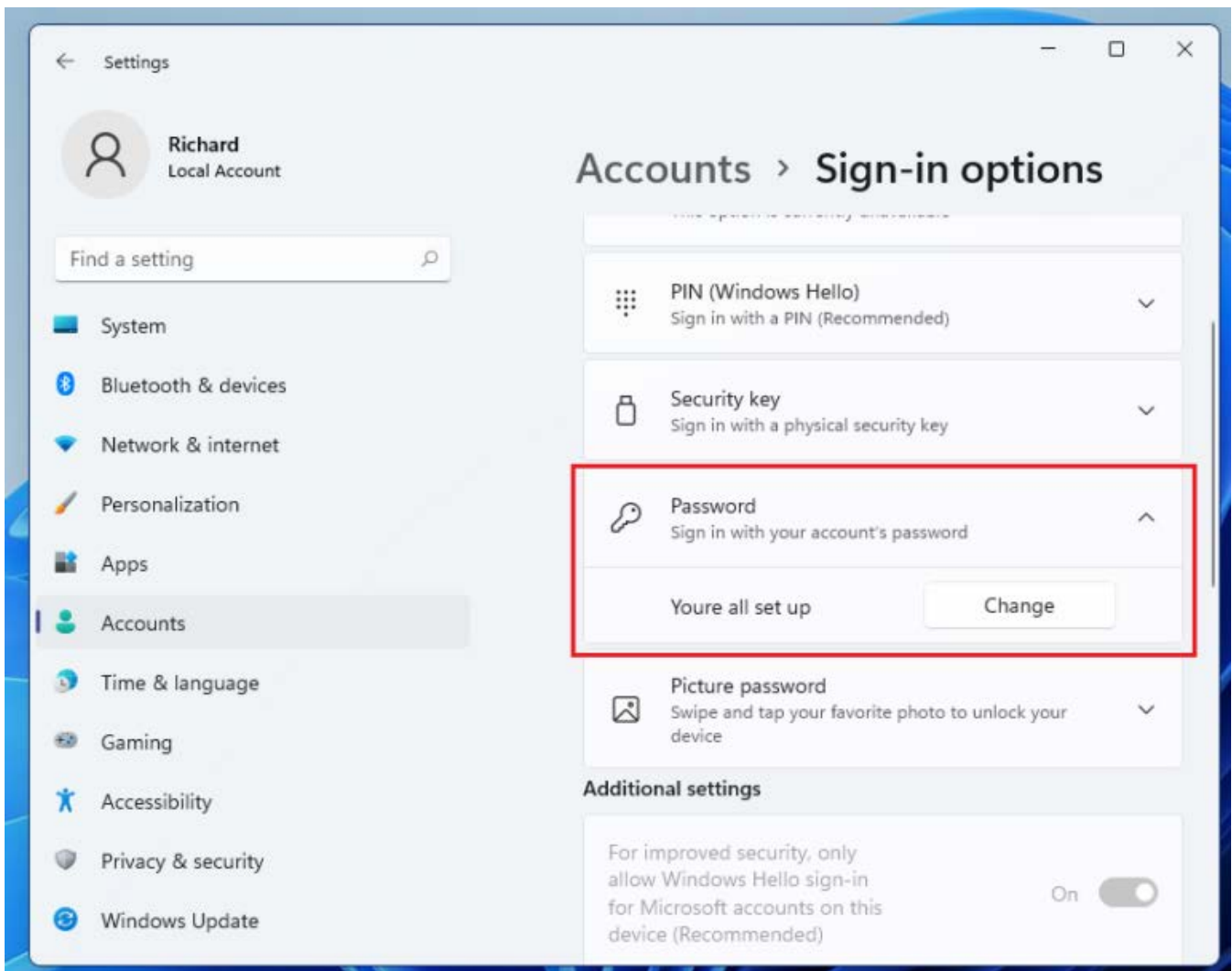
Select **Start** and go to **Settings** as show in the image below.



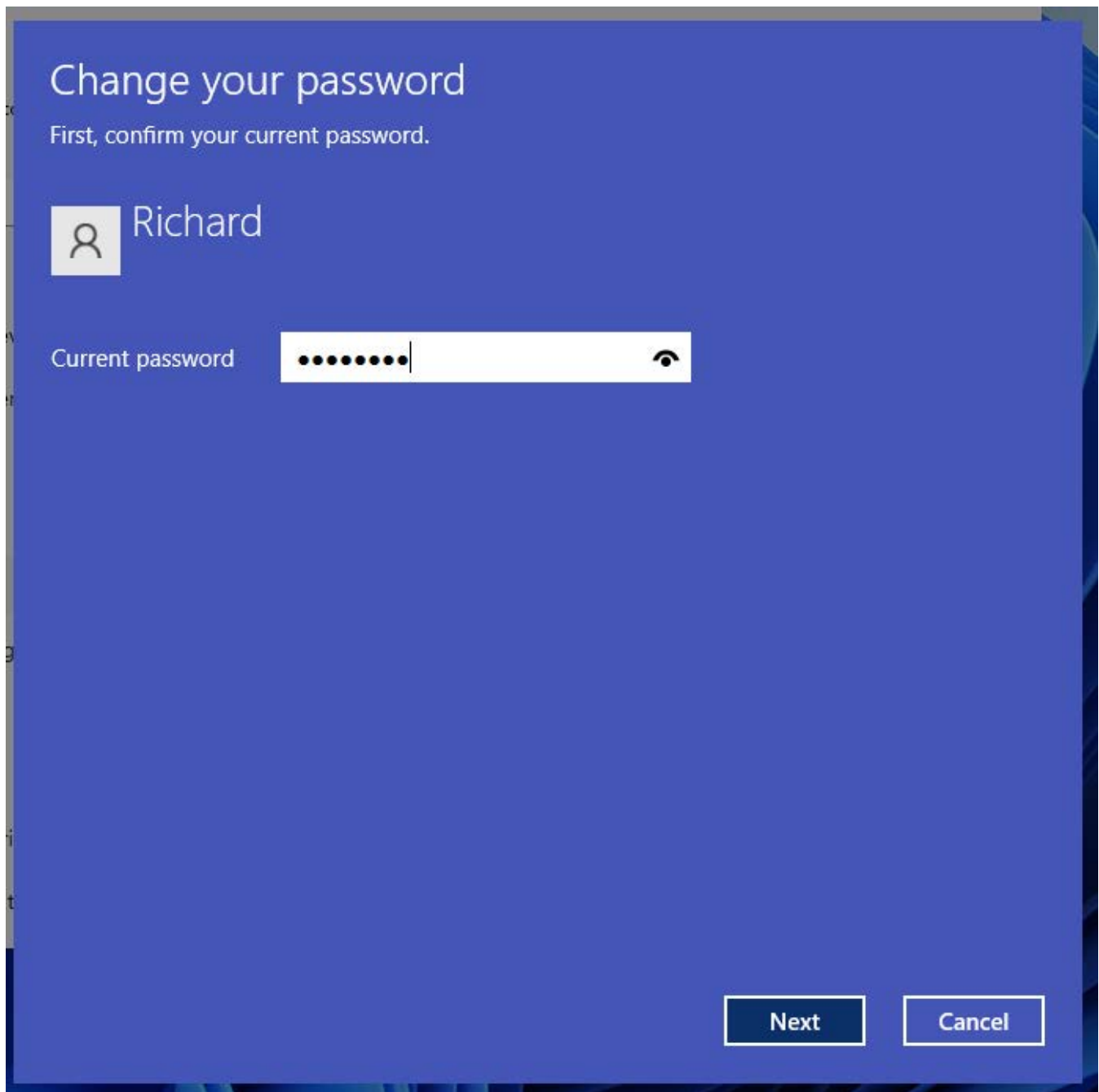
In the System setting page, go to **Accounts > Sign-in options**. The Sign-in options allows you to reset passwords, security key, Windows Hello and others.



Under **Password**, select the **Change** button and follow the steps.




Follow the steps to change your current password. You'll be prompted to type in your current password. If you do not know your current you won't be able to change it.



Change your password

First, confirm your current password.

 Richard

Current password

Next Cancel

Complete the password change process and you're done.

Note: The above process will only work if you know your current password. If you don't, then continue below.

Reset your Password in Windows 11

If you've forgotten or lost your Windows 11 password for a local account and need to sign back in to your computer, then continue below to learn how to reset your password and gain access to your computer.

For all Windows 11 editions, internet access is required to perform updates and to download and take advantage of some features. A Microsoft account is required for some features.

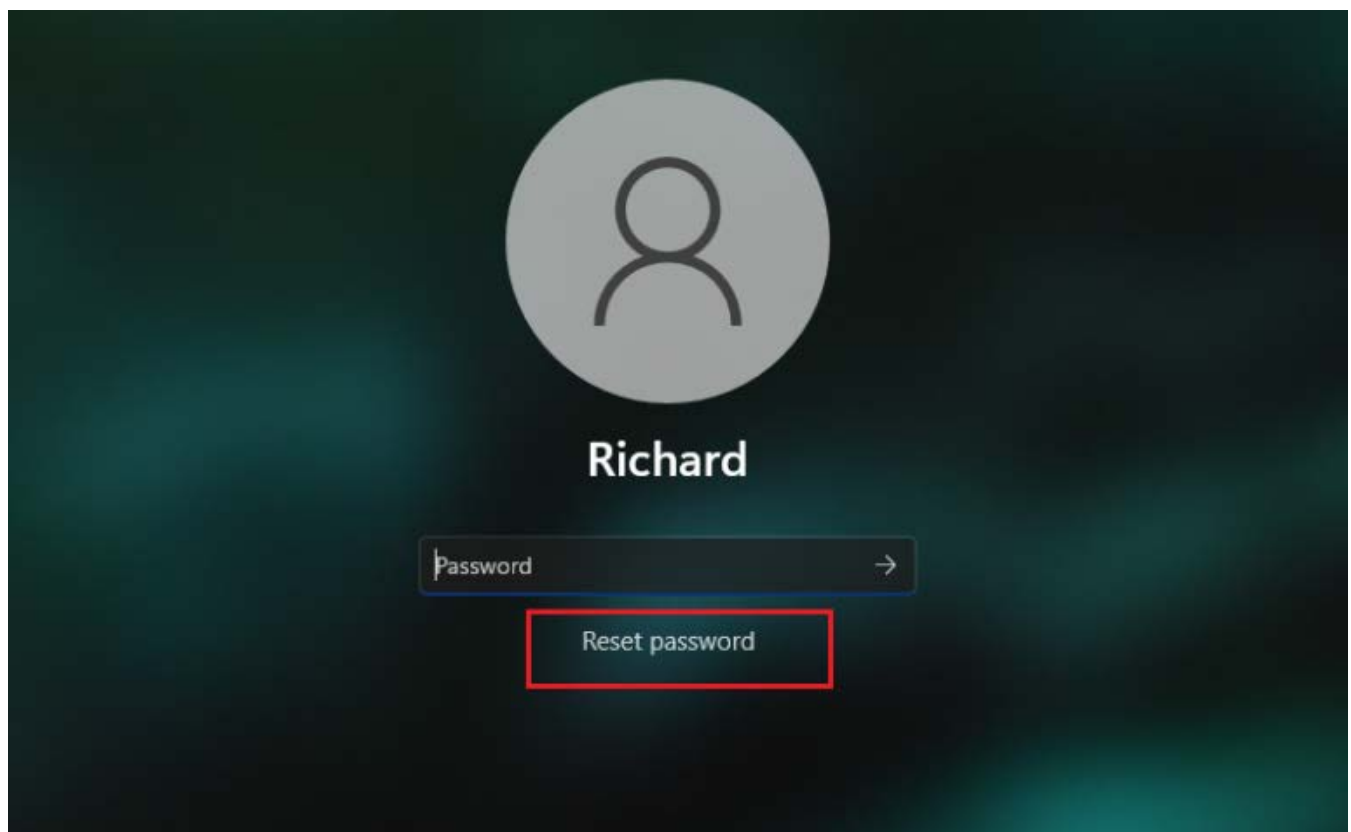
For some Windows 11 devices, an internet and Microsoft account will be required for password change and reset. You can reset your Microsoft account online using the email address registered and signed in with.

If you sign in with Microsoft account, then go to the link below to reset your account.

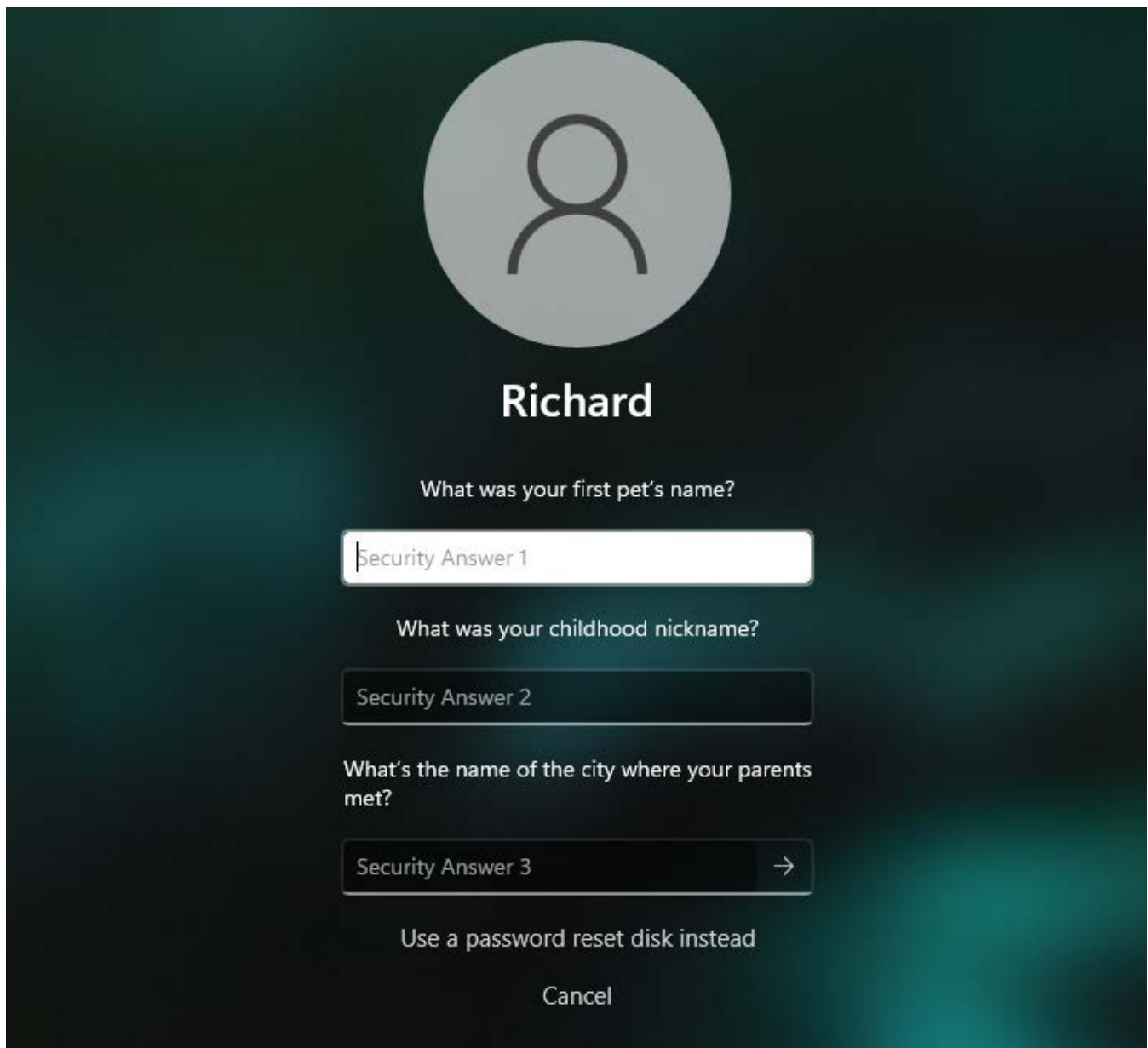
[Microsoft account | Sign In or Create Your Account Today – Microsoft](#)

If you sign in with a local account, then use the steps below:

On the login screen, type the password you think it's correct. If it comes back as incorrect, then select the **Reset password** link on the sign-in screen.



At the reset link, enter the security questions provided. This will be the same you answered when you first setup your machine.



The image shows a Windows 11 password reset screen. At the top, there is a circular profile picture placeholder with a person icon. Below it, the name "Richard" is displayed. The screen then asks three security questions, each with a corresponding text input field:

- Question: "What was your first pet's name?"
Input field: "Security Answer 1"
- Question: "What was your childhood nickname?"
Input field: "Security Answer 2"
- Question: "What's the name of the city where your parents met?"
Input field: "Security Answer 3" with a right arrow button

Below the questions, there is a link that says "Use a password reset disk instead" and a "Cancel" button at the bottom.

- Answer your security questions.
- Enter a new password.
- Sign in as usual with the new password.

Resetting your Computer

If you still can't answer the security questions above, you can't reset Microsoft online account and still not able to login, then another option will be to reset your device.

Resetting your device will permanently delete your data, programs and settings.

To reset your device, which will delete data, programs, and settings:

1. Press the **Shift** key while you select the **Power** button > **Restart** in the lower-right corner of the screen.
2. On the **Choose an option** screen, select **Troubleshoot** > **Reset this PC**.
3. Select **Remove** everything.

That should get you back into your machine.

Conclusion:

This post showed you how to change or reset your password in Windows 11. It also showed you how to reset your computer if you can't get into your computer with a password.

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