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Sign out of Windows 10

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How to Sign out of Windows 10

When you sign out of Windows, all of the apps you were using are closed, but the PC isn't turned off. Another person can sign in without needing to restart the PC.

This tutorial will show you different ways on how to sign out of your account and sign out other local users in Windows 10.

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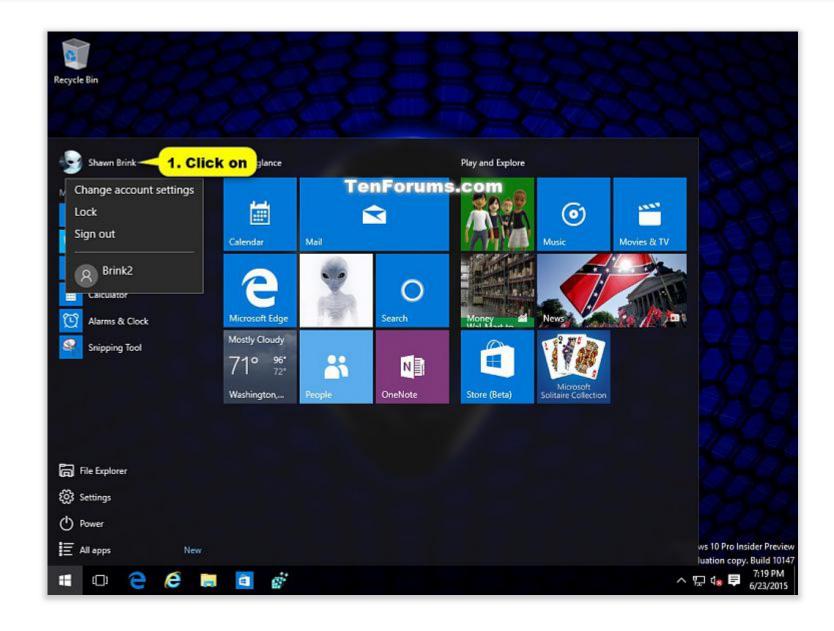
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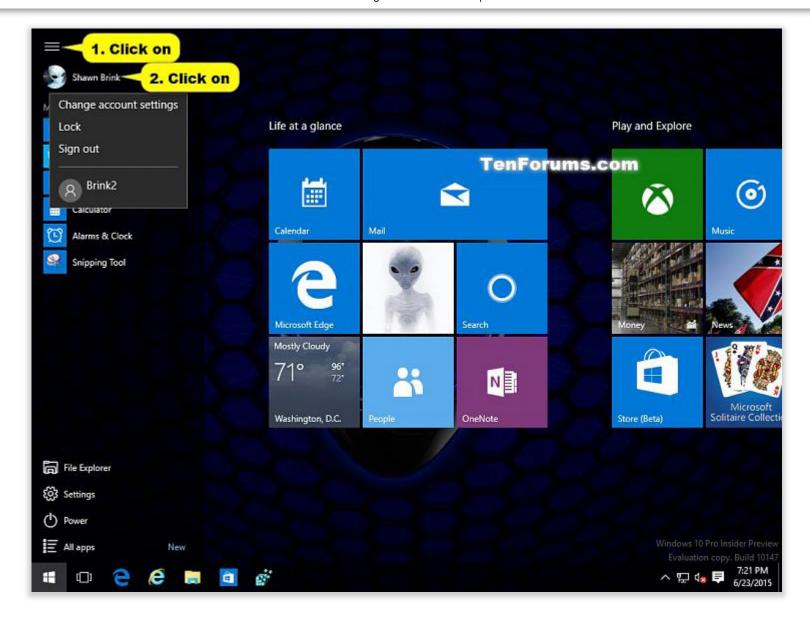
To Sign out from Start Menu

1. Open the start menu, click/tap on your user name (ex: Shawn Brink), and click/tap on Sign out. (see screenshots below)

▶ If you have **full-screen Start** turned on, then you will need to first click/tap on the menu button at the top left corner of Start.



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To Sign out from Win+X Quick Link Menu

1. Open the Win+X Quick Link menu, click/tap on Shut down or sign out, and click/tap on Sign out. (see screenshot below)

OR

2. Press the Win+X keys, press U, and press i.



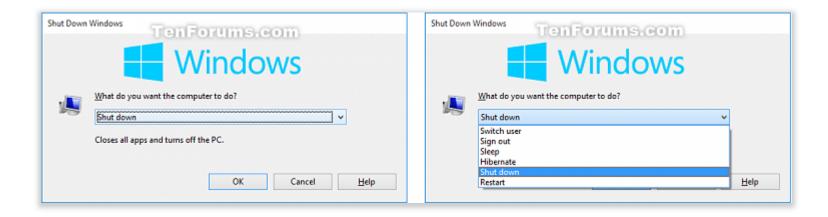
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OPTION THREE ***

To Sign out from Alt+F4 Shut Down Windows Dialog

- 1. Click/tap on your desktop to make it the current focused (active) window, and press the Alt+F4 keys.
- 2. Select Sign out in the drop down menu, and click/tap on OK or press Enter. (see screenshots below)





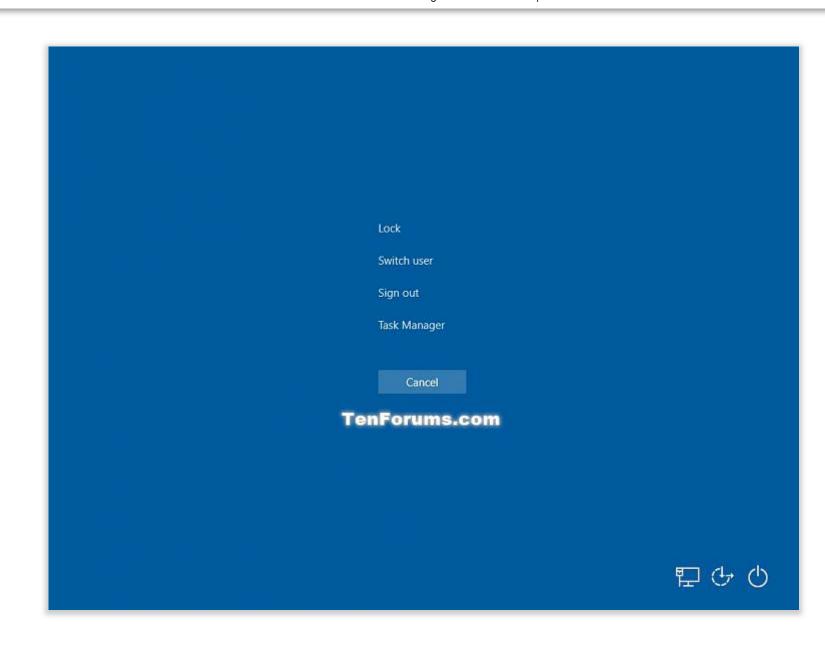
OPTION FOUR



To Sign out from Ctrl+Alt+Del Screen

1. Press the Ctrl+Alt+Del keys, and click/tap on Sign out. (see screenshot below)

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To Sign out Other Users from Task Manager



You must be signed in as an administrator to be able to sign out another user account.

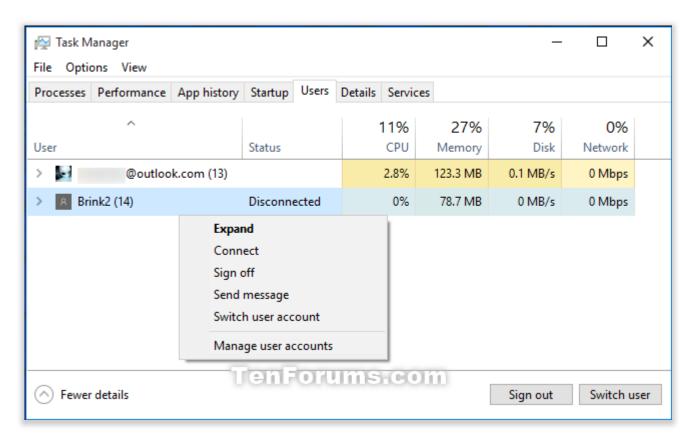


If you sign out a user, the user's unsaved data might be lost.

- 1. Open Task Manager in more details view.
- 2. Click/tap on the Users tab, right click or press and hold on an already signed in user (ex: Brink2) that you want to sign out, and click/tap on Sign off. (see screenshot below)

OR

Click/tap on the Users tab, select on an already signed in user (ex: Brink2) that you want to sign out, and click/tap on the Sign out button.



3. Click/tap on Sign out user to confirm. (see screenshot below)



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To Sign out using "Shutdown" Command

- \P If you like, you can also run the commands below in the Win+R Run command dialog.
 - **1.** Open a **command prompt**, type the command below you want to use, and press Enter.



Closes all your running apps, and then sign out of your account.

OR



Forces your running apps to close, and then sign out of your account.



To Sign out You or Other Users using "Logoff" Command

1. Do step 2 (you) or step 3 (other user) below for what you would like to do.

- A) Open an command prompt.
- B) Type the command below, and press Enter.



3. To Sign Out any User Account

- You must be signed in as an administrator to be able to do this step.
 - A) Open an elevated command prompt.
 - B) Type the command below, press Enter, and make note of the session **ID** number (ex: 4) of the username (ex: brink2) you want to sign out.





C) Type the command you want to use below, and press Enter. (see screenshots below)

(sign out user without details)



OR

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Substitute <ID> in the commands above with the session ID number from step 3B.

For example:

logoff 4

OR

logoff 4 /v



Note

If you wanted to sign out more than one user at once, then you could use multiple instances of the command above separated like below.

(Two users)



(Three users)



etc....

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C:\WINDOWS\system32>logoff 4

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To Sign out using Cortana Voice Command

Starting with Windows 10 build 16251, you can now use a Hey Cortana voice command to sign out the computer.

In addition, you can also ask Cortana to execute this command on the Lock screen, but first you should enable Cortana on the Lock screen if you have not done so already.

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1. Using Hey Cortana, use the voice command below.



2. Cortana may ask you for a verbal confirmation. You'll have to respond to Cortana with a "Yes" for Cortana to complete the voice command.



To Sign out All Users Except Current User in PowerShell

- You must be signed in as an administrator to do this option.
 - 1. Open an elevated PowerShell.
 - 2. Copy and paste the command below into the elevated PowerShell, and press Enter. (see screenshot below)
 - quser | Select-String "Disc" | ForEach {logoff (\$_.tostring() -split ' +')[2]}
 - **3.** You can now close the elevated PowerShell if you like.



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That's it, Shawn

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Greetings from Holy Jerusalem Many thanks

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Brink Administrator

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#2

I'm glad it could help aksalaymeh.:)

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#3



Jason45PC Member

Posts: 25 Windows 10 Home 23 Jan 2016

Hello again Brink,

Stupid question, but after a system refresh, the power button on the lock or sign out screen is gone. any idea on how to get it back?

Cheers, Jason

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23 Jan 2016 #4

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Hello Jason, :)

Thread Starter

You should be able to use the same tutorial below in Windows 10 to enable the Power menu on the lock and sign-in screen again.

Shutdown Power Menu - Add or Remove from Sign in Screen

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23 Jan 2016

#5

Jason45PC Member

Posts: 25
Windows 10 Home

Hello Jason, :)

Brink said: 📆

You should be able to use the same tutorial below in Windows 10 to enable the Power menu on the lock and sign-in screen again.

Shutdown Power Menu - Add or Remove from Sign in Screen

Cheers Brink, worked as intended:)

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23 Jan 2016

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You're most welcome. :)

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OldGrantonian Member

> Posts: 155 Windows 10 Pro

> > 1809

10 May 2018

#7

The first line of the tutorial says:

>> When you sign out of Windows, all of the apps you were using are closed

I signed out a few minutes ago, as instructed in your tutorial to change scroll bar width.

When I signed back in, the width had changed. But all my taskbar icons were present from the previous session

That saved me a lot of time - but it was definitely "unexpected behaviour". Has that always happened in Windows?

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#8

Brink

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Hello OldGrantonian,

This is odd if the taskbar icons were for opened items and not just pinned items.

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Member

Posts: 155 Windows 10 Pro 1809 10 May 2018

>> This is odd if the taskbar icons were for opened items and not just pinned items.

File Explorer was the only pinned icon. The other icons were Chrome (3), MusicBee, WhatsApp, Thunderbird, and FreeCell.

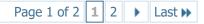
Here's another statement that seems strange to me. In the same paragraph of the tutorial, you say:

>> even if someone else turns off the PC, your info won't be lost.

I'm not quite sure how to respond to that statement. Is it correct?:)

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Build 10166 TINY icons / menus etc until I sign out and sign back in in Installation and Upgrade

Hi there I notice on build 10166 after a re-boot the icons / texts etc are TINY on a large monitor unless I SIGN OUT and SIGN back in again --not shutdown / restart but use the ALT-CTRL-DEL to get the Lock menu. Choose sign out and then sign back...

✓ Show All Users at Sign in to Windows 10 in General Support

Please, can you tell me how to make when starting Windows 10 all users accounts appear?

Windows 10 Sign in with Pin + Microsoft Account in General Support

If I do not use a Microsoft Account, I can sign in with a PIN. If I connect the Microsoft Account, I am not able to use the PIN to sign in. Also I cannot access the Feedback app since it says I have to be signed in -- but I am able to Sign In to...

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