

HOW TO REMOVE YOUR MICROSOFT ACCOUNT

If you are not interested in shopping at the Microsoft Store, have no interest in synching your files with another computer, are not interested in using the company's cloud storage, and don't see the need to sign in with a password or pin every time you want to use your computer, then you may want to function exclusively with a local account.

Win 10's Setup utility tells first-timers to create a Microsoft account and use it to log into Windows 10. You can create a local account like those used on earlier versions, but Microsoft does its best to obscure that option. On the Setup page that tells you to use a Microsoft account, you'll find microscopic-sized text down in the lower-left corner saying, "Skip this step." Click that and you'll be asked to create a local account. Who would have guessed?

If you need to create a new account on a Win10 machine, you should choose the option, "I don't have this person's sign-in information" to skip the Microsoft account and create a new local user account the old-fashioned way.

If you already fell for the Microsoft account "requirement" and would like to get out of that trap, open Settings (Windows + I) and click "Accounts," then "Your email and Accounts," then choose, "sign in with a local account instead."

Once you have signed into your Local Account, open Settings, click Accounts, and finally click on Your Email and app Accounts. In the right column, near the bottom, you will find your Microsoft account listed. If you click on it, you will be able to REMOVE the account.