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Uninstall Programs You Don't Need (and Spot Bloatware)

A new computer often comes loaded with trial software, games, and toolbars you'll never use. This guide shows how to tell what's safe to remove, how to uninstall it on Windows and Mac, and what to leave alone.

How to spot bloatware

If you don't recognize it, and didn't install it on purpose, it's probably bloatware.

Trial software and offers

Games, "cleaner" tools, anything with "trial" or "expires" in the name.

Toolbars you never asked for

Browser toolbars or extensions that showed up on their own.

Keep what came with your PC

Your antivirus, drivers, and core Windows apps.

How to spot and remove bloatware

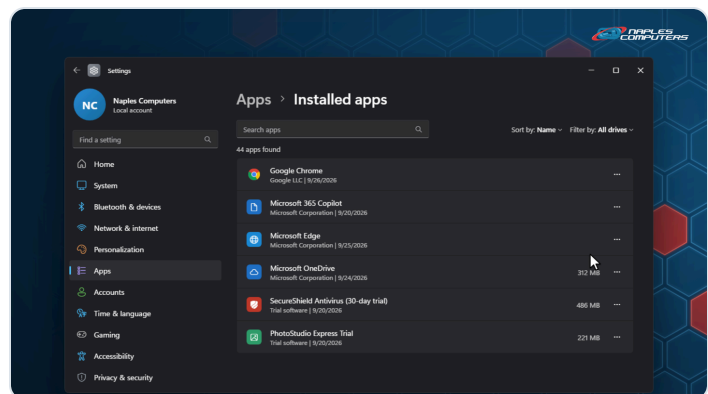
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1 In Settings: Apps, Installed apps

Find the app, click the three dots, choose Uninstall, and confirm.

WHAT TO DO

Not sure what something is? Leave it, or ask us before removing it.



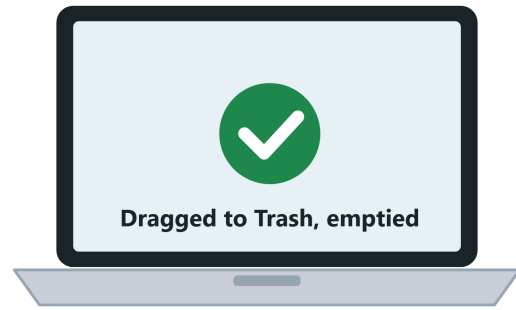
ON A MAC

On a Mac? Drag it to the Trash

Open Applications in Finder, drag the app to the Trash, then empty the Trash.

WHAT TO DO

Some Mac apps include their own uninstaller in the same folder; check there first.



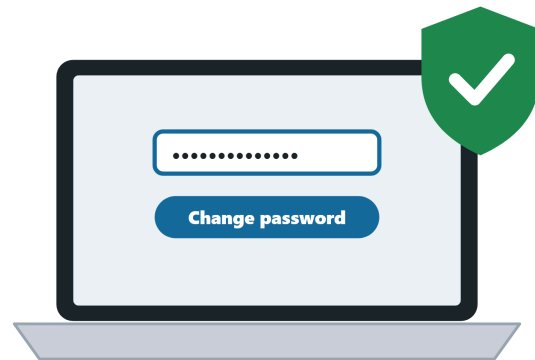
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Want us to clean it up for you?

We'll go through your computer, remove what's safe to remove, and leave what actually matters.

WHAT TO DO

Call 239-513-1960 to schedule a cleanup.



Fewer extras, faster PC

What **not** to remove

- ☐ Anything you're not sure about
Leave it; removing the wrong driver or tool can cause real problems
- ☐ Your actual antivirus
Even a trial; removing it with nothing in its place leaves you unprotected
- ☐ Unfamiliar apps from your PC's maker
Dell, HP, and Lenovo ship real utility apps that look unfamiliar but matter

Recap: **uninstall bloatware**

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| ☐ Trial software, games, and random toolbars: safe to remove | ☐ Keep your antivirus and apps from your PC's maker |
| ☐ Settings, Apps, Installed apps: three dots, Uninstall, confirm | ☐ On a Mac: drag it to the Trash, then empty it |
| | ☐ Not sure what something is? Ask before removing it |

If you're not sure what an app is, leave it alone, or ask us. Removing the wrong driver, utility, or antivirus can cause real problems, while actual bloatware is always safe to remove.



Want us to clean it up for you? We'll sort what's safe to remove.

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