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Delete User Account in Windows 10

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How to Delete a User Account in Windows 10

You need a user account to use Windows, and if you share a single PC with other people, each person should have their own account. Each person can customize their account with their own settings and preferences, like a desktop background or screen saver. User accounts also help control which files and apps each person can use and what changes they can make to the PC.

If you have a user account on your PC that is not being used, you can permanently remove it by deleting it.

This tutorial will show you different ways on how to delete a user account to remove it from your Windows 10

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You must be signed in as an **administrator** to be able to delete a user account.

You will not be able to delete a user account that is currently signed in. You will need to **sign out** the user first.

 Be sure to always have at least one enabled administrator account on the PC to avoid not being able to perform actions that require administrator rights.

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>>> OPTION ONE <<<

How to Remove a User Account in Settings

1. Open **Settings**, and click/tap on the **Accounts** icon.
2. Click/tap on **Family & other people** on the left side, click/tap on an account (ex: "Brink2") you want to delete on the right side, and click/tap on **Remove**. (see screenshot below)

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Family & other people

Your family

Add your family so everybody gets their own sign-in and desktop. You can help kids stay safe with appropriate websites, time limits, apps, and games.

+ Add a family member

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Other people

Allow people who are not part of your family to sign in with their own accounts. This won't add them to your family.

+ Add someone else to this PC

Brink2
Local account

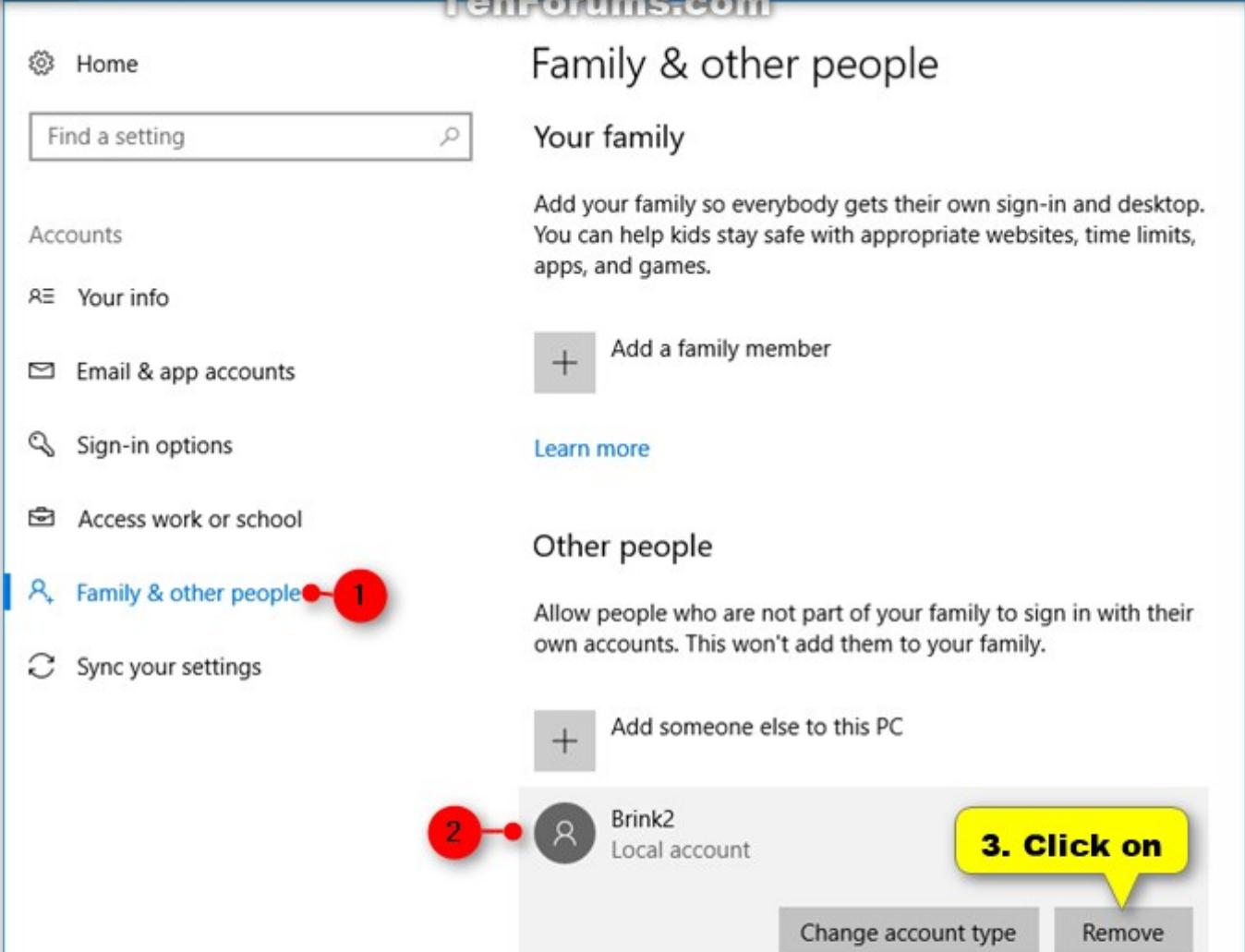
3. Click on

Change account type Remove

Set up assigned access

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3. Click/tap on Delete account and data to confirm. (see screenshot below)



4. When finished, you can close Settings if you like.

>>> OPTION TWO <<<

How to Delete a User Account in Control Panel

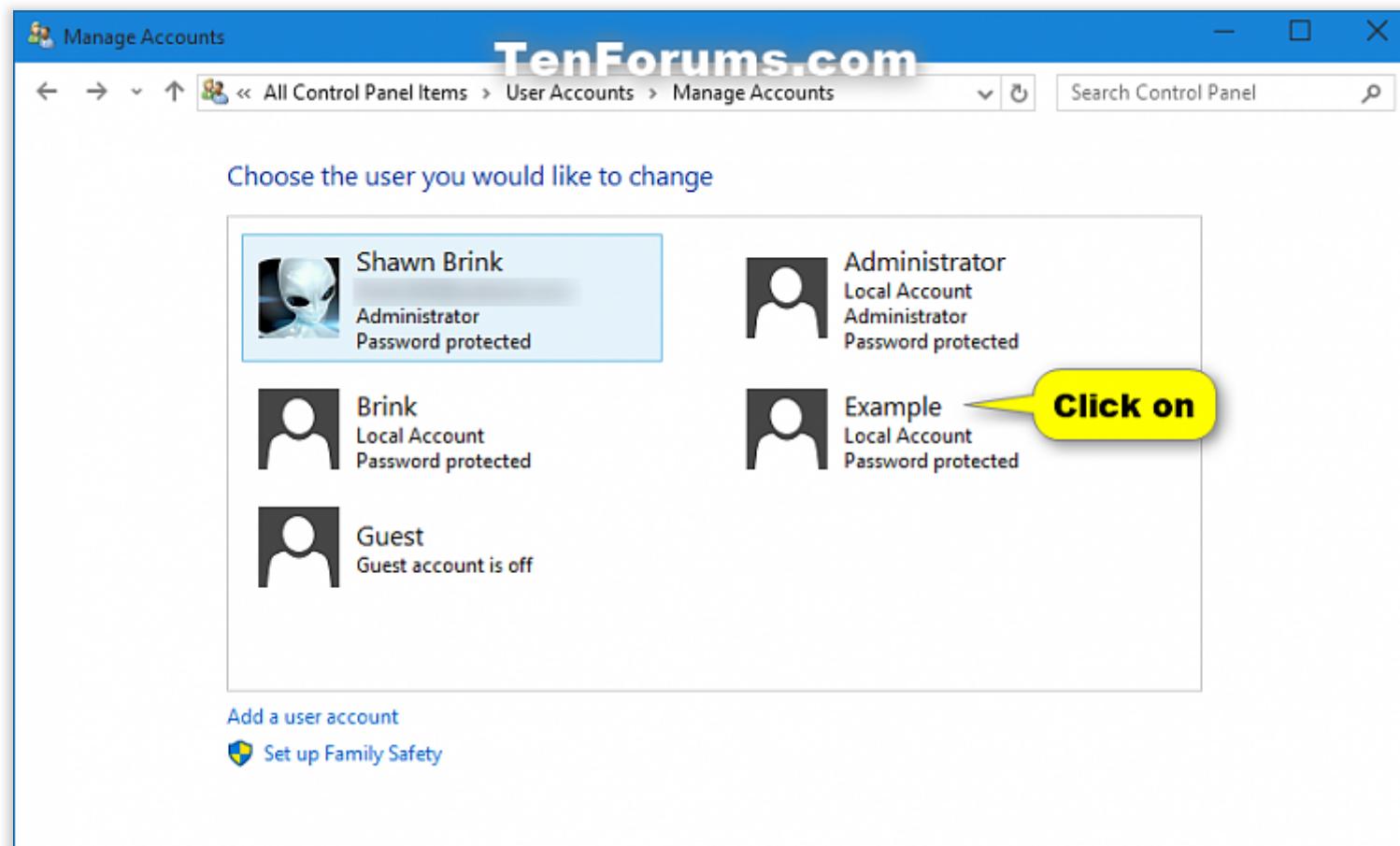
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1. Open the [Control Panel \(icons view\)](#), and click/tap on the **User Accounts** icon.
2. Click/tap on the **Manage another account** link. (see screenshot below)



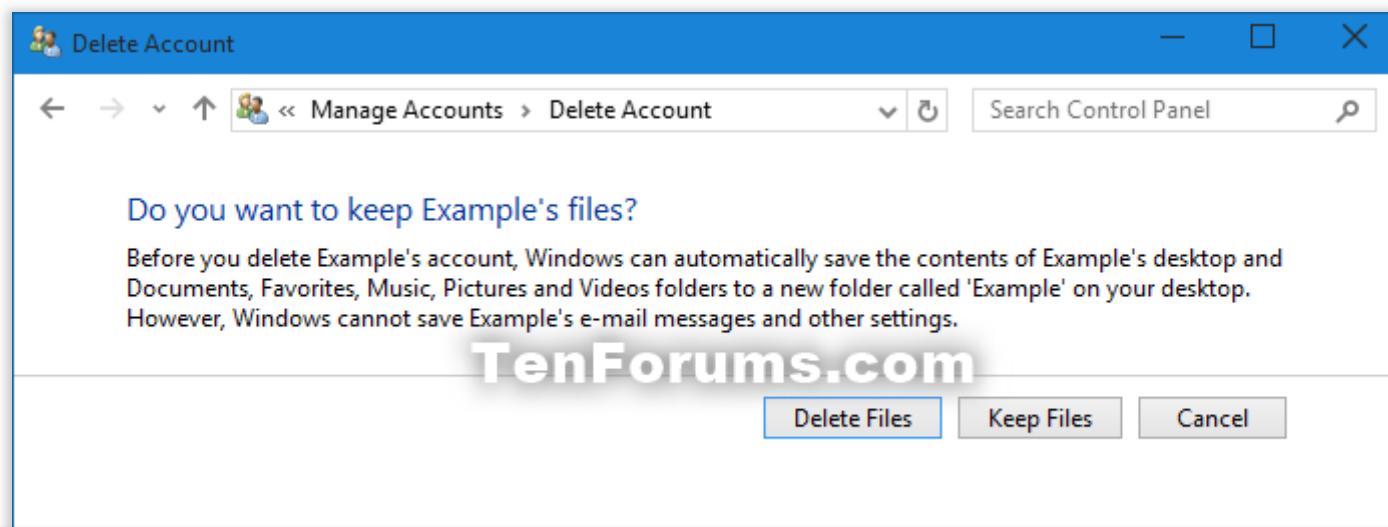
3. If prompted by [UAC](#), click/tap on Yes.
4. Click/tap on a user (ex: Example) you want to delete. (see screenshot below)



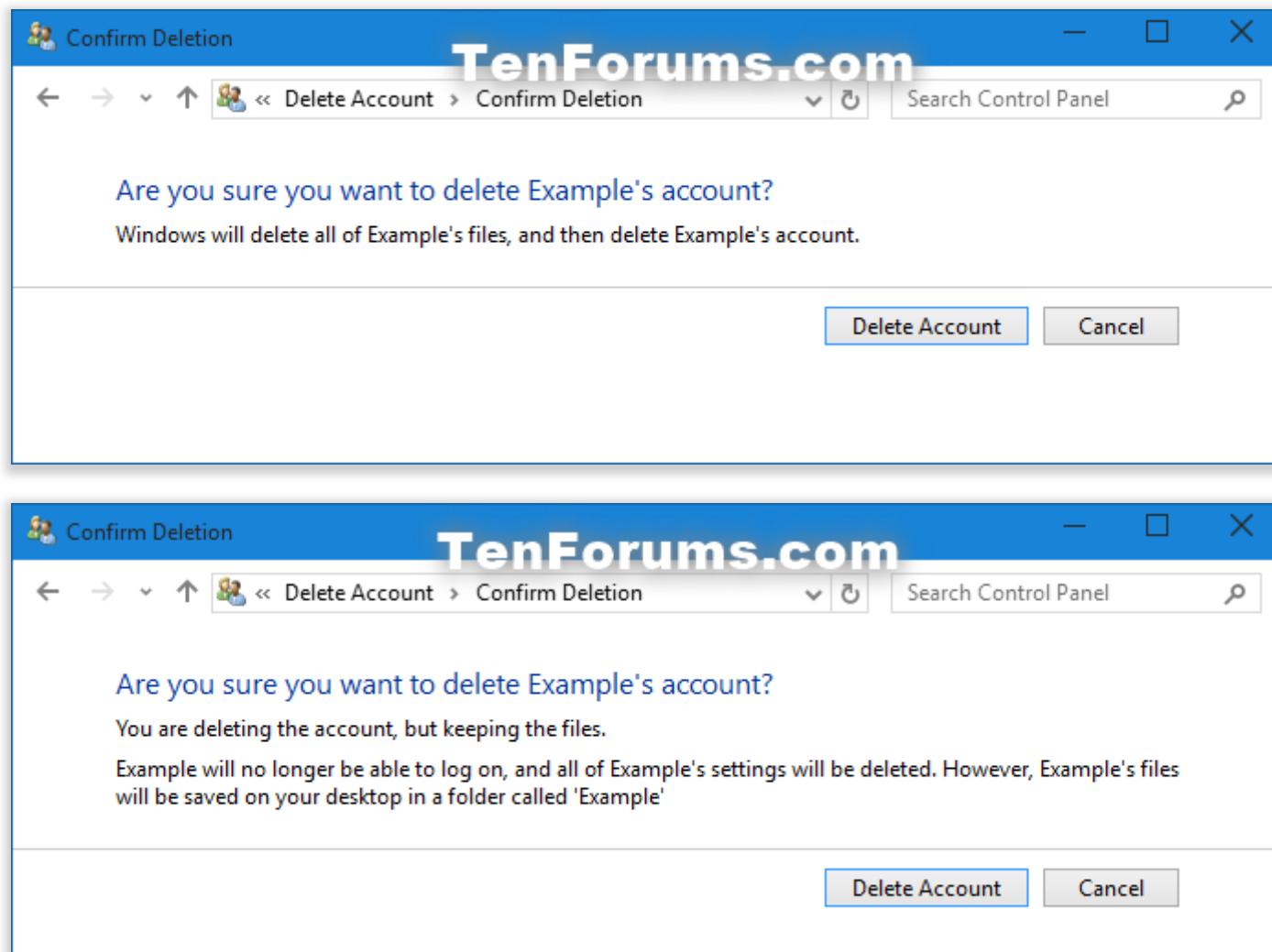
5. Click/tap on the **Delete the account** link. (see screenshot below)



6. Click/tap on **Delete Files** or **Keep Files** for what you want to do with the user account's personal files. (see screenshot below)



7. Click/tap on Delete Account to confirm. (see screenshots below)

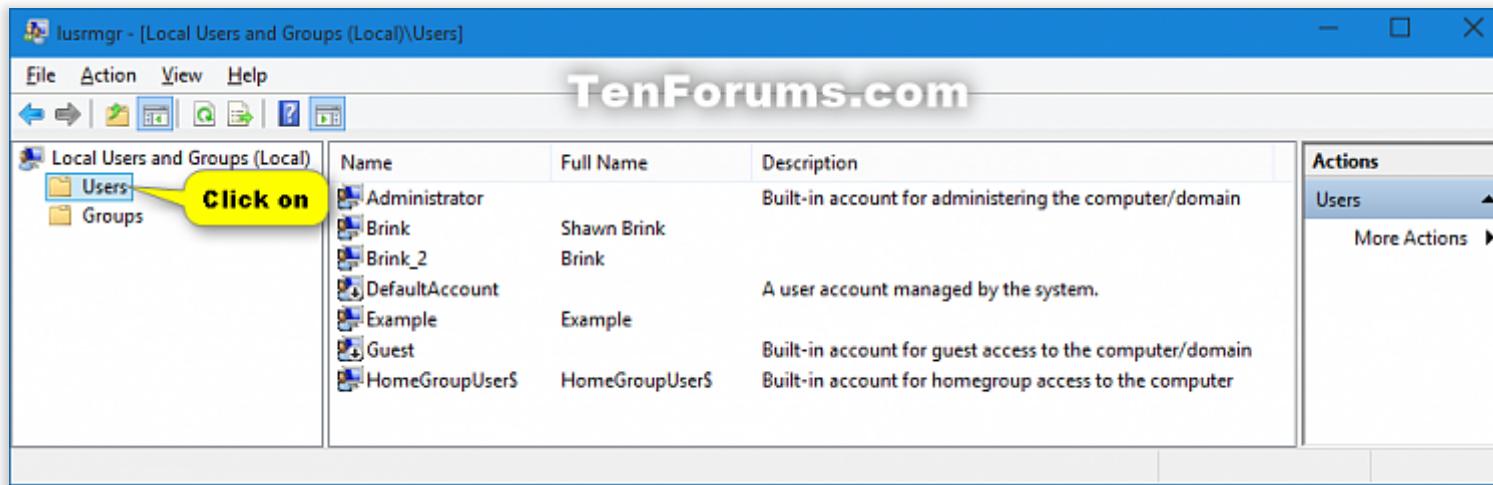


8. When finished, you can close the Control Panel if you like.

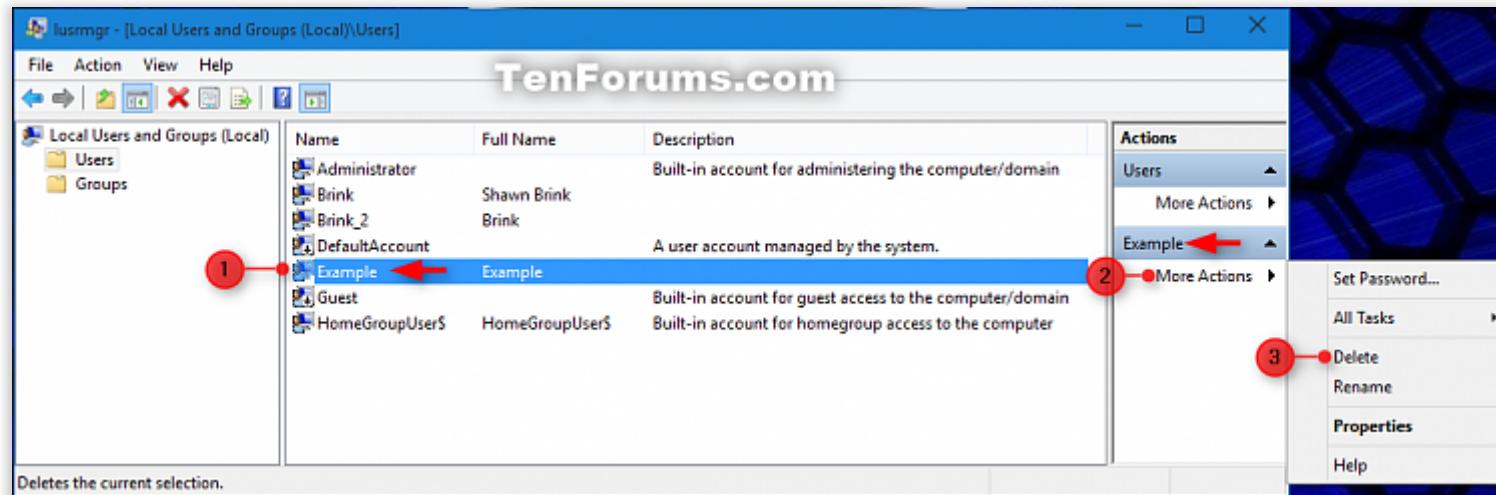
>>> OPTION THREE <<<

How to Delete a User Account in Local Users and Groups

1. Open **Local Users and Groups**, and click/tap on the **Users** folder in the left pane to open it. (see screenshot below)



2. Click/tap on a user (ex: Example) you want to delete in the middle pane to select it, click/tap on **More Actions** under the same user's name (ex: Example) in the right "Actions" pane, and click/tap on **Delete**. (see screenshot below)



3. Click/tap on Yes to confirm. (see screenshot below)



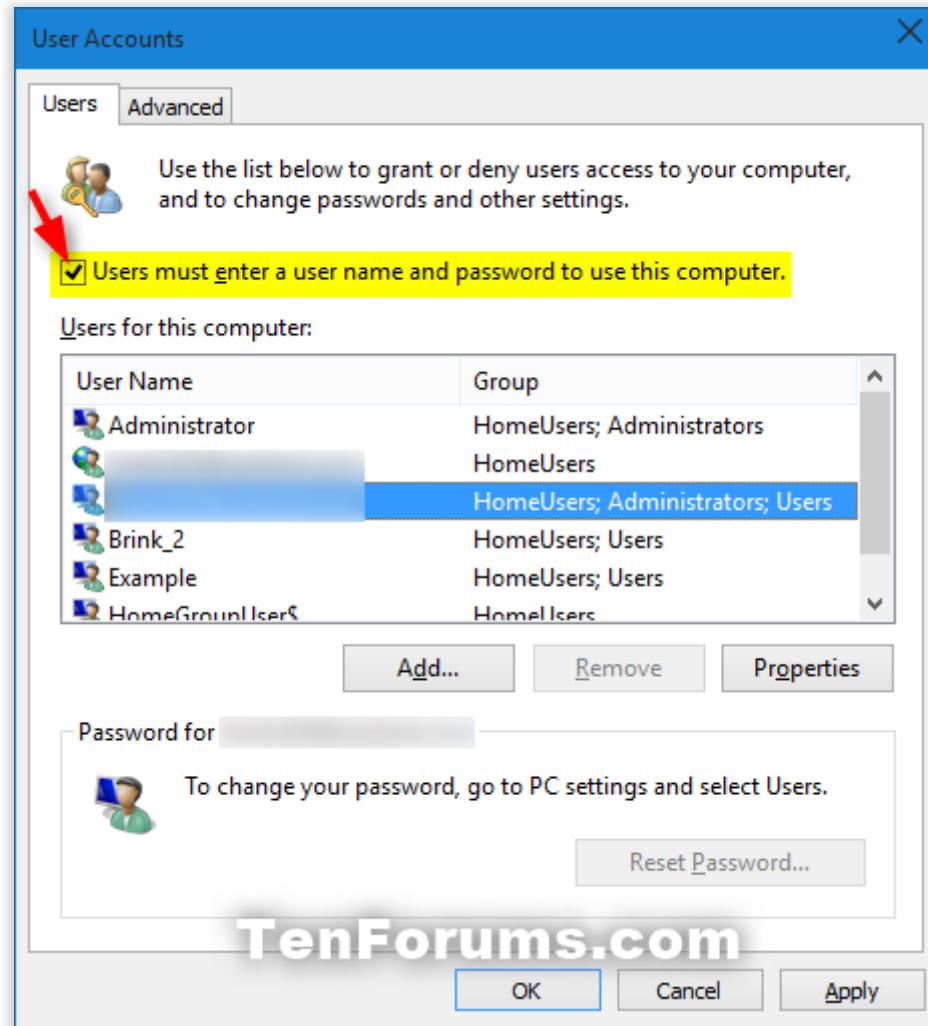
4. When finished, you can close the Local Users and Groups if you like.



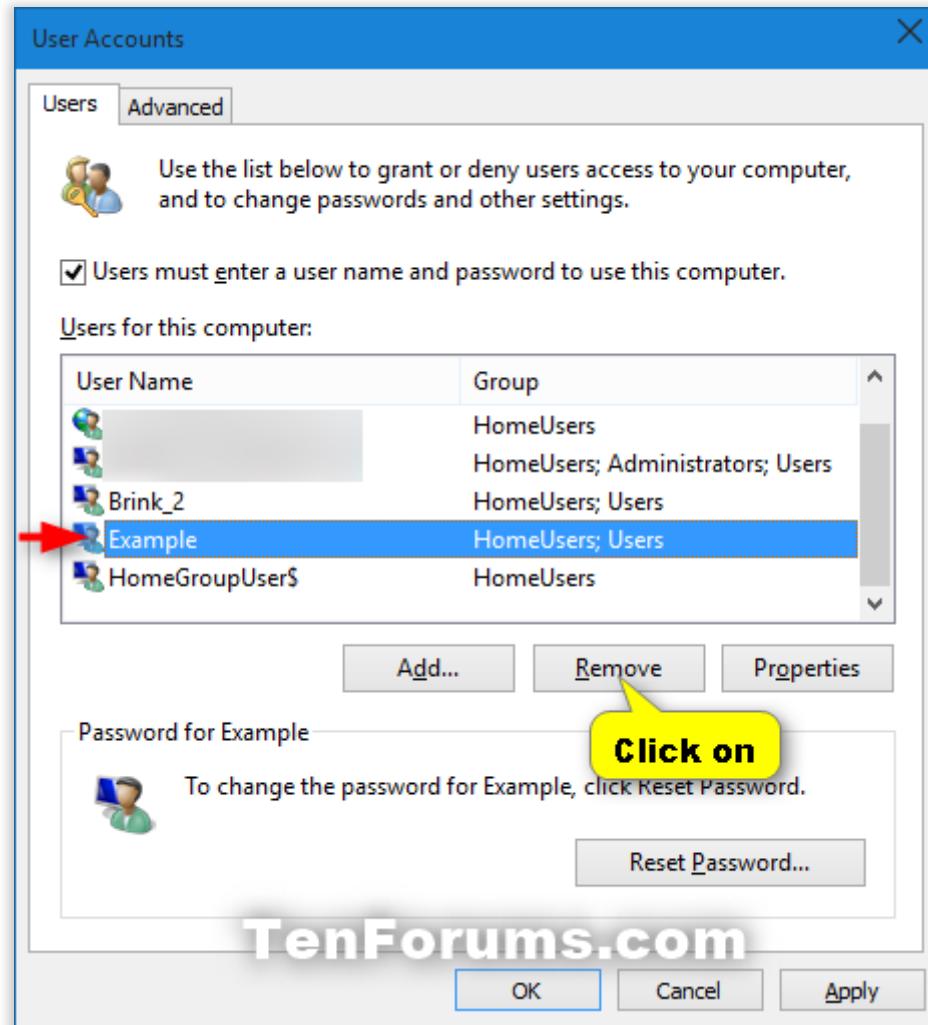
OPTION FOUR

How to Remove a User Account in Netplwiz

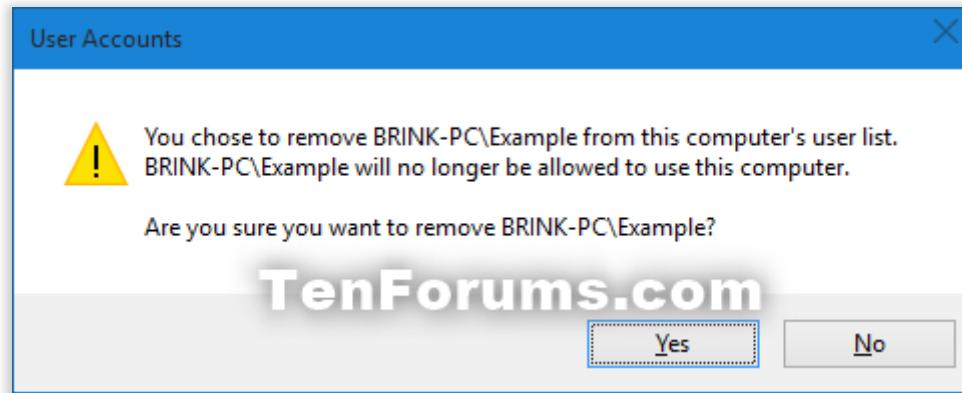
1. Type **netplwiz** in the **search box** (Windows+S) in your Start menu or on your taskbar, and press Enter.
2. If prompted by **UAC**, click/tap on Yes.
3. Check the **Users must enter a user name and password to use this computer** box. (see screenshot below)



4. Click/tap on a user (ex: Example) you want to delete, and click/tap on **Remove**. (see screenshot below)



5. Click/tap on Yes to confirm. (see screenshot below)

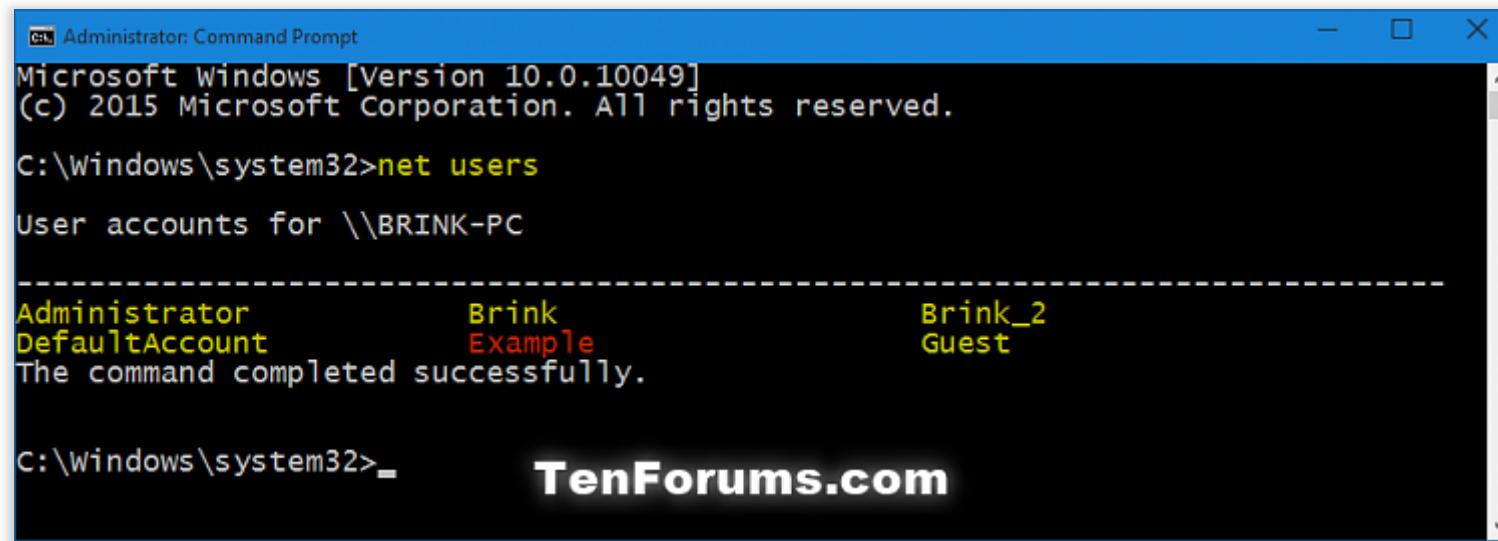


6. If you [set Windows to automatically sign in to a user account at startup](#), then you will need to set this again when finished.
7. When finished, you can close Netplwiz if you like.

>>> OPTION FIVE <<<

How to Delete a User Account in Command Prompt

1. Open an [elevated command prompt](#).
2. In the elevated command prompt, copy and paste the command below, and press **Enter** to see a list of all user account names on the PC. Make note of the account name you want to delete. (see screenshot below)



A screenshot of an Administrator Command Prompt window. The window title is "Administrator: Command Prompt". The command "net users" is run, displaying user accounts for the local computer "\BRINK-PC". The output shows:

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.10049]
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C:\Windows\system32>net users

User accounts for \\BRINK-PC

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Administrator             Brink
DefaultAccount           Example
Brink_2                  Guest
The command completed successfully.

C:\Windows\system32>
```

The word "TenForums.com" is overlaid in white text at the bottom center of the command prompt window.

3. Do [step 4](#) or [step 5](#) below depending on if the user is joined to a [domain](#) or not.

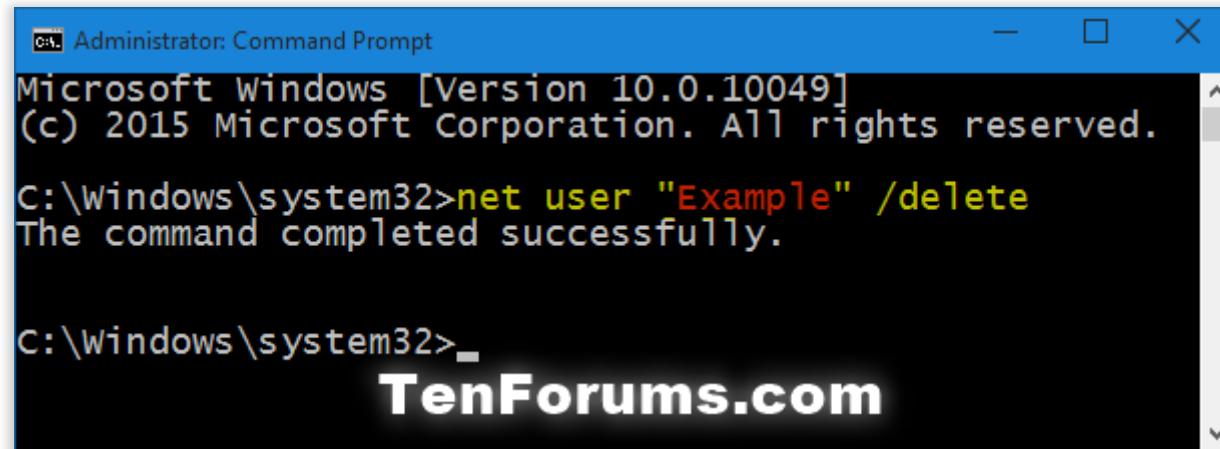
4. To Delete a User Account

A) In the elevated command prompt, type the command below, press Enter, and go to [step 6](#) below. (see screenshot below)

→ `net user "UserName" /delete`

Substitute **UserName** in the command above with the actual user name from [step 2](#) you want to delete.

For example: `net user "Example" /delete`



The screenshot shows an 'Administrator: Command Prompt' window. The title bar says 'Administrator: Command Prompt'. The window content is as follows:

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C:\Windows\system32>net user "Example" /delete
The command completed successfully.

C:\Windows\system32>
```

A large watermark for 'TenForums.com' is overlaid across the bottom of the command prompt window.

5. To Delete a Domain User Account

A) In the elevated command prompt, type the command below, press Enter, and go to **step 6** below.



`net user "UserName" /delete /domain`



Substitute **UserName** in the command above with the actual domain user name from **step 2** you want to delete.

For example: `net user "Example" /delete /domain`

6. When finished, you can close the elevated command prompt if you like.

OPTION SIX

How to Delete a User Account in PowerShell

For more Remove-LocalUser command options and details, see: [Add-Remove-LocalUser - Microsoft Developer Network](#)

1. Open an [elevated PowerShell](#).
2. In the elevated PowerShell, copy and paste the command below, and press **Enter** to see a list of all user account names on the PC. Make note of the account name you want to delete. (see screenshot below)

→ Get-LocalUser

| Name | Enabled | Description |
|--------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Administrator | False | Built-in account for administering the computer/domain |
| Brink | True | |
| Brink2 | True | |
| DefaultAccount | False | A user account managed by the system. |
| Guest | False | Built-in account for guest access to the computer/domain |
| HomeGroupUser\$ | True | Built-in account for homegroup access to the computer |
| Tuffy | True | |
| WDAGUtilityAccount | False | A user account managed and used by the system for Windows Defender Application Guard scenarios. |

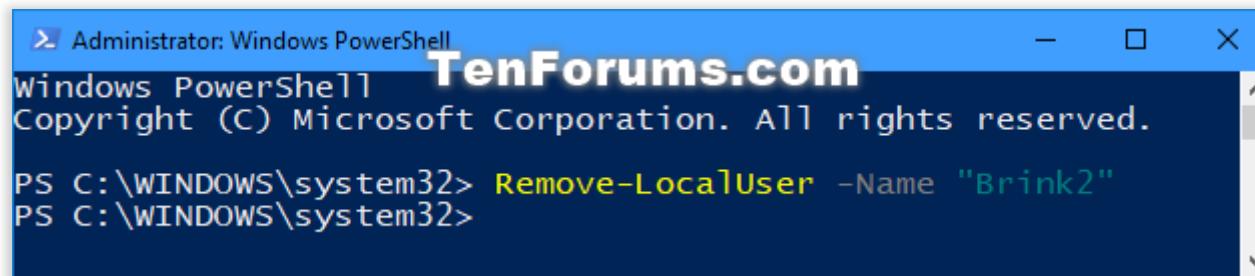
3. Type the command below into the elevated PowerShell, and press **Enter**. (see screenshot below)

→ Remove-LocalUser -Name "UserName"

Substitute **UserName** in the command above with the actual user name from **step 2** you want to delete.

For example: `Remove-LocalUser -Name "Brink2"`

4. When finished, you can close the elevated PowerShell if you like.



A screenshot of an Administrator: Windows PowerShell window. The title bar says "Administrator: Windows PowerShell" and "TenForums.com". The content area shows the command "Remove-LocalUser -Name 'Brink2'" being typed at the PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> prompt. The command is highlighted in yellow.

That's it,
Shawn

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All this information is ok!

But doesn't work if the computer, when booted, goes right to the account you are trying to delete!

Tully

**Brink**

Administrator

Posts : 37,935

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#2

Hello Tully, :)

Are you able to sign out and switch users (if available) to delete the account afterwards?

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Is it possible to delete or change the name of the Administrators account

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#4

meebers said:

Is it possible to delete or change the name of the Administrators account

Hello meebers, :)

Just to clarify, do you mean the built-in "Administrator", or just the other normal administrator accounts?

If you have another administrator account to sign in to, then you can delete another administrator account.

**meebers**

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#5

Brink said:

Hello meebers, :)

Just to clarify, do you mean the built-in "Administrator", or just the other normal administrator accounts?

If you have another administrator account to sign in to, then you can delete another administrator account.

I am assuming the the administrator account that was created during the first time W10 was set up. (the one that appears on my desk top when signing in and is the default email address). Going to make an image 😊

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#6

meebers,

Yeah, that's just a dummy account provided by the OEM to setup Windows with. You could create a new account for yourself, sign out, sign in to the new account, then delete the old one. :)

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Brink said:

meebers,

Yeah, that's just a dummy account provided by the OEM to setup Windows with. You could create a new account for yourself, sign out, sign in to the new account, then delete the old one. :)

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Tx for the info and link!

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Anytime. :)

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#9

Scottyboy99

Power User

Posts : 2,078Windows 10 Pro
(64 bit)

Has any of this changed for Creators Update? I may need to delete a user account on a PC with the update. Unfortunately I am not in front of a PC running V1703 to check but I don't think the option to remove was in the family and other users settings, only to block. It's my wife's account (part of our family group) which may have some slight corruption so we may just delete her user account and then re-create it. Just trying to think of the easiest and quickest way to do this without upsetting windows!

I've never dabbled in this before but am I better off deleting user profile in order to achieve my goal? My wife's store app has issues and I think maybe easiest thing is start again for her seeing as there is nothing critical on her current user account.

cheers,
Wayne

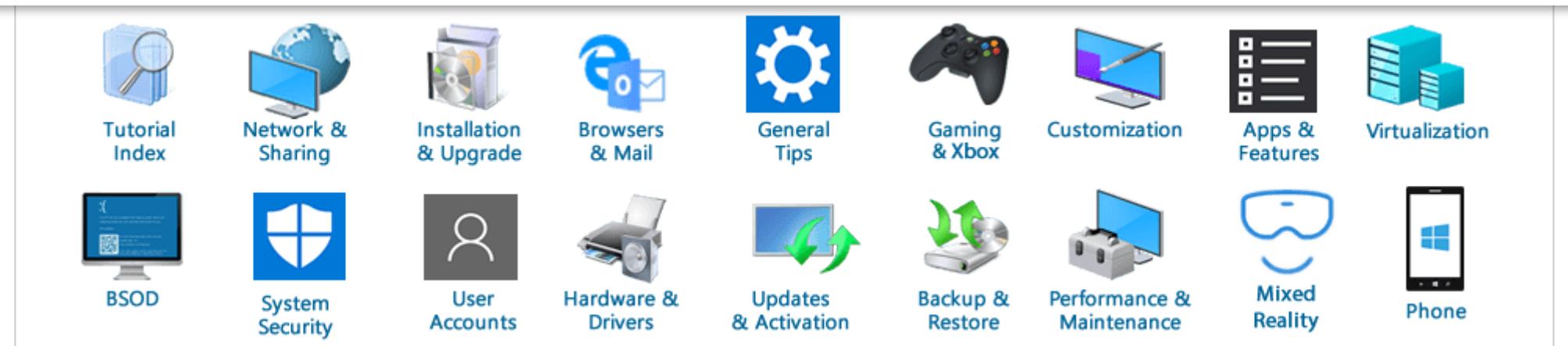
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