

How to Restart Windows 10 Without Rebooting

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Restarting Windows to install updates, fix a temporary annoyance or add new apps is a pain. Luckily, a simple fix exists that most don't realize and it doesn't require you to restart at all. Instead, we're going to kill Windows Explorer (temporarily) and force it to reboot. Once it does, the computer thinks it's been rebooted, and your updates will continue to install as normal.

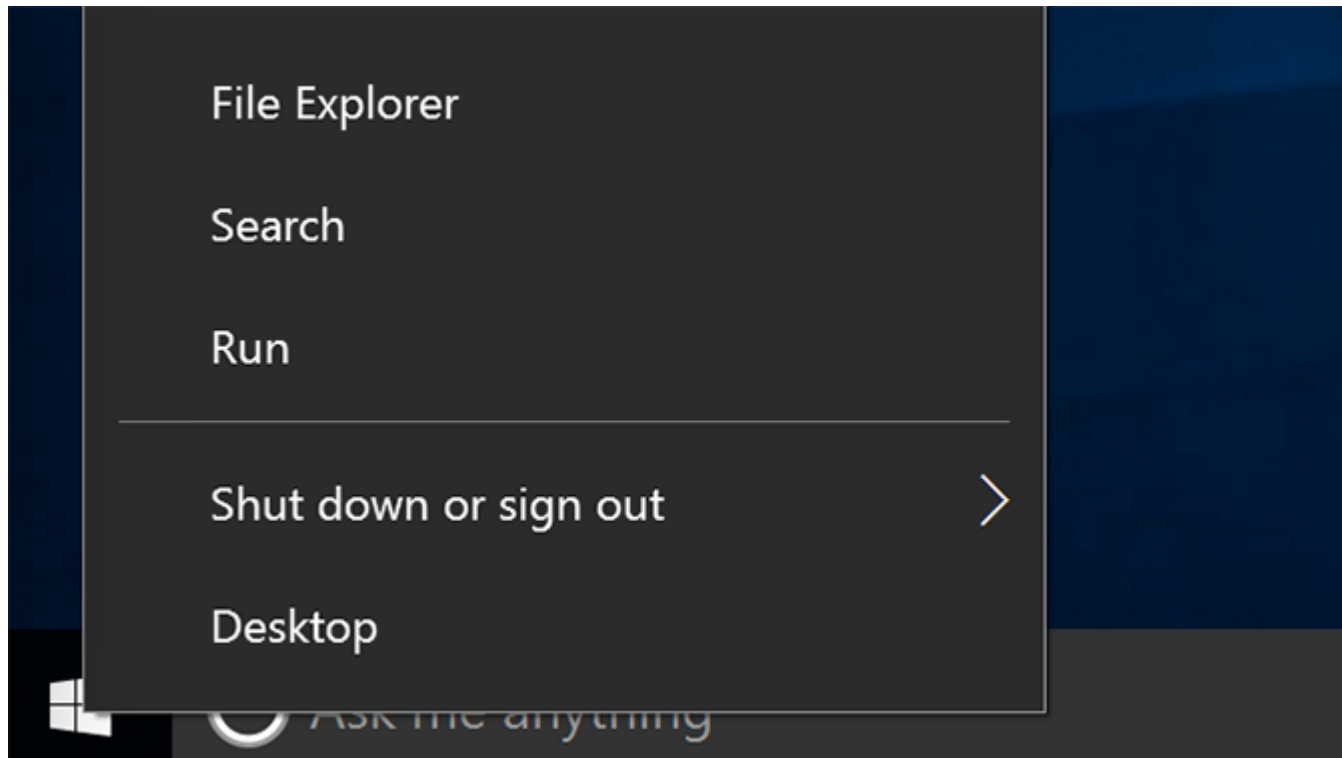
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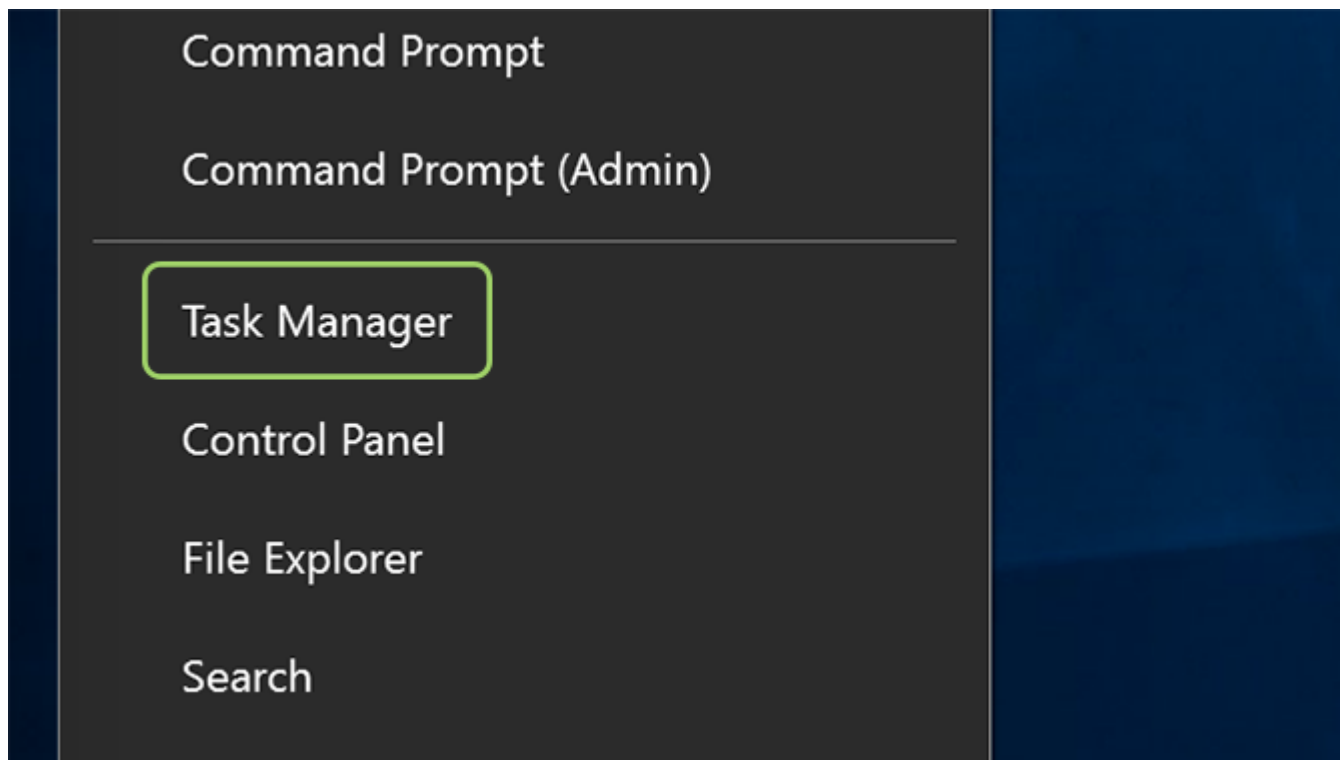
Processes Performance App history Startup Users Details Services

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Apps (1)				
> Task Manager	0%	8.6 MB	0 MB/s	0 Mbps
Background processes (31)				
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1. **Right click the Start menu** or press CTRL + Alt + Delete.



2. **Select Task Manager.** <manager.png>

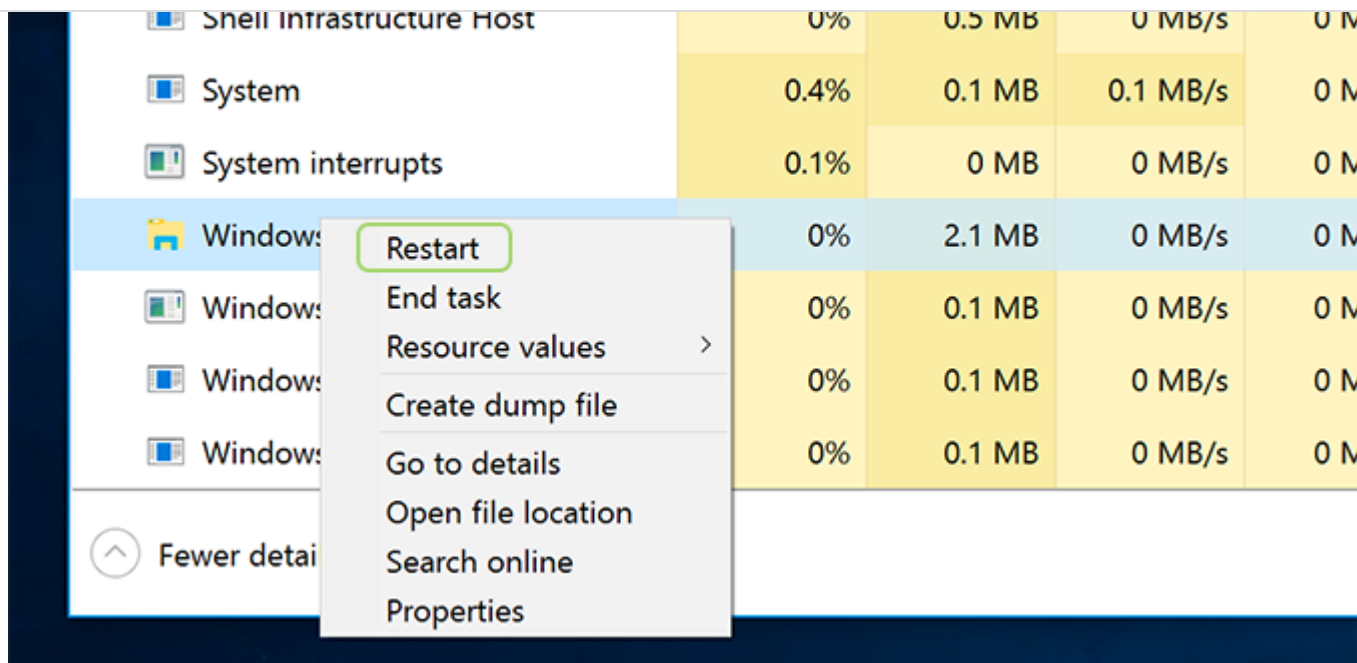


3. **Find Windows Explorer** in the list of processes.

 System	1.4%	0.
 System interrupts	0%	
 Windows Explorer	0%	5.
 Windows Logon Application	0%	0.
 Windows Session Manager	0%	0.
 Windows Start-Up Application	0%	0.

4. Right click and select Restart.

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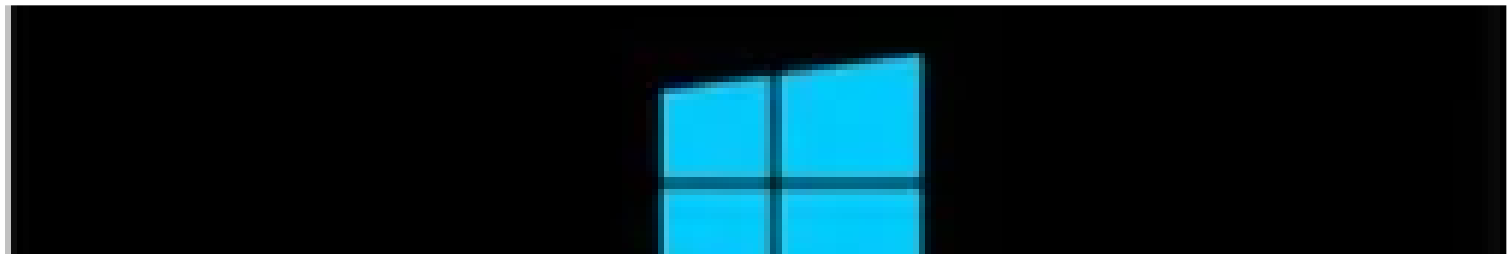
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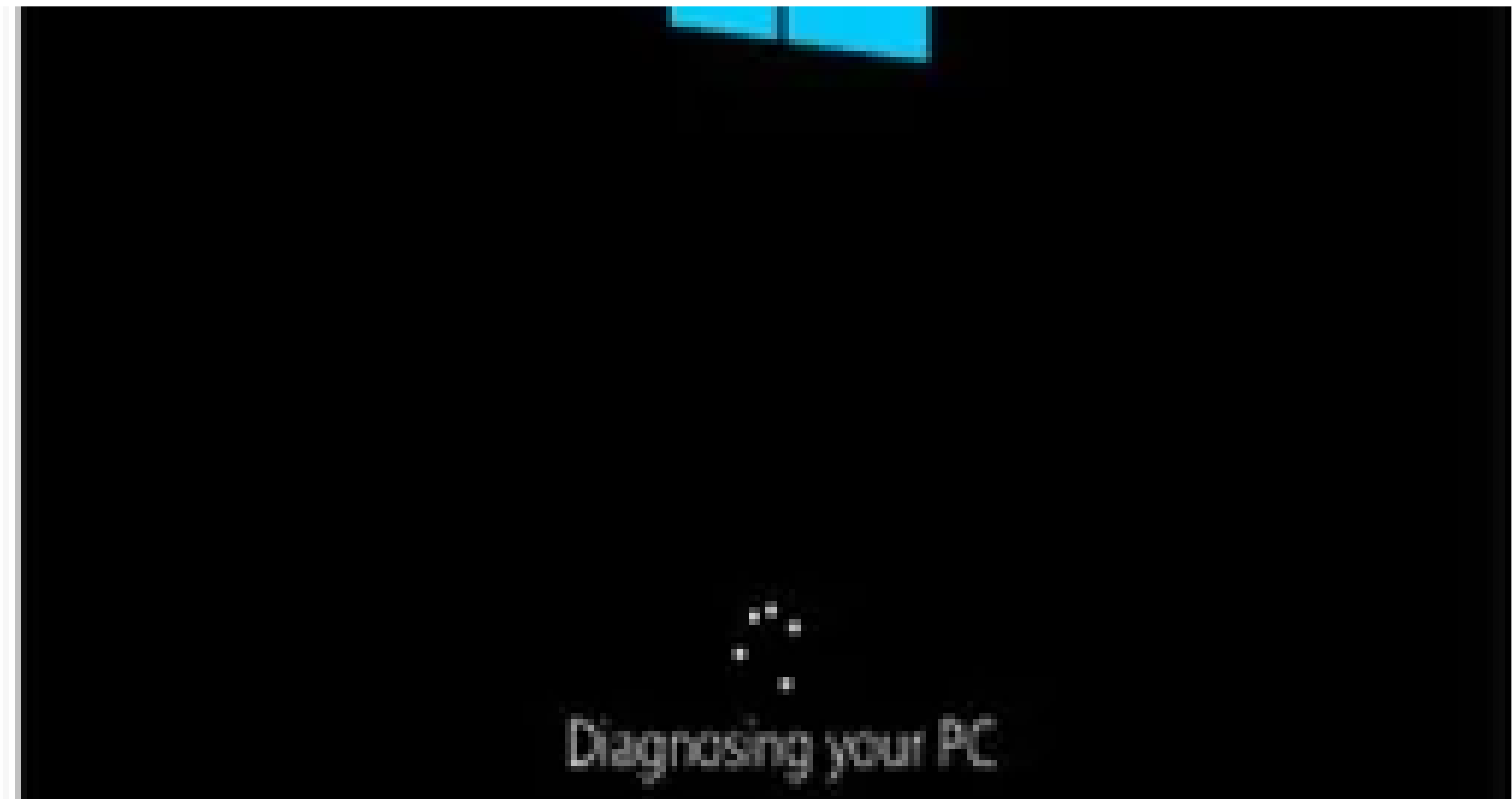
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