Going back to Windows 7 or Windows 8.1

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- If it's been less than a month since you upgraded to Windows 10, you can go back to your previous version of Windows by going to **Settings** > **Update & security** > **Recovery** and selecting either **Go back to Windows 7** or **Go back to Windows 8.1.** This won't affect your personal files, but it will remove any apps you installed after the upgrade to Windows 10. Learn more.

- If it's been more than a month, this option won't be available in Settings and you'll need to use a different recovery option.

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