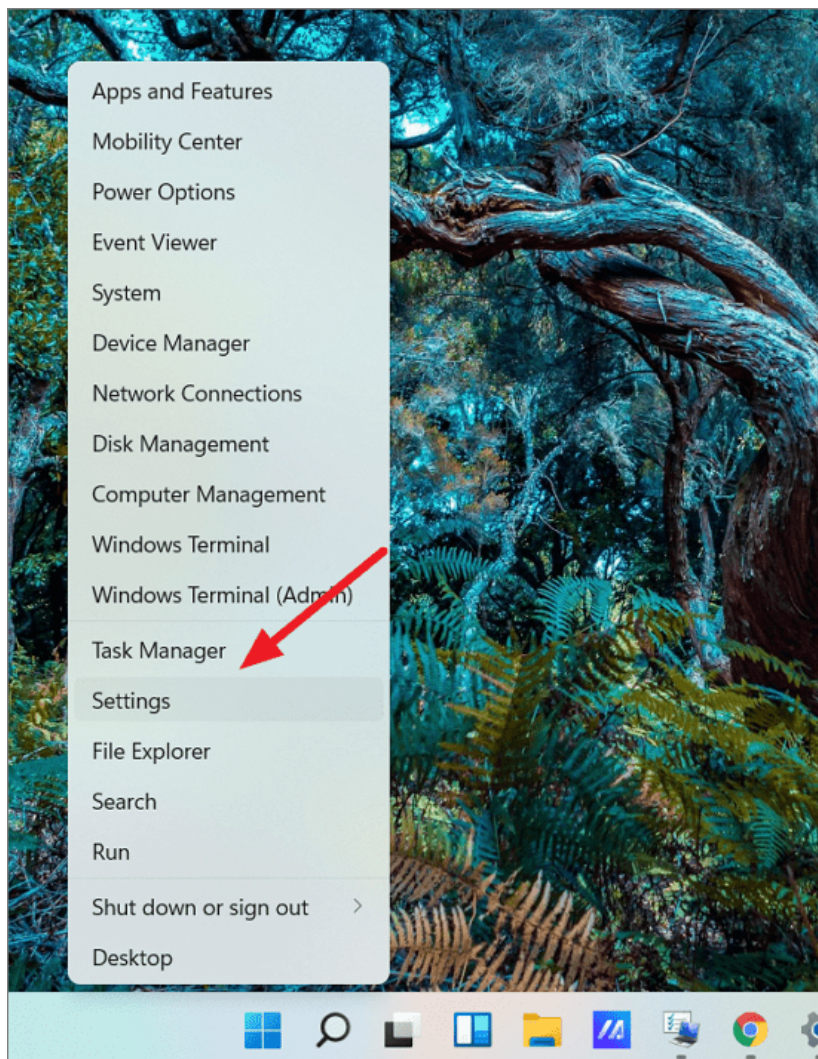


Disable the Xbox Game Bar on Windows 11 using Settings App

If you don't want to use the Xbox Game bar anymore, the easiest way to disable it is through the Windows 11 settings app. Here's how you do this:

First, right-click the Start menu (Windows logo) and select 'Settings' or press **Windows + I** to launch the Settings app.



In the Settings app, go to the 'Gaming' tab on the left pane and click on the 'Xbox Game Bar' setting on the right.

On the Xbox Game Bar page, turn Off the toggle next to the 'Open Xbox Game Bar using this button on a controller' option. This will only disable the launch shortcut for the Game Bar from your Xbox controller if you use one.

To make sure Game Bar doesn't run any background processes, go to the 'Apps' tab on the Settings and click 'Apps & features'.

On the 'Apps & features' page, scroll down the App list and find 'Xbox Game Bar' or you can type 'Xbox' in the search bar to bring up the app in the search result.

Then, click the three vertical dots (vertical ellipsis) next to 'Xbox Game Bar' and select 'Advanced options'.

On the next page, scroll down to the 'Background app permissions' section and choose 'Never' from the drop-down below it.

Then, scroll further down the page, and click the 'Terminate' button to immediately stop the app and its related processes.

Remove Xbox Game Bar in Windows 11 via Windows PowerShell

If you are not a gamer or don't see yourself using Xbox Game Bar ever, then you can completely remove the Xbox Game Bar feature from your system to preserve system resources. Windows Settings doesn't give options to uninstall the Xbox Game Bar app, so you have to use this indirect method to remove Xbox Game Bar. Here's how you do this:

First, look for 'PowerShell' in Windows Search and click 'Run as administrator' on the right side for the top result.

For the current user:

In the PowerShell window, enter the following two commands one after the other:

```
Get-AppxPackage *Microsoft.XboxGameOverlay* | Remove-AppxPackage
```

```
Get-AppxPackage *Microsoft.XboxGamingOverlay* | Remove-AppxPackage
```

The above commands will completely remove Xbox Game Bar for the current user only.

For all users:

If you want to remove the Game bar from all users accounts, then use these commands instead:

```
Get-AppxPackage -AllUsers *Microsoft.XboxGameOverlay* |  
Remove-AppxPackage
```

```
Get-AppxPackage -AllUsers *Microsoft.XboxGamingOverlay* |  
Remove-AppxPackage
```

Besides, Xbox Game bar, there are a few other Xbox apps that come pre-installed with Windows 11 such as:

- Xbox App
- Xbox Gaming Services
- Xbox Identify Provider
- Xbox Speech To Text Overlay

To uninstall these apps use the below codes:

```
Get-AppxPackage *Microsoft.Xbox.TCUI* | Remove-  
AppxPackage
```

```
Get-AppxPackage *Microsoft.XboxApp* | Remove-  
AppxPackage
```

```
Get-AppxPackage *Microsoft.GamingServices* | Remove-  
AppxPackage
```

```
Get-AppxPackage *Microsoft.XboxIdentityProvider* |  
Remove-AppxPackage
```

```
Get-AppxPackage *Microsoft.XboxSpeechToTextOverlay* |  
Remove-AppxPackage
```

Re-installing Xbox Game Bar in Windows 11

If removed or uninstalled the Xbox game bar or any other app using the above method or the settings app, you can re-install it at any time.

To re-install the Xbox Game bar app only, enter the following command in the PowerShell and press Enter:

```
Get-AppxPackage -allusers *Microsoft.XboxGamingOverlay* |  
Foreach {Add-AppxPackage -DisableDevelopmentMode -  
Register "$($_.InstallLocation)\AppXManifest.xml"}
```

To re-install all other Xbox related apps and services, type the below command:

```
Get-AppxPackage -allusers *Xbox* | Foreach {Add-  
AppxPackage -DisableDevelopmentMode -Register  
"$($_.InstallLocation)\AppXManifest.xml"}
```

You can also re-install the Xbox Game bar from the Microsoft Store app.