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**Applies to Windows 10**

- 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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