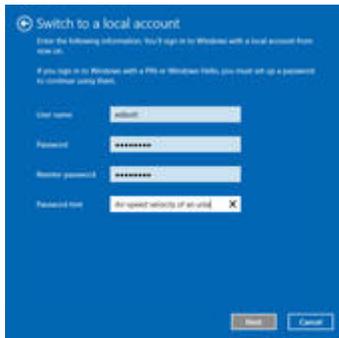


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The last step in restoring a local account is to create a local user name and password

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When you install Windows 10 for the first time, the Setup program tries very, very hard to convince you to sign in with a Microsoft account. The option to use a traditional local account is available, but it's easy to miss.

There are good reasons to use a Microsoft account on a home PC, especially if you use cloud services like OneDrive or Office 365 Home. The ability to sync settings between Windows 10 devices also comes in handy if you own more than one Windows 10 PC.

But if you don't use those services and you prefer to use a local account, you can remove the connection to a Microsoft account any time. Here's how:

1. Open Settings > Accounts and click **Your email and accounts**.
2. After confirming that the account is set up to use a Microsoft account, click **Sign in with a local account instead**.
3. Enter the password for your Microsoft account to confirm that you're authorized to make the change, and then click **Next**.
4. On the Switch To A Local Account page, enter your new local user name and password, along with a password hint, as shown here.
5. Click **Next** to sign out from the Microsoft account and sign back in using your new local account.

This change doesn't affect any files or installed Windows desktop programs.

If you've set up any apps from the Windows Store, you'll need to sign in again. You can continue to use any Microsoft cloud services as well; you'll just need to sign in individually.

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