

Turn off or uninstall OneDrive

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Applies To: OneDrive

If you don't want to use OneDrive, you can disable it, hide it on your computer, or, in some versions of Windows, uninstall it.

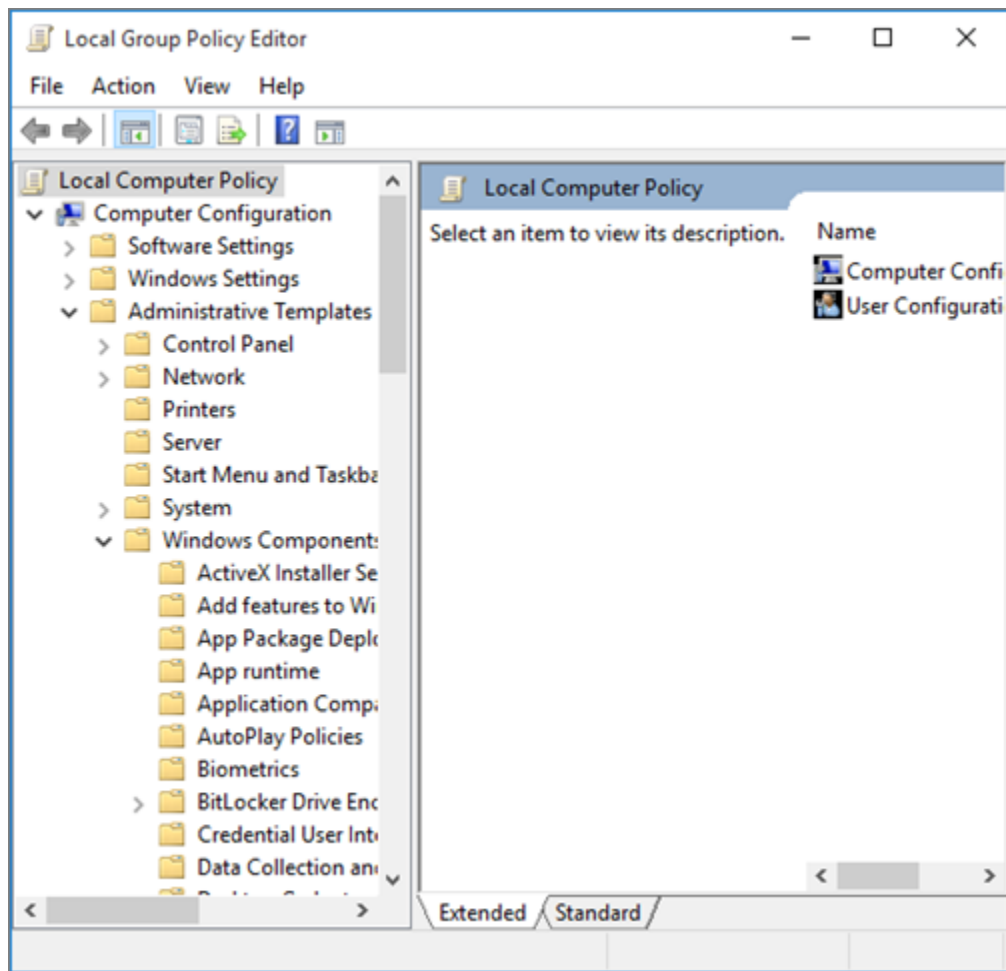
Note: If you have any files or data in OneDrive, you will not lose them if you disable or uninstall OneDrive on your computer. You can always access your files by signing in to [OneDrive.com](https://onedrive.com).

Disable OneDrive in Windows 8.1 and Windows 10

OneDrive in Windows 8.1 and Windows 10 is disabled through your computer's Local Group Policy Editor. This doesn't remove OneDrive from your PC, but it stops it from syncing with the cloud or connecting with other apps, and removes it from the navigation pane in File Explorer.

Tip: Because disabling OneDrive involves changing a Group Policy setting on your computer, it is disabled for everyone who uses that computer. If others use the computer, make sure they also want OneDrive disabled.

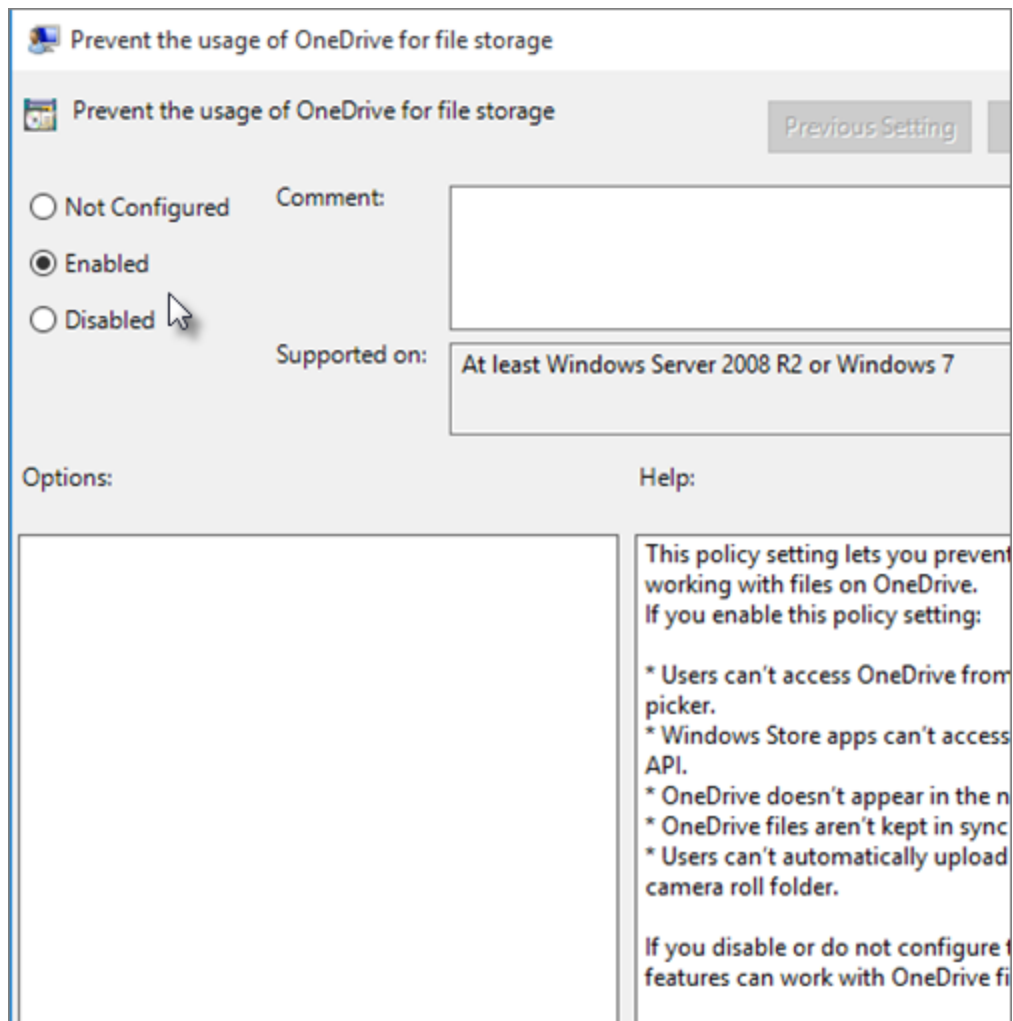
1. Press (Windows key) + R to open the **Run** box.
2. Type gpedit.msc and click **OK**.
3. In the Local Group Policy Editor, in the folder list under Local Computer Policy, navigate the folders to **Local Computer Policy > Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > OneDrive**.
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6. • On the OneDrive screen, under **Setting**, click **Prevent the usage of OneDrive for file storage**.

7. • In the **Prevent the usage of OneDrive for file storage** box, select **Enabled**, then click **OK**.



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Hide OneDrive in Windows 10

OneDrive is built in to Windows 10, so it can't be uninstalled. But you can hide it and stop the sync process, so it stays hidden. To do this, turn off all the OneDrive settings and remove the OneDrive folder from File Explorer.

1. In the Notifications area on the bottom of the Windows screen, right-click the **OneDrive** icon. You might have to click the **Show Hidden Icons** arrow to find OneDrive.



2. Click **Settings**, and on the **Settings** tab, uncheck all the boxes under **General**.
3. On the **Auto save** tab, set the **Documents and Pictures** lists to **This PC only**, and uncheck the other boxes.
4. On the **Account** tab, click **Choose folders**.
5. In the **Sync your OneDrive files to this PC** box, check and uncheck the box at **Sync all files and folders in my OneDrive**. (The first check selects all the boxes, then the uncheck clears them all.) Click **OK** to close the box and return to settings.
6. • This step removes all OneDrive files from your computer, but leaves them on OneDrive.com.

7. • Click **OK** to save your changes in the **Settings** box.
8. • Open the **Settings** box again: In the Notifications area, right-click the **OneDrive** icon, click **Settings**. On the **Account** tab, click **Unlink OneDrive**. Close the **Welcome to OneDrive** box that appears.
9. • Open File Explorer, right-click **OneDrive**, and then click **Properties**.
10. On the **General** tab, next to **Attributes**, check the **Hidden** box. This hides OneDrive from File Explorer.
11. • One more time, back in the Notifications area, right-click the **OneDrive** icon and click **Exit**. This removes the OneDrive icon from the Notifications area.

Hide OneDrive in Windows 8.1

The OneDrive app comes with Windows 8.1 and Windows RT 8.1 and can't be uninstalled. You can unpin it from the Start screen and use your PC settings to stop it from syncing.

1. In your computer's Start menu, press and hold or right-click the **OneDrive** tile, and then tap or click **Unpin from Start**.
2. Go to **PC Settings**, using the **PC Settings** tile in the **Start** menu, or swipe in from the right edge of the screen, tap **Settings**, and then tap **Change PC settings**.
3. Under **PC settings**, tap or click **OneDrive**.
4. On the **File Storage** tab, turn off the switch at **Save documents to OneDrive by default**.
5. On the **Camera roll** tab, select **Don't upload photos** and turn off the switch at **Automatically upload videos to OneDrive**.
6. On the **Sync settings** tab, under **Sync settings with OneDrive**, turn off the switch at **Sync your settings on this PC**.
7. On the **Metered connections** tab, turn off all the switches.
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9. • To hide OneDrive from File Explorer, open File Explorer and in the folder list on the left, right-click **OneDrive** and then click **Properties**.
10. On the **General** tab, at **Attributes**, check the **Hidden** box.

If your computer uses Windows 7 or Windows Vista

OneDrive can be uninstalled from Windows 7 or Windows Vista computers. If it's uninstalled, your OneDrive folder will stop syncing, but any files or data you have in OneDrive will still be available when you sign in at OneDrive.com.

1. Click the **Start** button, then in the search box, type Programs, and then, in the list of results, click **Programs and Features**.
2. Click **Microsoft OneDrive**, and then click **Uninstall**. If you're prompted for an administrator password or confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.