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How to Disable Copilot in Windows 11 and 10

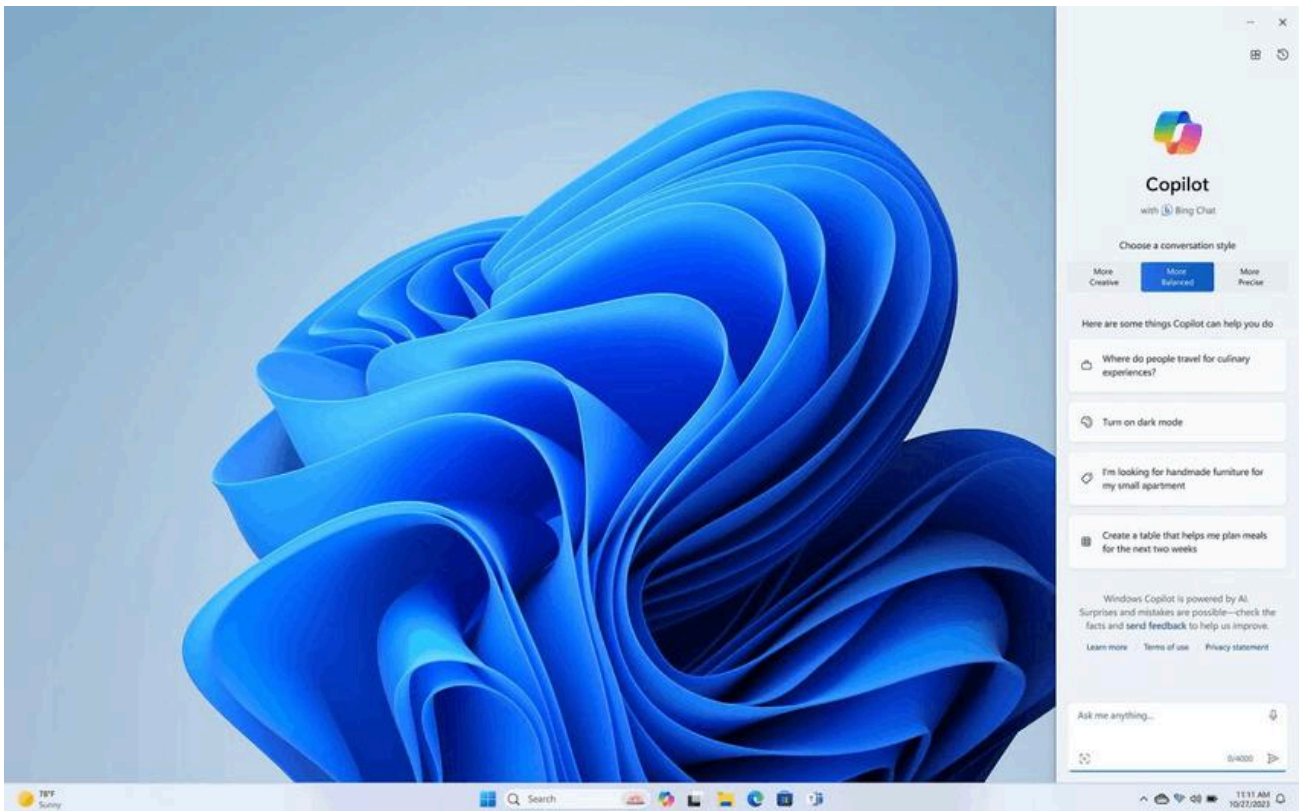
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You may want to disable Windows Copilot if you find no use for the AI-powered assistant for your daily tasks and online activities. Copilot is now integral part of Windows 11, starting with version 23H2, and Windows 10 build 19045.3754 or newer.

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Windows Copilot is a new AI-powered assistant available in Windows 11. It is designed to help users finishing their daily routines faster. You can quickly open it

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The machine learning algorithms can collect information from the Internet, analyze it, and provide you with the most relevant answer. Microsoft aims to greatly extend Copilot capabilities with making it do more for you.

Copilot will make possible to analyze the screen content and give you productivity suggestions based on what is running and open. Also, it will allow you change Windows settings in chat-friendly form. It already recognizes commands like "Enable dark mode" to apply the dark theme instantly. Windows Copilot serves and an extended version and in-place replacement for the now-discontinued Cortana assistant.

In November 2023, Microsoft backported Copilot to Windows 10. It is available starting in Windows 10 build 19045.3754.

However, not everyone likes Copilot. People who have always avoided any kind of AI assistance in Windows are unlikely to use this new one. Some users do not like the presence of AI here and there. Regardless of the reason, you may want to disable Windows Copilot.

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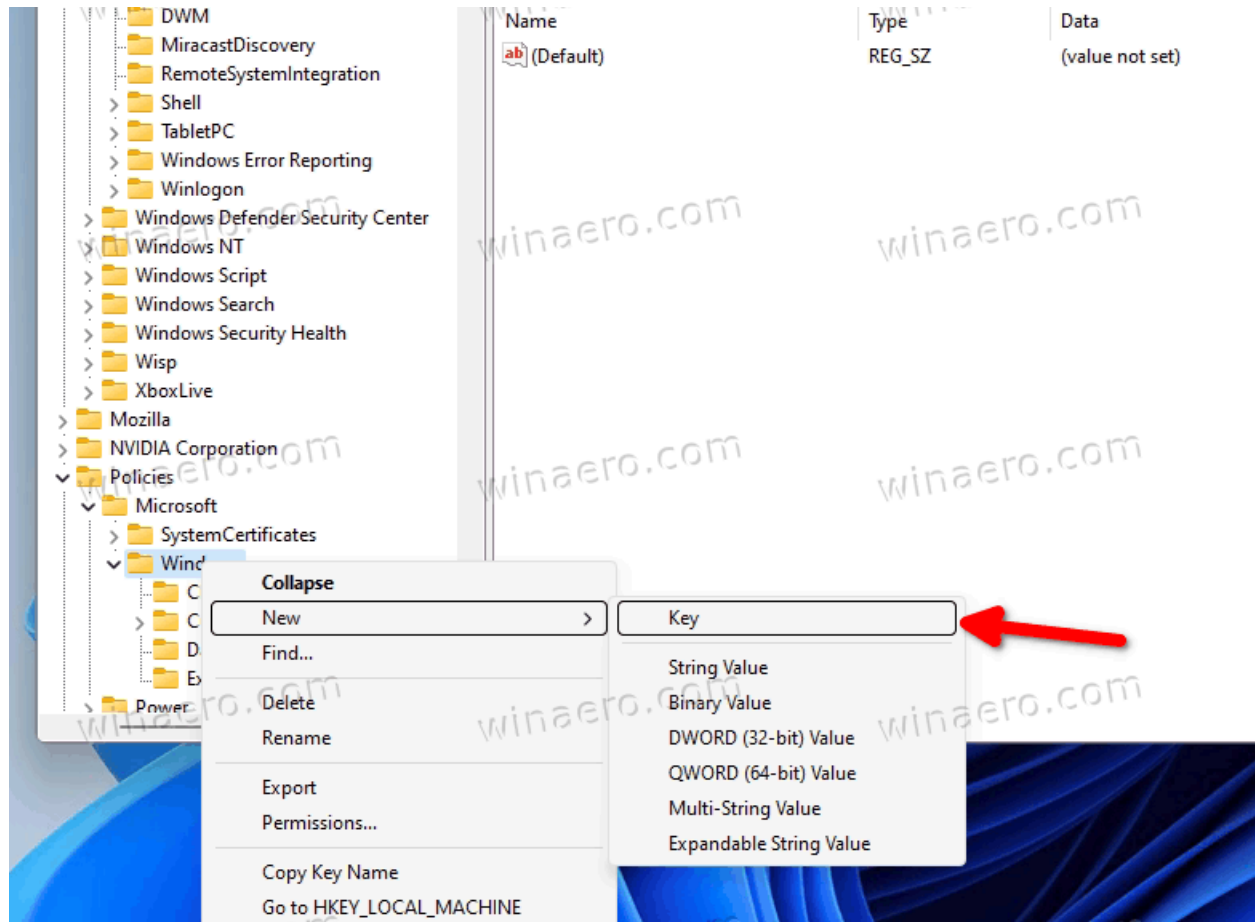
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How to Disable Copilot

Note: This works in both Windows 11 and Windows 10.

1. Press  +  and type *regedit* in the Run box.
2. Navigate to the *HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows* key.
3. Right-click the *Windows* key in the left, and select *New > Key* from the menu.

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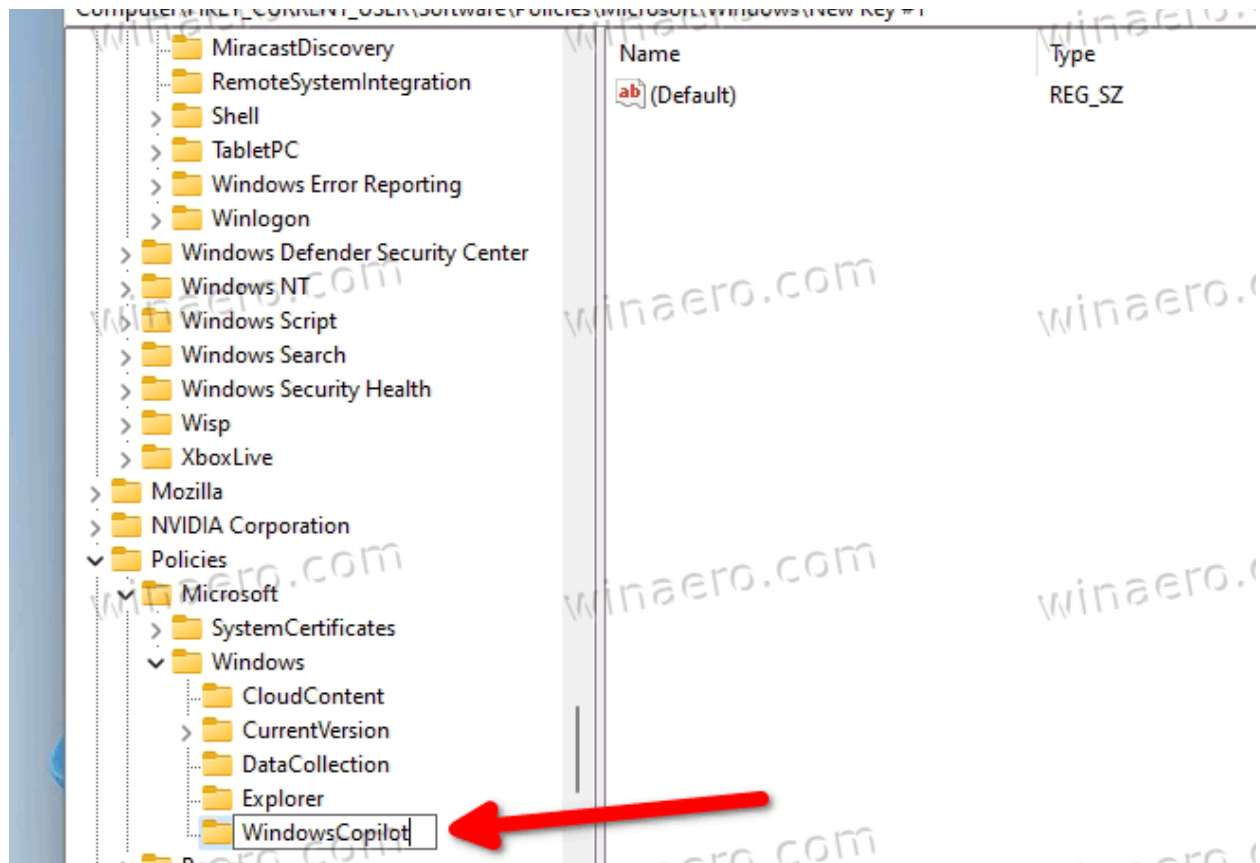
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4. Type **WindowsCopilot** for the new key name and hit **Enter**.

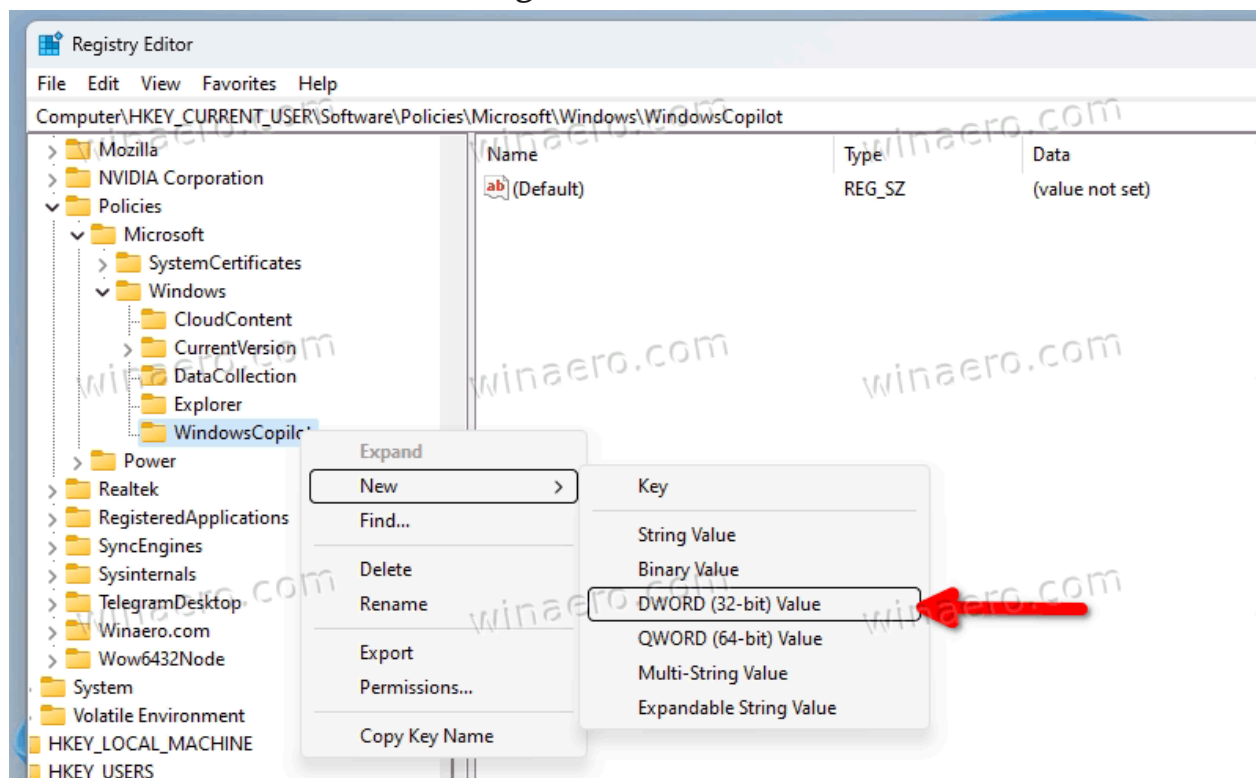
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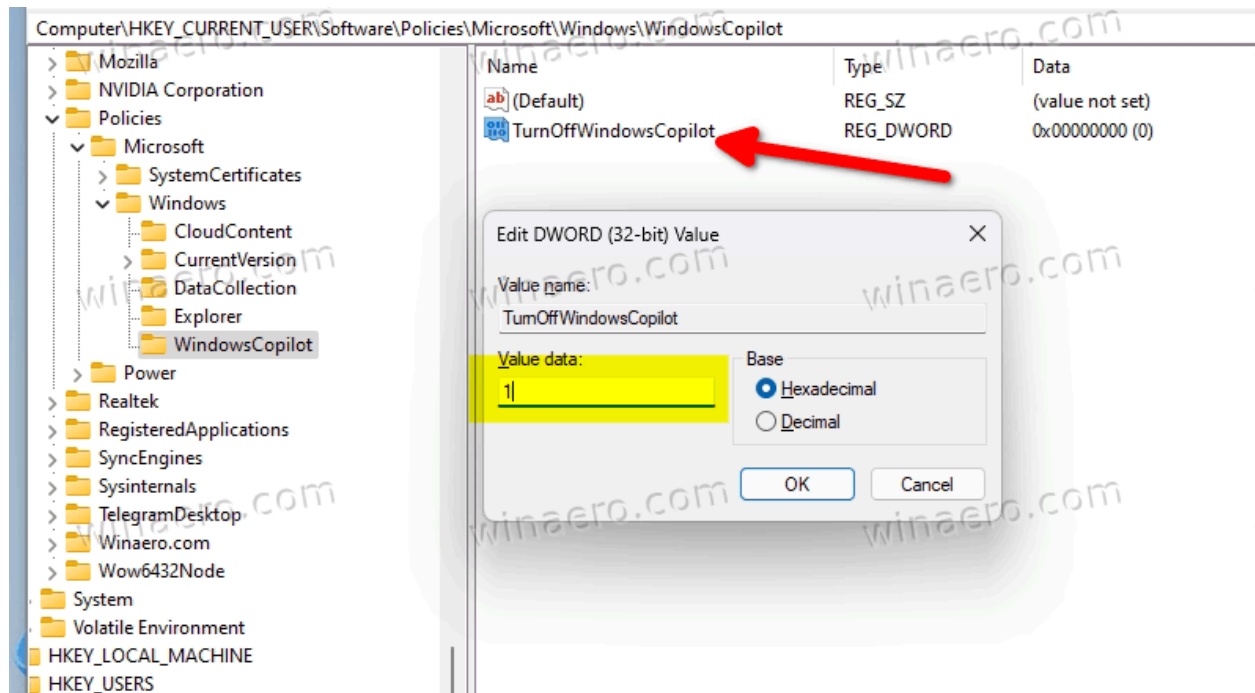


5. Now, right-click the **WindowsCopilot** key you just created and select **New > DWORD (32-bit) Value** from its right-click menu.



6. Name the new value **TurnOffWindowsCopilot** and double-click it to change its value data.

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8. Sign out from your account, and sign in back to apply the change.

You are done. From now on, your user account will no longer have Windows Copilot. It will be disabled for you.

To undo the change, you need to remove the *TurnOffWindowsCopilot* value and restart the operating system.

Download REG Files

To save your time, you can download the two ready-to-use REG files [from this link](#). Extract the ZIP archive to any folder of your choice, and extract them.

- Double-click the `Disable_Windows_Copilot.reg` file to disable the feature.
- The other one, `Enable_Windows_Copilot.reg`, enables it back.

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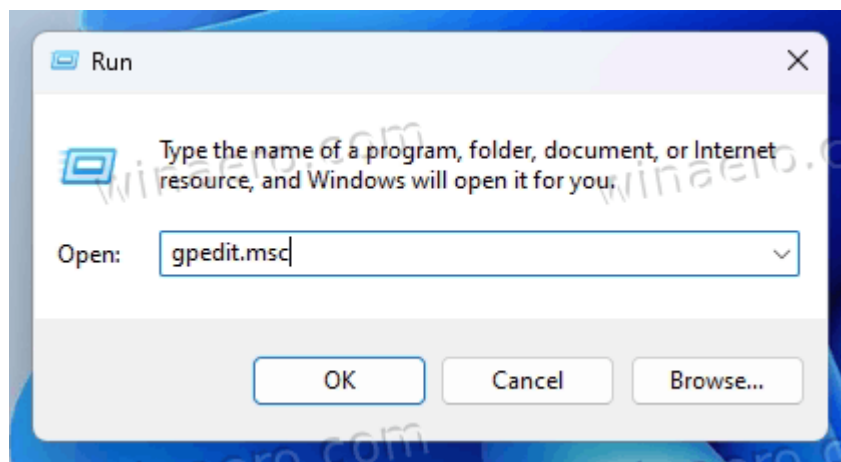


The good thing about this Registry method is that it works in all editions of Windows 11, including Home. However, if you are running Pro, Education, or Enterprise editions of the OS, you may use the GUI: the [gpedit.msc tool](#).

Using Local Group Policy Editor

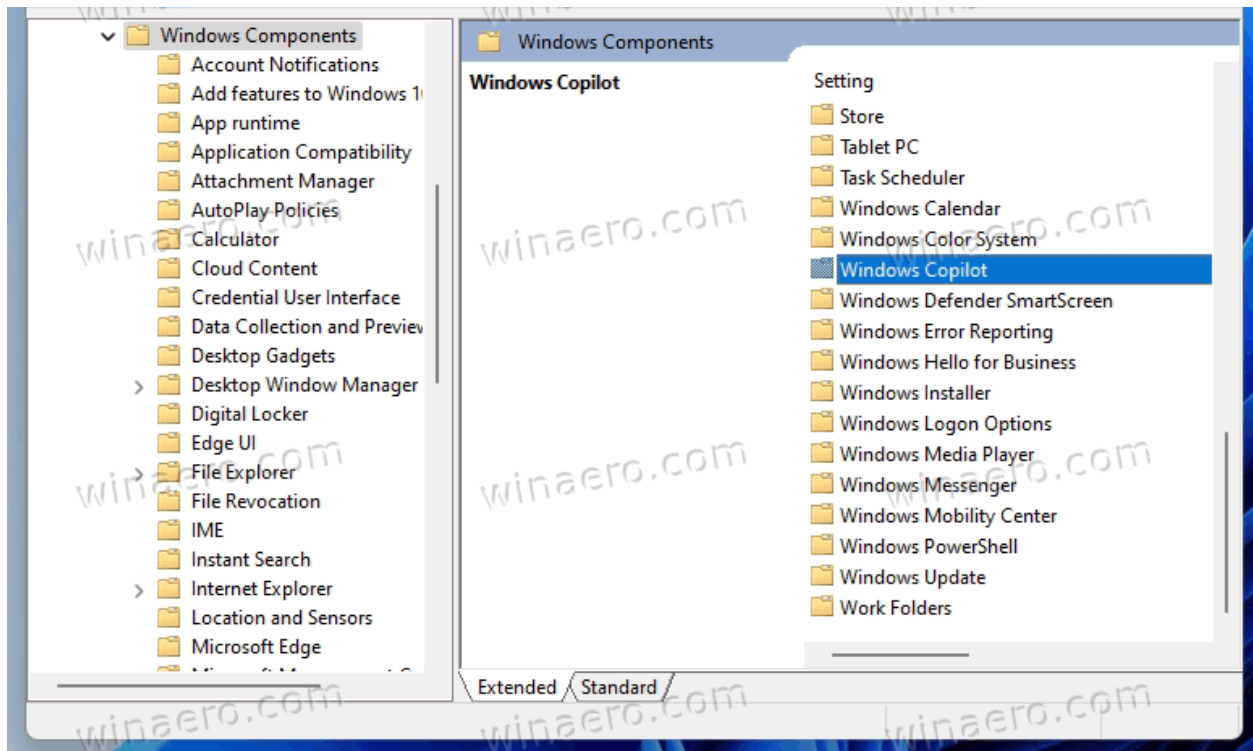
Note: This method also works in both Windows 11 and Windows 10.

1. Open the Local Group Policy Editor by typing `gpedit.msc` in the **Run** dialog (**Win** + **R**).

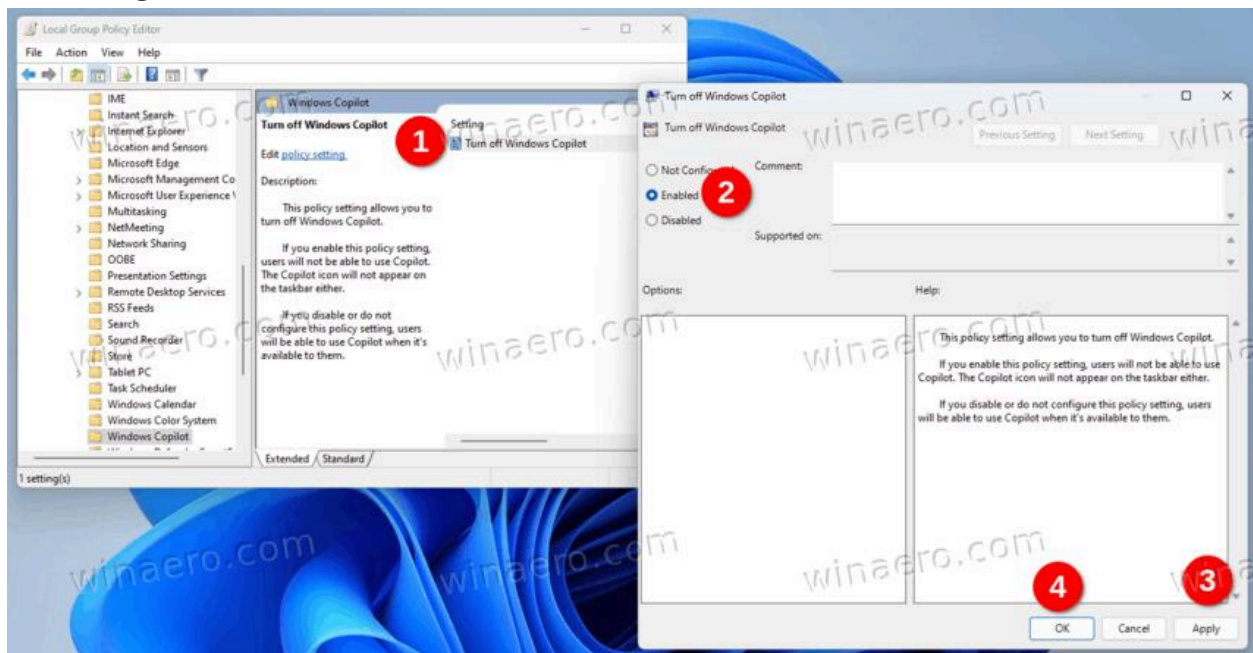


2. Navigate to **User Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Windows Copilot**.

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3. In the right pane, find the **Turn off Windows Copilot** policy and open it.



4. Set the policy to **Enabled**, click **Apply** and **OK**.

5. Now, to apply the change, sign out and sign in back. Alternatively, you can restart the OS.

Done! Regardless of the method you used, be it Registry or gpedit, Windows Copilot will now be disabled. Microsoft officially supports and recommends both of them, and they give an identical result.

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chapters, this one not only disables Copilot but hides it from the OS. It is like it doesn't exist in Windows 11.

However, it is worth mentioning that the ViVeTool method can stop working at any moment and in any build. Microsoft may change bits in the OS so the ViVeTool app will fail to do its work.

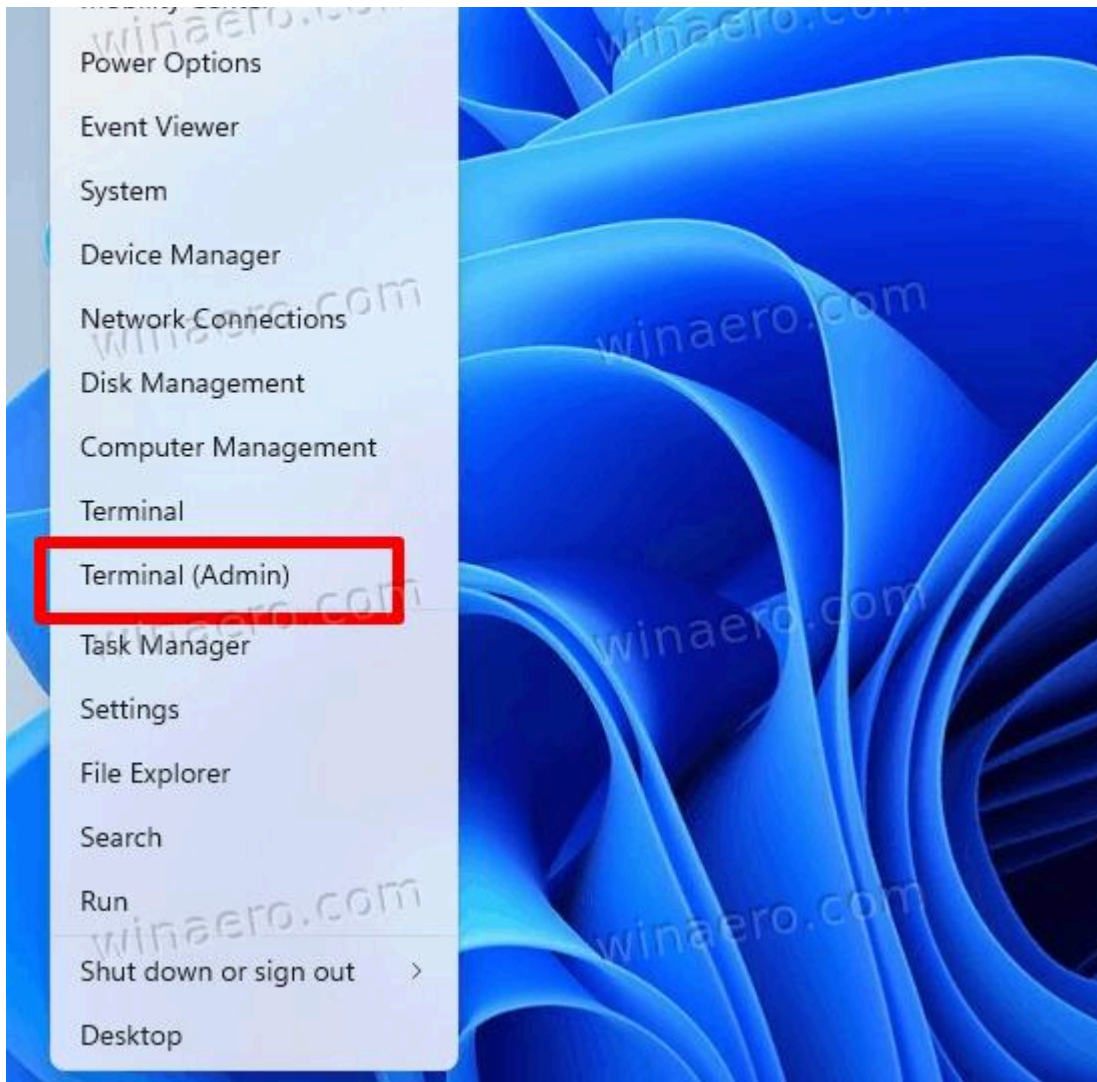
Here's how to use ViVeTool to disable Copilot on Windows 11.

Disable Windows Copilot with ViVeTool

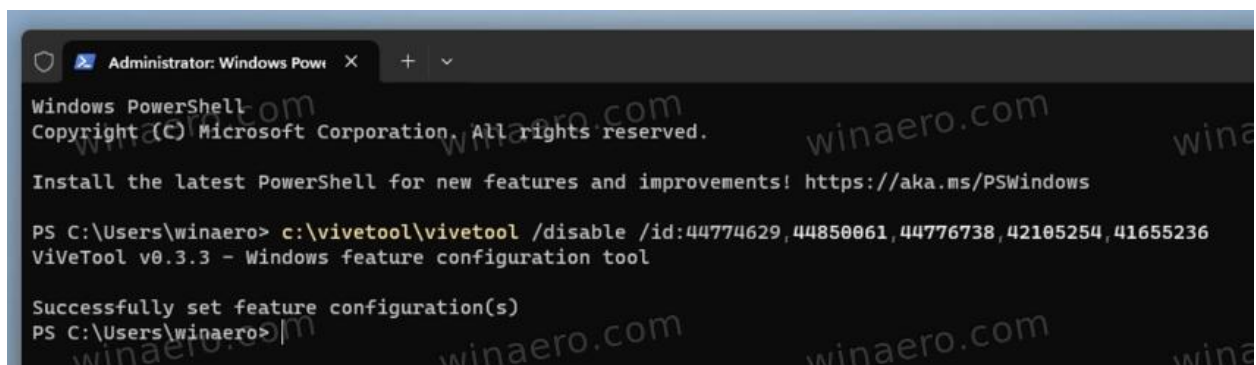
Method for Windows 11

1. Point your web browser to [this page on GitHub](#), and download **ViVeTool**.
2. Extract the ZIP archive with the app to the **c:\vivetool** folder for your convenience and faster access.
3. Now you need to right-click the **Start** button in the taskbar and select **Terminal(Admin)** to open the [Terminal app elevated](#).

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4. Finally, in **Terminal**, type this command: `c:\vivetool\vivetool /disable /id:44774629,44850061,44776738,42105254,41655236`.



5. As your last step, restart Windows 11, and you are done.

Viola, ViVeTool just removed Windows Copilot for you.

Note: To revert the changes, use the following opposite ViVeTool command.



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
Method for Windows 10

1. Download [ViVeTool from GitHub](#), and extract it to the `c:\vivetool` folder.
2. Open Windows Search (Win + S), and type `cmd` in the search pane.
3. For the `Command Prompt` entry, select `Run as Administrator`.
4. Now in the elevated Command Prompt type and run the following command:
`c:\vivetool\vivetool /enable /id:46686174,47530616,44755019 .`
5. Restart the computer. The Copilot feature is now disabled.

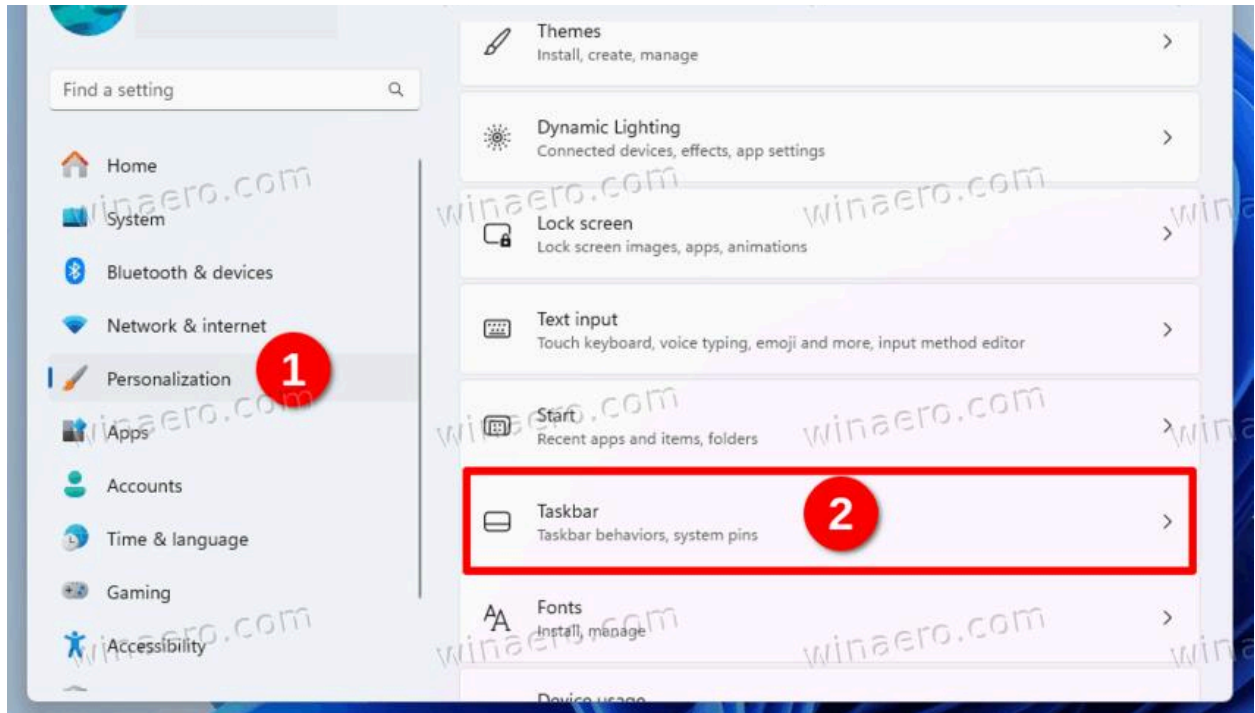
The undo command is `c:\vivetool\vivetool /reset /id:46686174,47530616,44755019 .`

Finally, as a bonus tip, here's how to remove the Copilot button from the taskbar. It can be of help in two cases. You may want to the Windows Copilot button if you disabled it, but the button remains visible. Also, you may want *just* hide it from the taskbar to get more room for running apps. So the icon won't occupy the taskbar, but you will still be able to open the Copilot, say with the  +  hotkey.

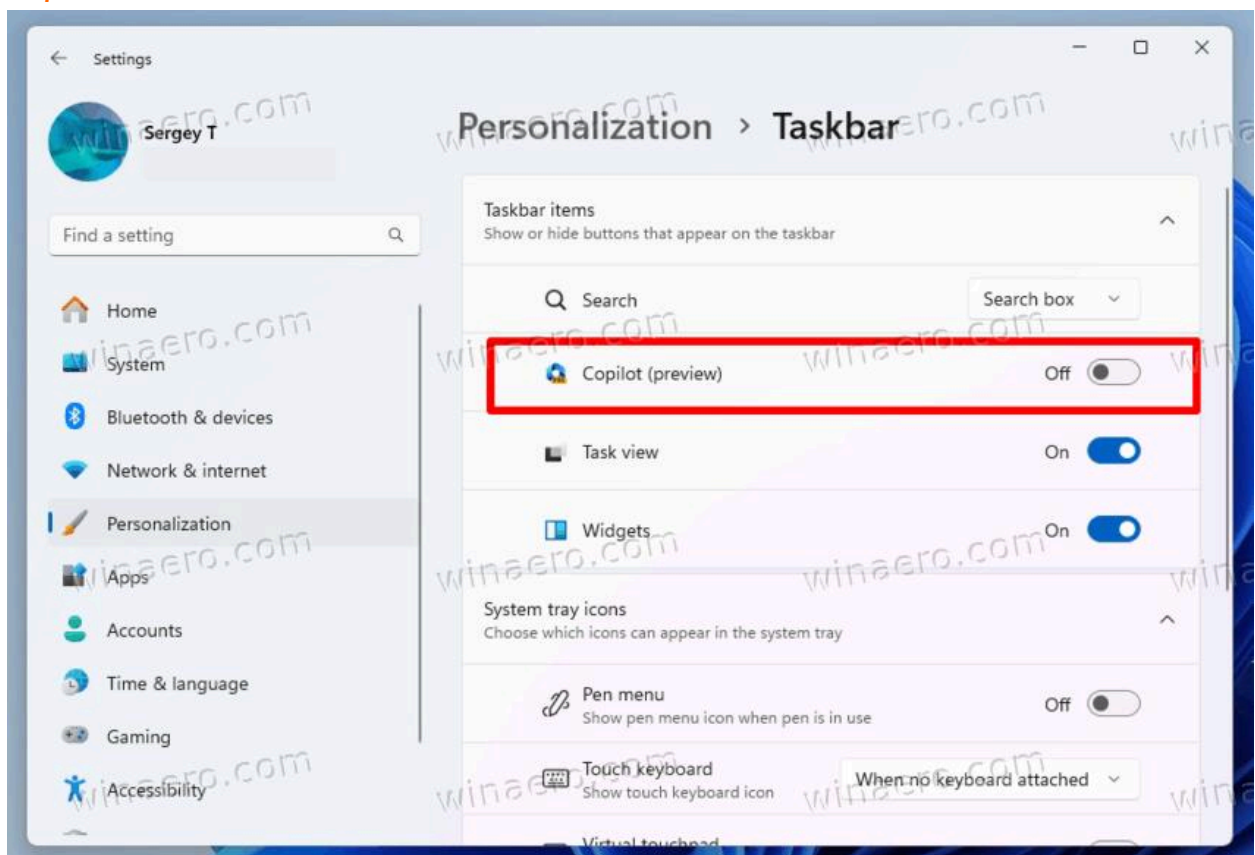
Remove Copilot button from taskbar in Windows 11

1. Open the `Settings` app ( + ).
2. Navigate to `Personalization > Taskbar`.

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3. On the next page, under **Taskbar** items, turn off the toggle button for the **Copilot** item.



4. Close the Settings app.

You are done. You no longer have the Copilot shortcut in the taskbar.

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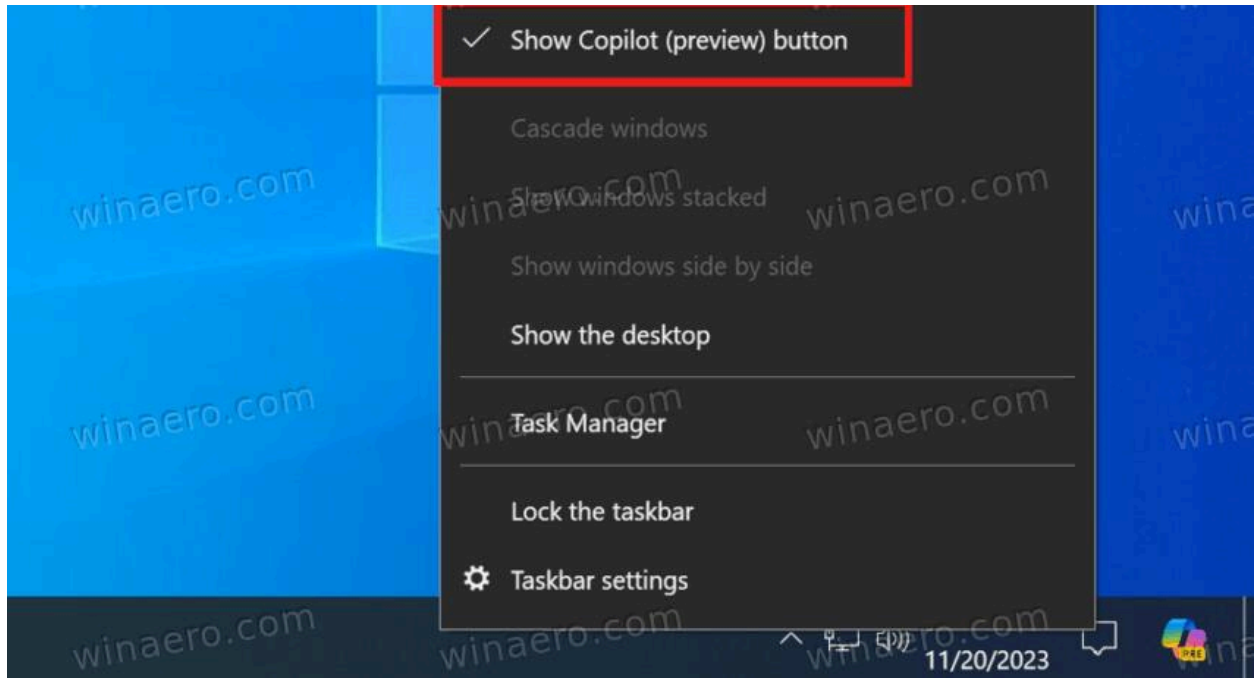


Nearly the same can be in Windows 10 to hide the button from the taskbar. Here are the steps.

Disable Copilot button in the Windows 10 taskbar

1. Right-click the taskbar.
2. From the menu, remove a check mark from the *Show Copilot button* item.

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3. The button will instantly disappear.

You are done.

As you can see, the initial implementation of Copilot in Windows 10 is quite different. Unlike Windows 11, where it resides as an app button in the taskbar, Windows 10 Copilot appears in the notification area. Microsoft is testing a [similar design for Windows 11](#). But as of this writing, it is a work in progress.

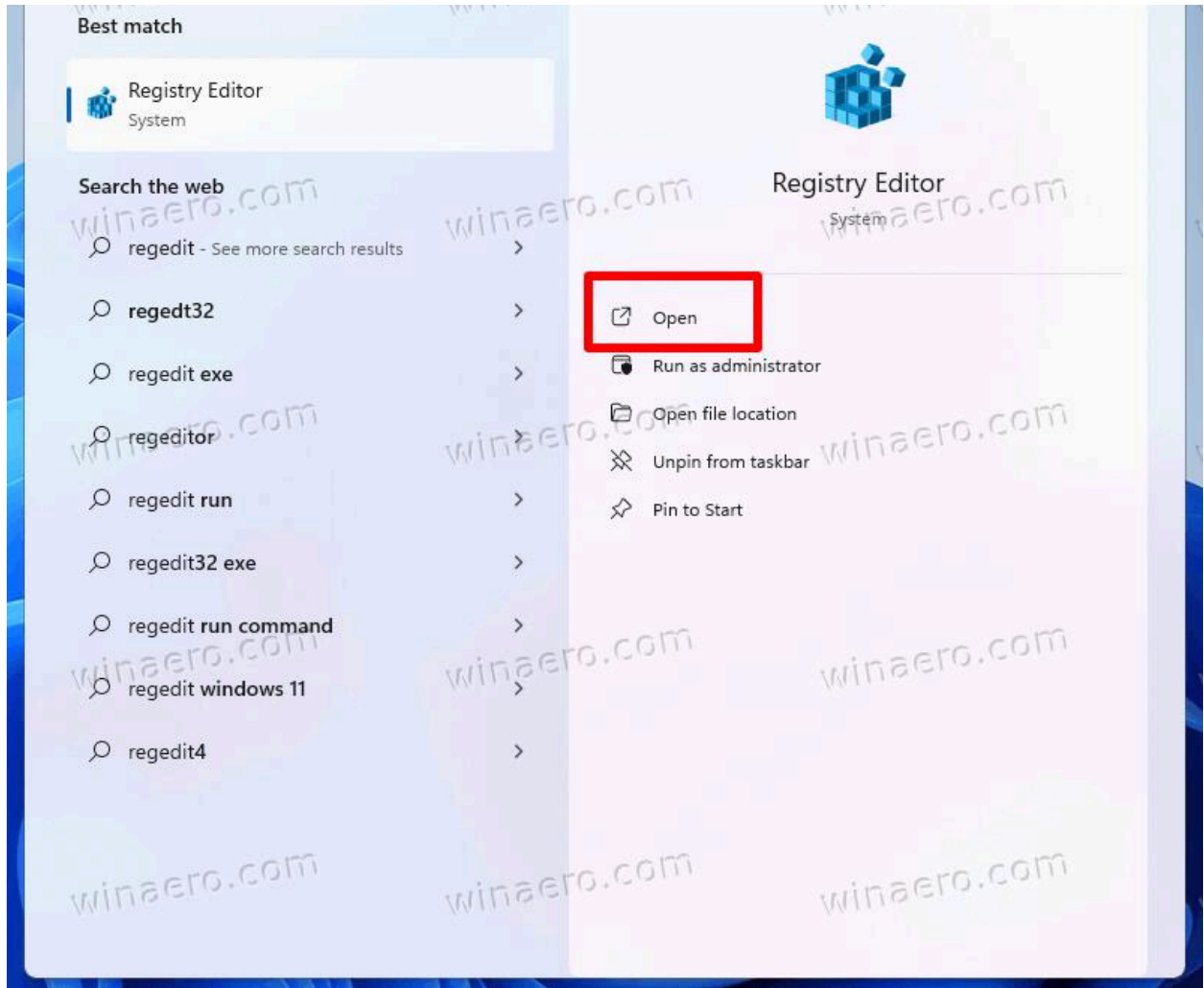
Also, you can disable the Copilot taskbar button in the Registry. This can be useful if you are setting up your desktop environment with a script, or automate your setup. Here you go.

Disable Copilot taskbar button in Registry

Note: This method works for both Windows 11 and Windows 10.

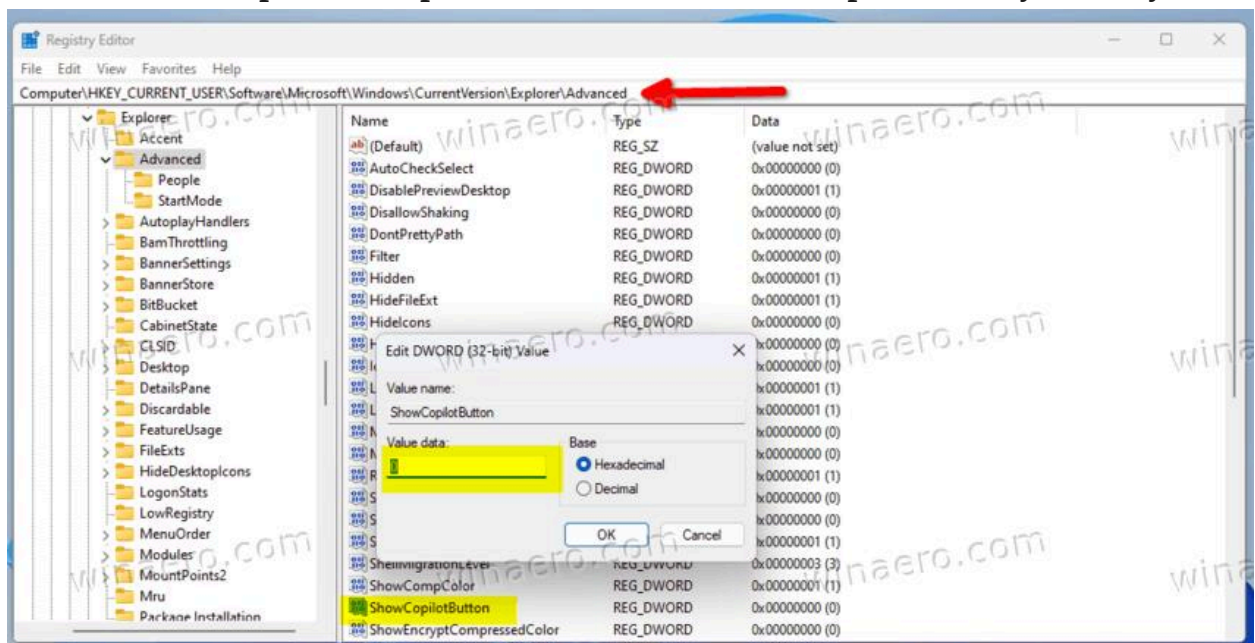
1. Open the **Registry editor** by opening **Windows Search** (Win + S) and entering `regedit`.

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2. Browse the left pane to

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced. You can paste this path in the address bar to open this key directly.



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- 1 = the button is enabled.
- 0 = disable the Copilot taskbar button.

4. Close the Registry editor.

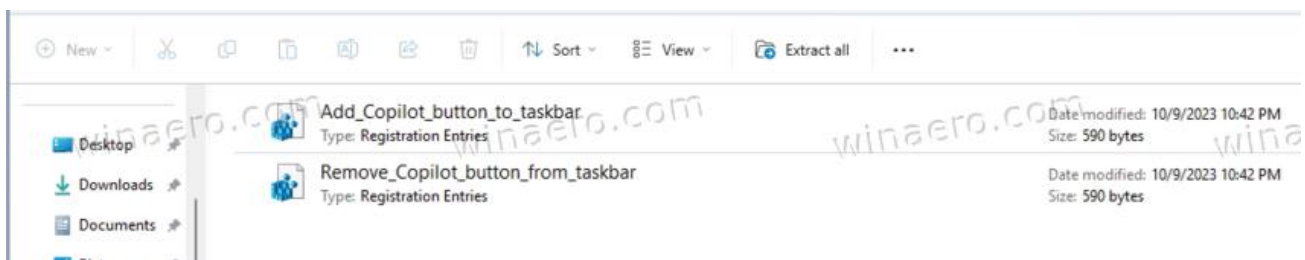
You are done.

Again, to save your time, I have prepared the following two REG files. You can download them here:

[Download Registry Files](#)

Extract the REG files to any convenient folder, and open one of the files.

- Remove_Copilot_button_from_taskbar.reg – hides the button.
- Add_Copilot_button_to_taskbar.reg – restores it back.



Double-click on the REG file to change the Registry. If you see a User Account Control prompt, click Run/Yes, Yes, and OK to allow the modification. Now you need to [restart the explorer process](#), or sign out & sign in to finish the tweak.

Besides the operating system, Microsoft has added Copilot to the Edge browser. You may want to get rid of it as well. Since it is deeply integrated [into the sidebar](#), the only option to turn off them both.

Disable Copilot in Microsoft Edge

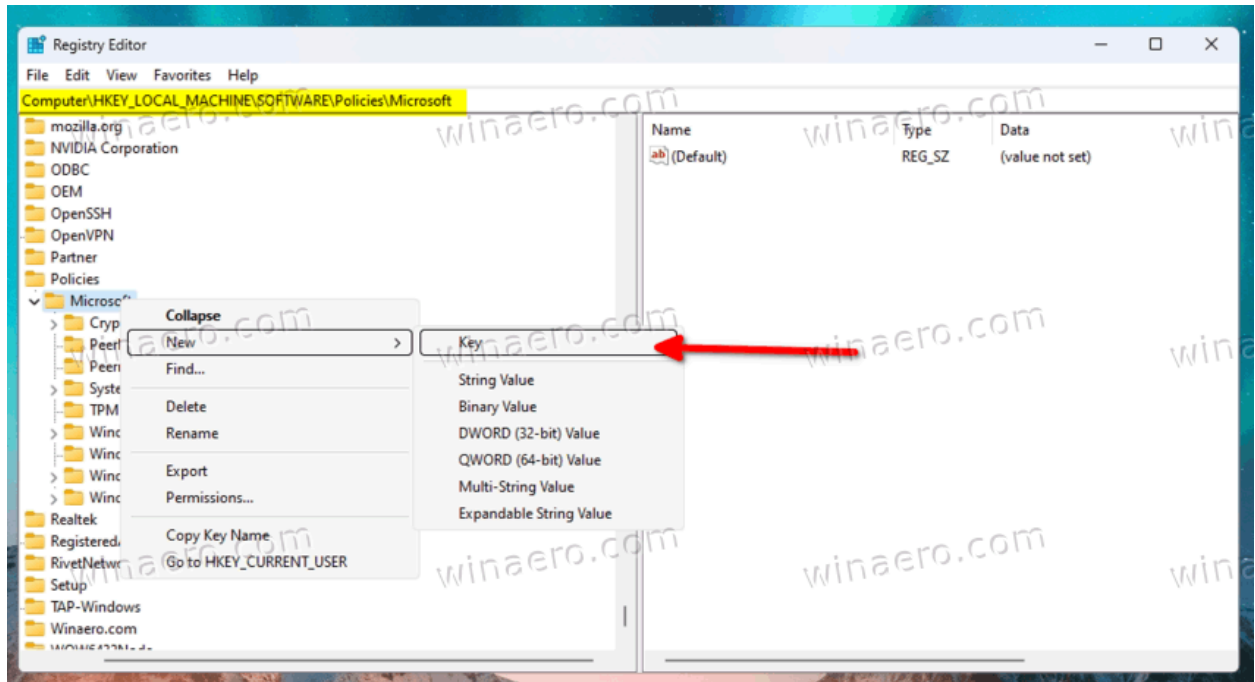
1. Launch the Registry Editor (Win + R > type *regedit* > press Enter).

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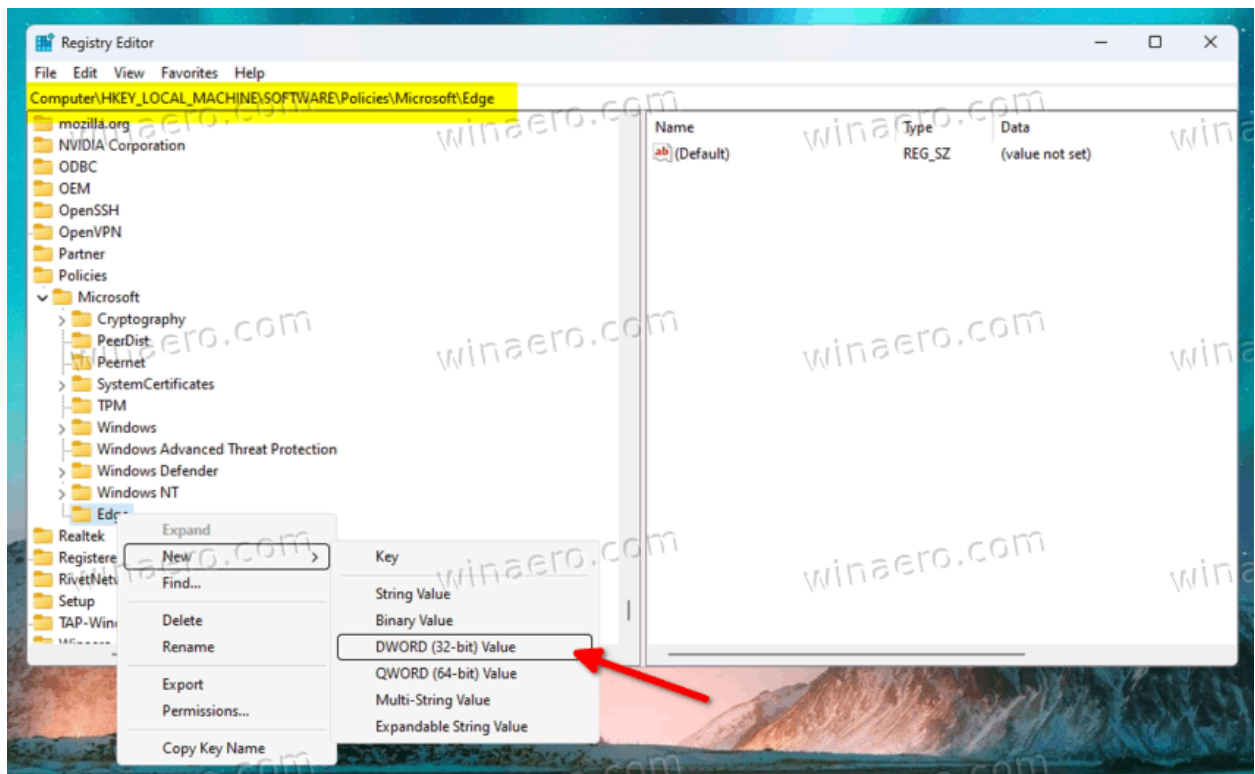


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3. If you don't have the **Edge** folder under **Microsoft**, right-click the latter and select **New > Key**. Name it **Edge**.



4. Now, right-click the **Edge** folder and select **New > DWORD (32-bit) Value** from the menu.

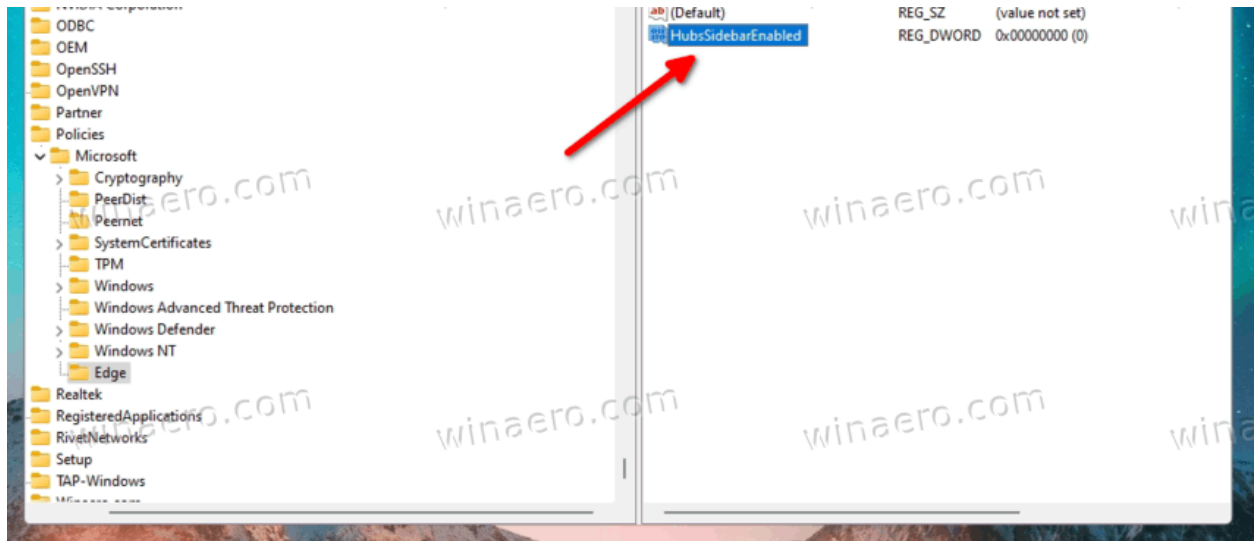


5. Name the new value **HubsSidebarEnabled**, and leave its value data as **0**.

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6. Congrats, the Edge browser no longer has Copilot (and the sidebar).

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To save your time, you can download and use the following REG files.

[Download Ready-to-use REG files](#)

Extract the ZIP file you have downloaded and open the Disable the sidebar and the Bing button.reg file. You may be prompted by the User Account Control, so click **Yes** in there. Allow the Registry editor to make the change by clicking on the **Yes** button in the next prompt, and you are good to go.

Last but not least, Microsoft has integrated Copilot with Bing. So when you search for anything from the Windows Search, you have face the AI answering to your queries. In this very case, you may want to disable web results and restrict Windows to run only local search through your offline documents.

The Registry tweak is for that is as follows:

Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00

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I have reviewed it in detail [here in the linked tutorial](#).

That's it!

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8 thoughts on “How to Disable Copilot in Windows 11 and 10”

bruce

October 10, 2023 at 4:17 pm

If you disable it in personalization is it completely gone or does it just remove the taskbar button ? Will winaero add this as an option on the next Winaero Tweaker update ?

Sergey Tkachenko

October 10, 2023 at 4:31 pm

Personalization = hides the button

Group Policy/tweak/vivetool = disables the feature

lemur

February 8, 2024 at 6:21 pm

not working, it reenables itself.

Sergey Tkachenko

February 8, 2024 at 7:13 pm

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Martin

February 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm

As mentioned above, disabling CoPilot with GPedit (or register edit) dont work on Windows 11 Home.

Anthony

February 12, 2024 at 9:26 pm

Windows 10 Pro 22H2, build 19045.3930, fully updated except KB5034203 which fails.

Neither the downloadable registry files nor the group policy will disable Copilot.
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DP

April 30, 2024 at 4:35 pm

It worked until the recent update. Now, neither disables CoPilot.

Bill Sanders

June 12, 2024 at 2:33 am

Unable to disable windows 10 co-pilot.

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