

KILL THE BLOATWARE

One of the most exasperating things about getting a new Windows machine is that it's never really new. Even if your hands are the first to pull it out of its shiny box, both Microsoft and the hardware manufacturer have already invariably stuffed your machine with barely-functional, unwanted, or trial-version software that will sit unused in your computer, taking up valuable memory space until it eventually becomes outdated and presents a quiet set of vulnerabilities. Let's kill those programs:

1. Go to Settings (Windows + I), then to Apps.

2. You should be looking at a list of all of your installed apps under your **Apps & Features section. A left-click on any of them should present you with the option to uninstall them. If, however, the uninstall button is grey, you will not be able to uninstall the app using this conventional method. (There are certain programs that Microsoft will not let you remove.)**

(near the top of the list, you will be able to find how many applications are on your computer)