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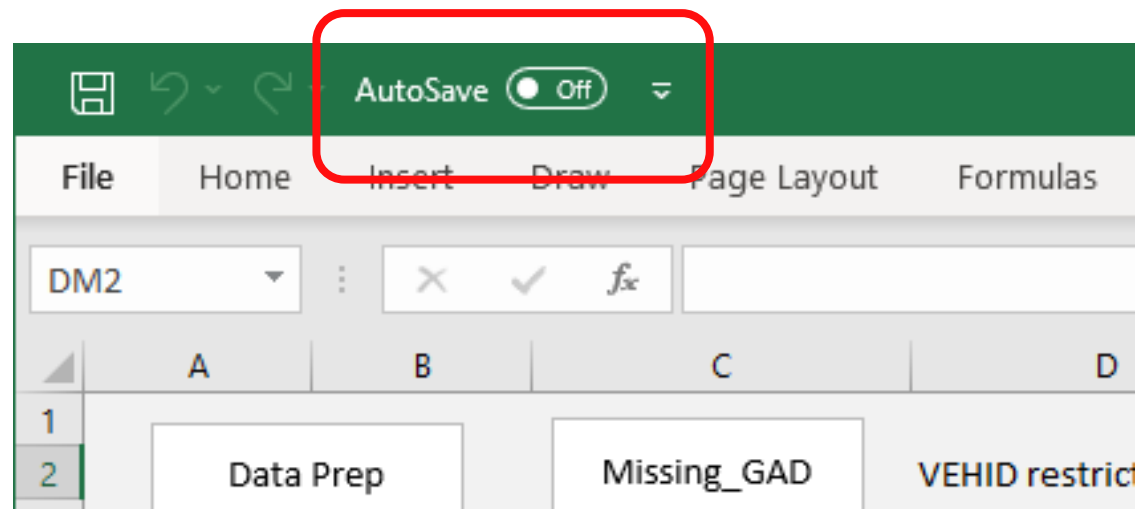
AutoSave in Excel 365

- Is AutoSave storing copies of files that you don't need – and doing so on OneDrive?

- Disable it with:

File > Options > Quick Access Toolbar

Remove *Turn AutoSave On/Off*



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Fraud Watch and AI

Android Authority details the use of AI tech to spread malware via links in hijacked YouTube channels:

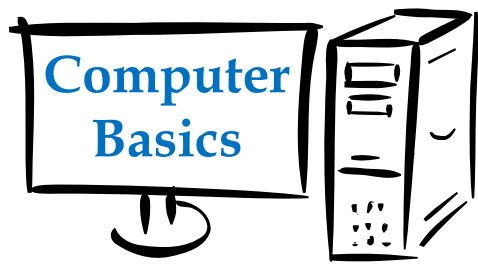
<https://www.androidauthority.com/youtube-video-malware-3298682/>

Whether the data is accurate or not, my takeaway is not to use the links provided in ANY YouTube video, no matter how much we want to support the legitimate creators

Just like government and banks should be advising us to ignore emailed links and go to their websites on our own, the same precautions ought to apply to YouTube

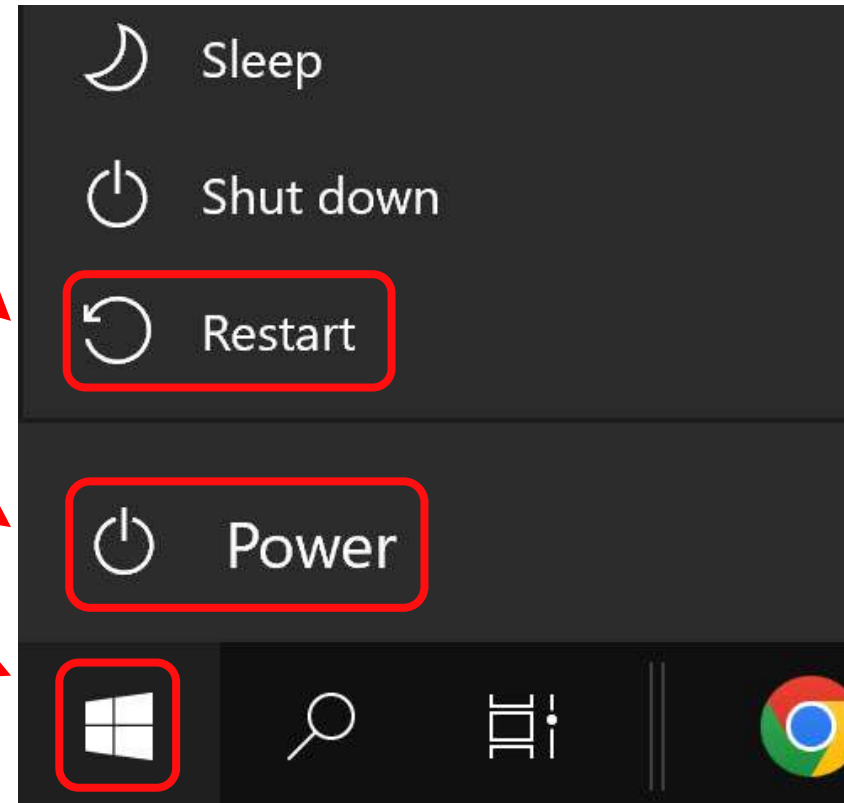
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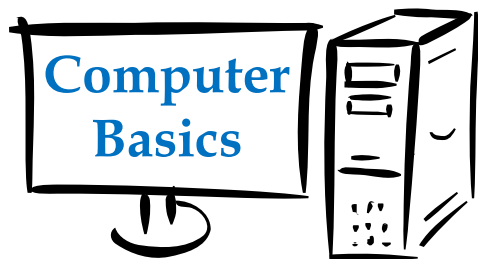
Restarting without a mouse

- Problem:
 - mouse not responding
 - tried unplugging & plugging back in
 - next option: reboot
- How to restart when you can't use the mouse to:



Not the best idea to just hit the power switch

- proper shutdown always best



Keyboard operations

- Windows key 
 - opens Start menu
- Tab key
 - moves between various regions
- Arrow keys
 - move between items within a region
- Enter key
 - activates currently-highlighted item in a region
- Note: Windows 11 regions are defined differently
 - just use the Tab key to get to the right region

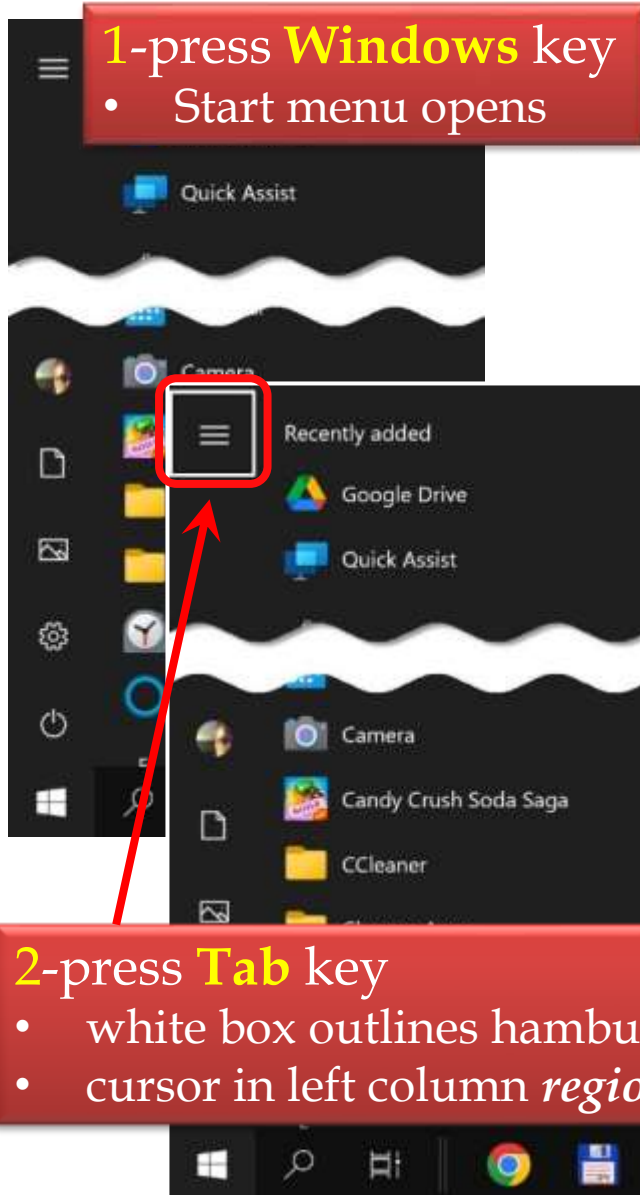
Computer Basics



Restart using the keyboard

1-press **Windows** key

- Start menu opens

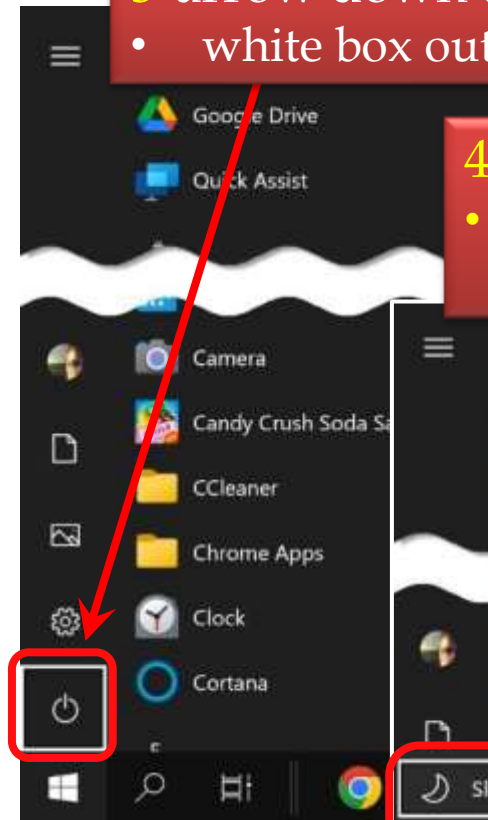


2-press **Tab** key

- white box outlines hamburger menu
- cursor in left column *region*

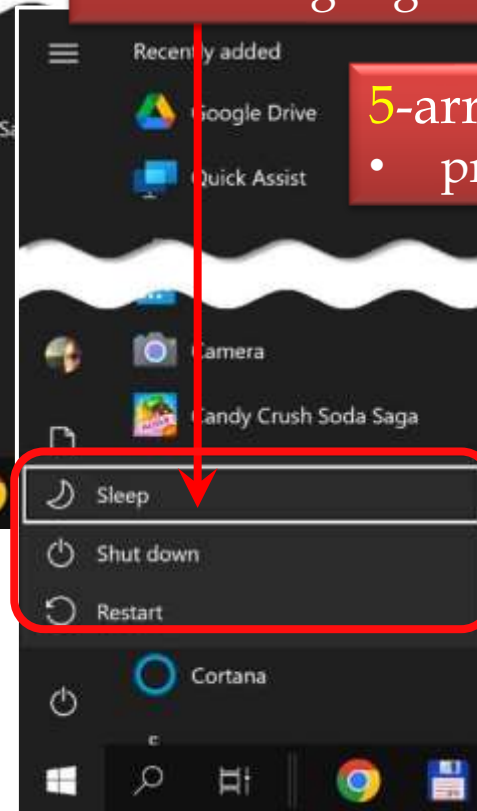
3-arrow down to **power icon**

- white box outline follows



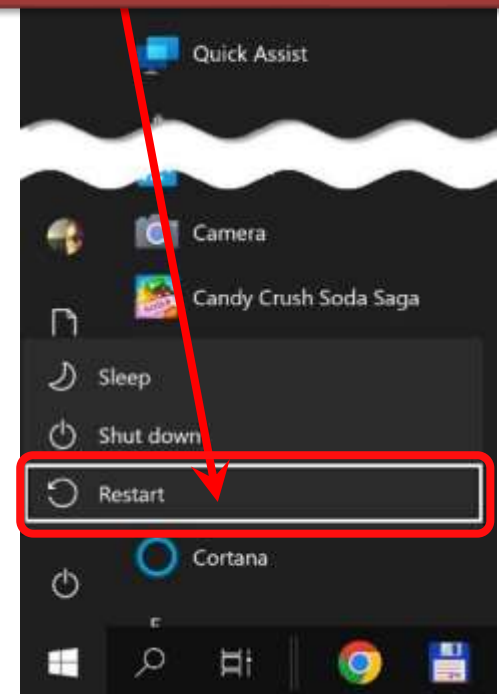
4-press **Enter**

- **Power** menu opens /w top item highlighted



5-arrow down to **Restart**

- press **Enter** to restart





Surge Protectors

**Bob Walker
OPCUG**

Surge Protectors

- **A surge protector protects electrical devices from voltage spikes on the power line.**
- **A voltage spike is a transient event, typically lasting 1 to 30 microseconds, that may reach over 1,000 or more volts.**

Surge Protectors

Among other things, surges can be caused by:

- **Power failures (the surge when the power goes off can be larger than the surge when the power comes back on),**
- **Power 'winkies' (very short power dips),**
- **Lightning hits on the power line (the lightning hit can be hundreds of kilometers away on large power grids),**
- **Solar flare activity (the longer the power transmission lines, the more susceptible they are to solar activity),**
- **Major electrical equipment in your own home (dryers, stoves, water heaters, etc.) can generate minor surges as they turn on and off.**

Surge Protectors

- Even modest spikes can destroy a wide variety of electronic devices including computers, battery chargers, modems, TVs, etc., that happen to be plugged in at the time.
- Typically the surge device will trigger at a set voltage, around 3 to 4 times the mains voltage, and divert the current to ground.
- They are generally rated according to the amount of energy in joules they can absorb.

Surge Protectors

- Surge protectors don't last forever. Most estimates put the average lifespan of a surge protector at three to five years. And if your home is subject to frequent brownouts or blackouts, you might want to replace your surge protectors as often as every two years.
- The surge protection components inside wear out a little more with each surge, and there's virtually no way to know how much protection remains unless the device includes a warning light.
- Many cheap models continue to pass power to their outlets even after the protection is long gone. That's why you should look for a surge protector with an auto-shutoff feature, which stops the device from conveying power when the protection wears out.

Surge Protectors

- Some surge protectors come with surge protection for phone lines, coaxial cables, etc. built in.
- Some also come with USB charging ports.
- You can get whole house surge protectors that are wired into your electrical panel.

**WITH SURGE PROTECTORS, YOU
GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR!!!**

Surge Protectors – Info & Reviews

- There is a great review of premium surge protectors at: <https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/best-surge-protector/> (for more info on Wirecutter see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wirecutter_\(website\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wirecutter_(website))) The review also has a lot of good general info on surge protectors.
- For even more info on surge protectors, see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surge_protector
- On a related topic, we have a review of the Best Travel Power Strips and Surge Protectors With USB Charging: <https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/best-travel-power-strip-with-usb/>

Surge Protectors - Insurance

- Many surge protectors are sold with 'connected-equipment insurance coverage', but you'll have to jump through a bunch of hoops to collect in the event of disaster. Good luck on that!!!
- If you want financial protection you can count on, don't get it from the manufacturer. Just make sure you're covered by your homeowners or renters insurance policy.

Surge Protectors – Do's & Don'ts

- Always replace your surge protectors after any large event, such as a lightning strike down the block or multiple outages in rapid succession.
- Don't plug appliances such as toasters, kettles, coffee makers, space heaters or hair dryers into a surge protector. They use a lot of power, increasing your chances of overloading the outlet. A surge protector adds even more resistance that can allow heat to build up, potentially catching fire or damaging the device.
- Never cover up any part of a surge protector or extension cord with rugs, poufs, or other decorative items-no matter how ugly your surge protector is. This type of direct contact prevents heat from escaping, which could start a fire.

Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS)

- If you want to protect equipment that could be damaged by a sudden loss of power, a hard disk drive that's susceptible to data corruption, or critical gear that can't EVER go down (such as a CPAP machine to treat sleep apnea, a ventilator or an oxygen generator), you shouldn't be looking at a surge protector at all. Instead, you need an uninterruptible power supply (UPS), most of which have built-in surge protection.
- I'll be covering UPS' in a future session.

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Mobile data calculator

- Extremely simple bandwidth usage estimator
 - figure out needs for mobile plan
- Only two questions
 - what is your data allowance?
 - what are you going to do?
- Hard to mess up

<https://www.confused.com/mobile-phones/mobile-data-calculator>

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Simple as 1-2-3

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Mobile data usage calculator

How far does your data allowance go?

What is your data allowance?
Please select...

What would you like to do?
Please select...

3 **CALCULATE**

- Please select...
- 100MB
 - 200MB
 - 500MB
 - 1GB
 - 2GB
 - 3GB
 - 4GB
 - 5GB
 - 10GB

- Please select...
- Web browsing
 - Facebook
 - Watch TV
 - Watch Youtube videos
 - Chat on WhatsApp
 - Use email
 - Use Google Maps
 - Chat on Skype
 - Listen to music on Spotify
 - Use snapchat

With a data allowance of

1GB

you could send

34,133 emails

Email

*Based on 1 email sent and received without attachments, which uses 30KB on average

TRY AGAIN

With a data allowance of

3GB

you could spend

133 hours

Surfing the web

*Based on 1 hours use, which uses 23MB on average

TRY AGAIN

With a data allowance of

5GB

you could stream

1,280 tracks

on Spotify

*Based on streaming one track, which uses 4MB on average

TRY AGAIN



End User Licence Agreements (EULA)

- When you install an app you usually have to agree to the terms of a EULA with gazillions of pages
- It's almost impossible to carefully review all of the text
- Are there specific sections of EULA's that people look at to identify issues of concern?



Karen Wallace-Graner



End User Licence Agreement, Terms of Service, Privacy Policy

- You often don't own the software you buy; you purchase the right to use it
- The EULA/TOS establishes rights and restrictions on using the software – mainly restrictions!
- Vendors are trying to retain control of their intellectual property (maintain copyright, stop reverse engineering)
- The EULA protects the copyright holder, not the end user
- EULA/TOS can be extremely lengthy so the tendency is to click *I agree* without reading the terms
- Some terms can be interesting...

Dangerous Terms: A User's Guide to EULAs

By Annalee Newitz, Electronic Frontier Foundation

1. Do not criticize this product publicly
2. Using this product means you will be monitored
3. Do not reverse-engineer this product
4. Do not use this product with other vendors' products
(for the purposes of benchmarking)
5. You also agree to every change in future versions, and
EULA's are subject to change without notice
6. We are not responsible if this product messes up your computer

<https://www.eff.org/wp/dangerous-terms-users-guide-eulas>



EULA's can be lengthy!

- *Apple's* agreement comprises 7,314 words. At an average reading speed of 240 words per minute, that would take 30 minutes to read.
- *Adobe Reader* came out on top at a whopping 9,313 words (or 41 double spaced pages)
- ...a 30-foot-long printout of *iTunes'* terms of service
- Worst of all is *Microsoft*, with a 15,260 word agreement that is so long **it would qualify as a novella if it were fiction**. The company says it would take more than an hour to read.

Strange EULA clauses

- iTunes
 - ...**not use these products for** any purposes prohibited by United States law, including, without limitation, the **development, design, manufacture, or production of nuclear, missile, or chemical or biological weapons.**
- PC Pitstop
 - ...**financial compensation will be awarded** to a limited number of authorize licensee to read this section of the license agreement & **contact PC Pitstop at consideration@pcpitstop.com.**
 - four months & over 3,000 downloads before someone wrote in about this. They were rewarded with a \$1,000 prize.

<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/10-ridiculous-eula-clauses-agreed/>

Strange EULA clauses

- Tumblr
 - Tumblr's usernames/URLs are meant for the use and enjoyment of all of our users. **Don't** squat, hoard, amass, accumulate, accrue, stockpile, rack up, buy, trade, sell, launder, invest in, **ingest, get drunk on, cyber with, grope**, or jealously guard Tumblr usernames/URLs.
- GameStation (on April Fool's Day 2010)
 - ...you agree to grant Us a non-transferable **option to claim**, for now and for ever more, **your immortal soul**.

Flashtalk PC

- One tiny part of 37 sections in EULA
 - ...without any prior notice to you, automatically...
 - display advertisements of advertisers who pay a fee to BetterInternet (adware)
 - store non-personally identifiable statistics of the websites you have visited (track you)
 - redirect certain URLs including your browser default 404-error page (certain???)
 - provide advertisements, links or information in response to search terms you use at third-party websites (track what you do elsewhere)
 - automatically update the Software and install added features or additional software, including search clients and toolbars, conveniently without your input or interaction (change their software at any time)
 - install desktop icons and installation files (install extra stuff)
 - install software from BetterInternet affiliates (install their friend's stuff)
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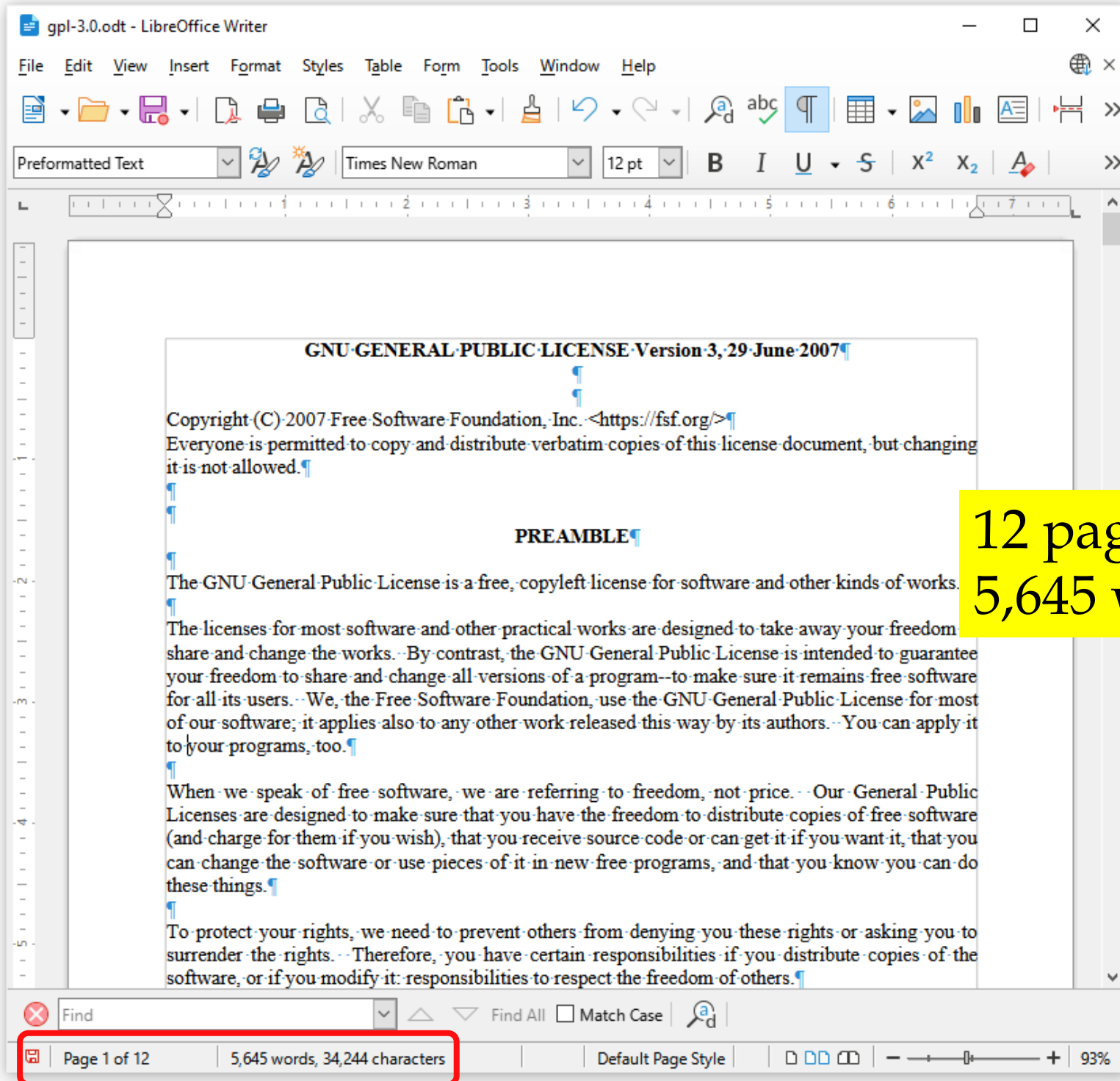
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5,645 words



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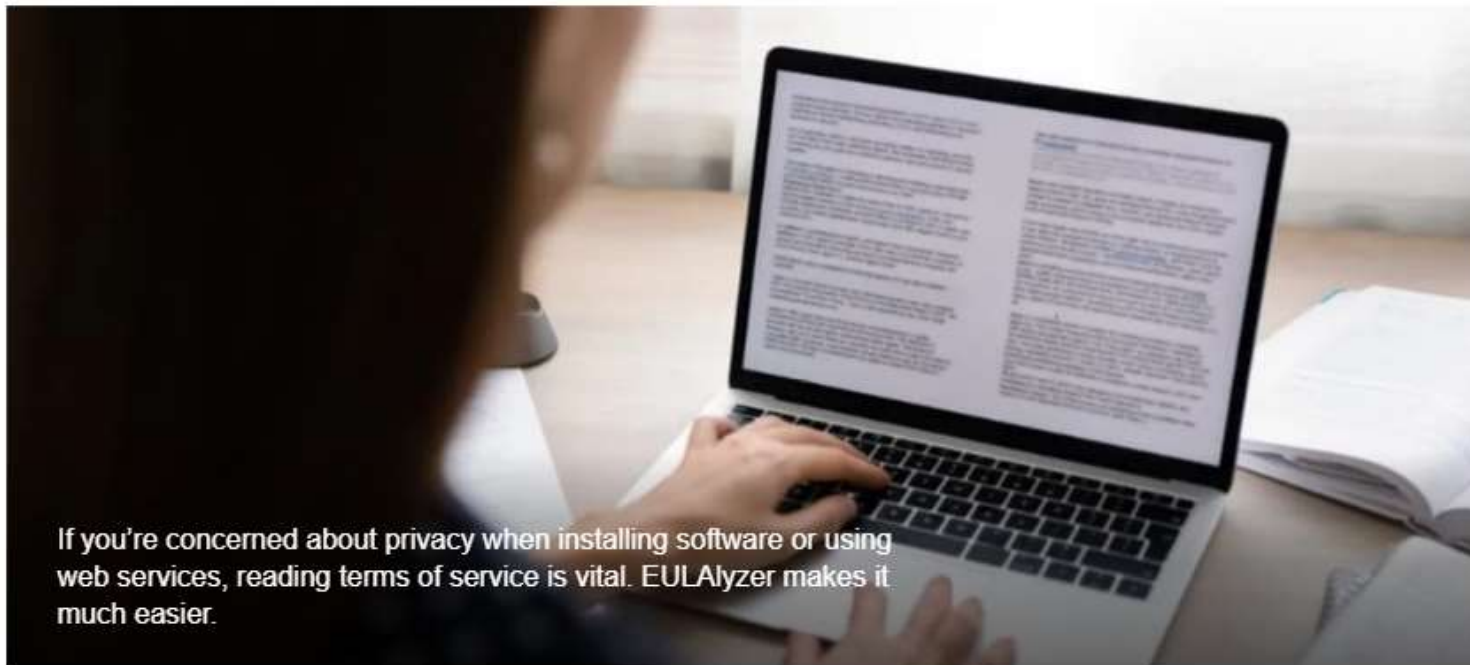
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How to Analyze a Complex Software or Web Service EULA the Easy Way



By [Brian Burgess](#) 

Last Updated on June 9, 2022



If you're concerned about privacy when installing software or using web services, reading terms of service is vital. EULalyzer makes it much easier.

When you install software or sign up for a web service, you always need to agree to the End User License Agreement (EULA). We're all guilty of not reading terms of service and blindly agreeing to them. License agreements are usually extremely long and full of legal terminology that can confuse even the most privacy-conscious user.

<https://www.groovypost.com/howto/analyze-software-website-service-terms/>



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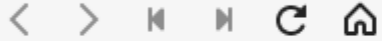
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I read all the small print on the internet and it made me want to die

Alex Hern decided not to do anything for a week - unless he'd read all the terms and conditions first. Seven days and 146,000 words later, what did he learn?

The problem is that reading the terms and conditions simply doesn't help...

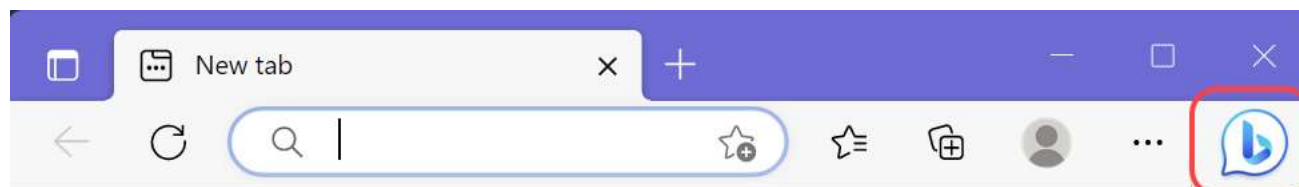
...my advice is this: carry on not reading the terms and conditions...

...just hope you don't sign away your first-born in the meantime.

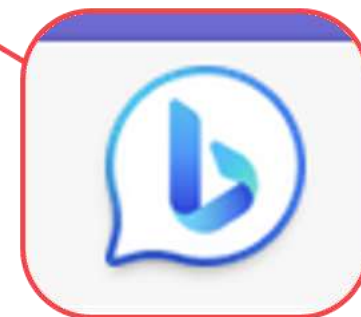
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Chris's rants: Bing **Discover** icon in Edge

- Microsoft Edge v.111
 - ~~foisted~~ released 2023-02-16
- New Bing **Discover** icon on toolbar



- Very annoying behaviour
- No (easy) way to remove



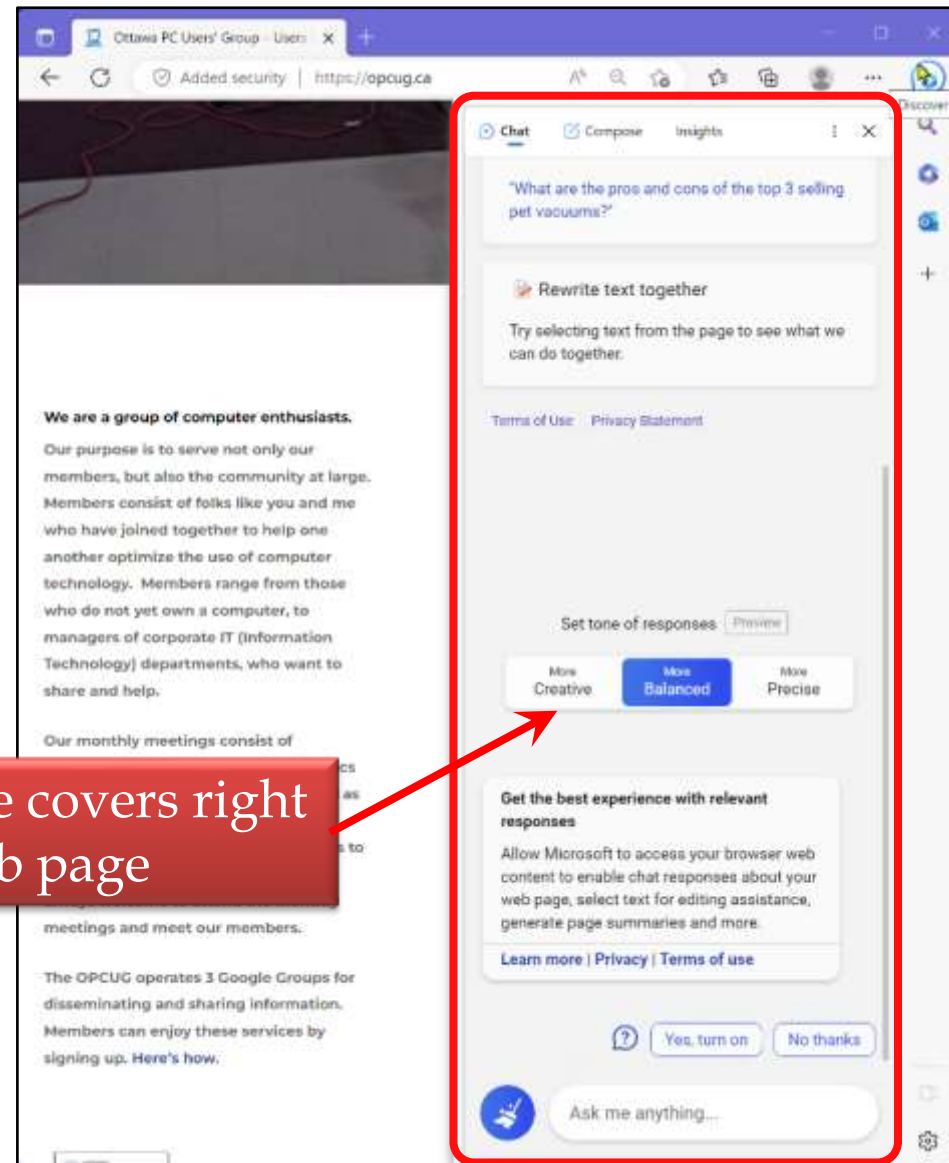
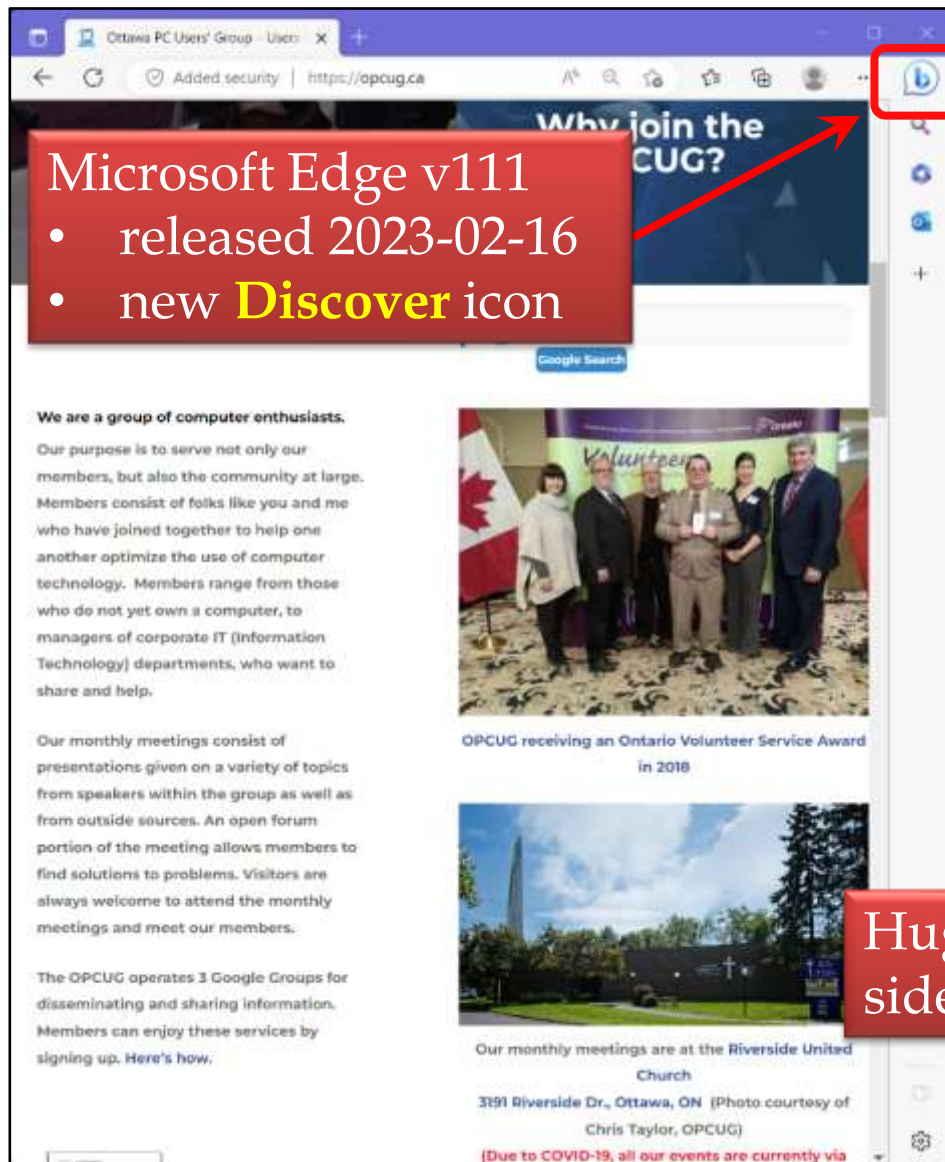
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Bing Discover icon

Make the mistake of hovering over icon for less than 1 second..

Microsoft Edge v111

- released 2023-02-16
- new **Discover** icon



Huge pane covers right side of web page

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Close Microsoft Edge

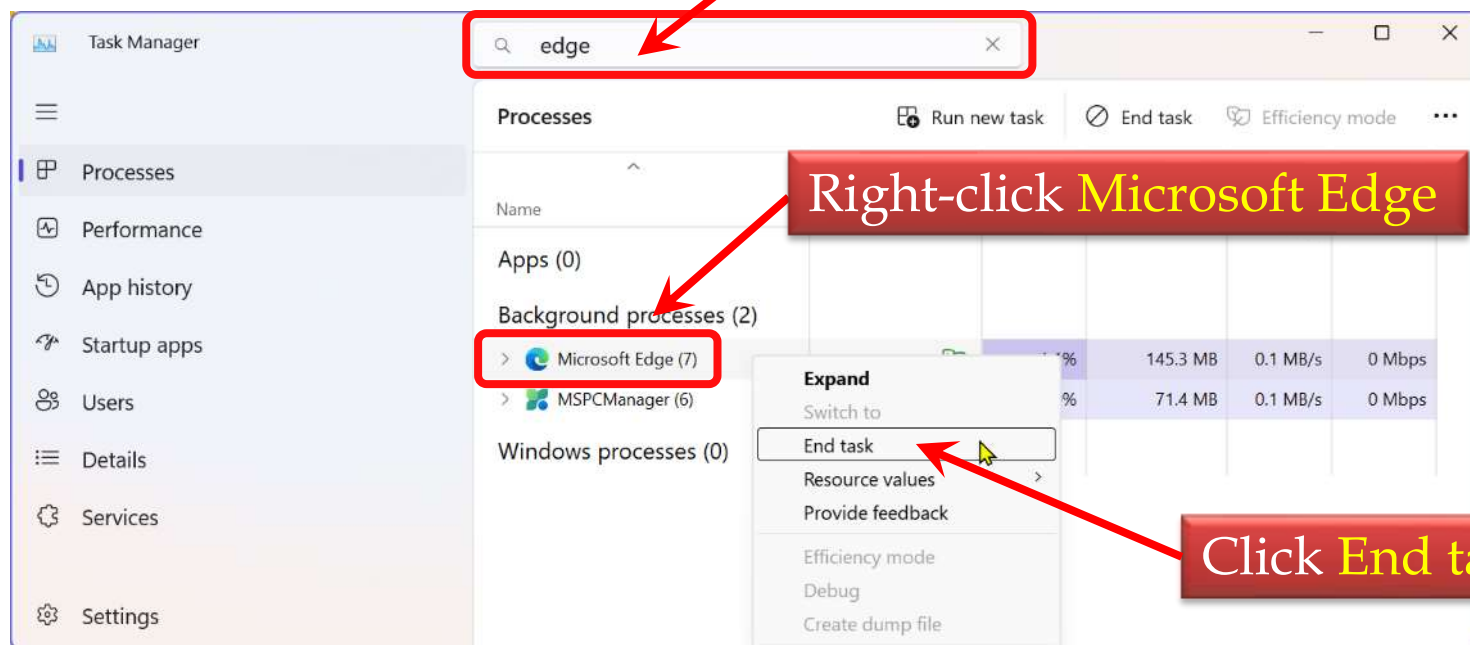
No, you have to *really* close Microsoft Edge

- **all instances**

Right-click taskbar

- choose **Task Manager**

Type edge in search box



Right-click **Microsoft Edge**

Click **End task**

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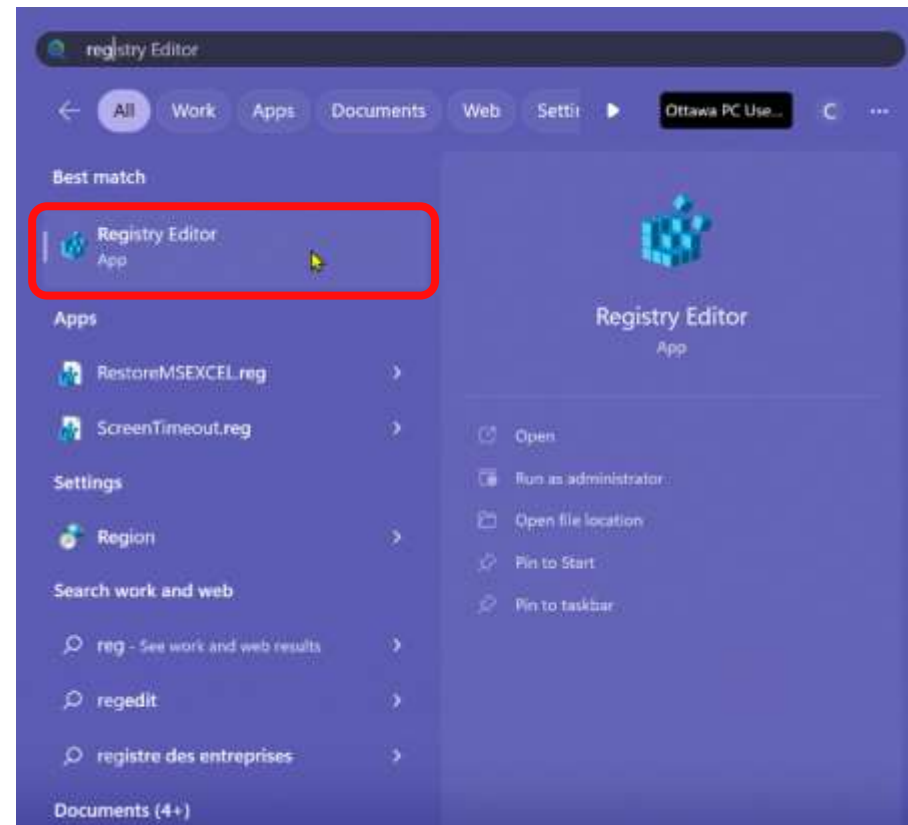
Run Regedit

- Click **Start** button
- Type **Regedit**
- Select **Registry Editor** under **Best Match**

Caution:

Be careful using Registry Editor

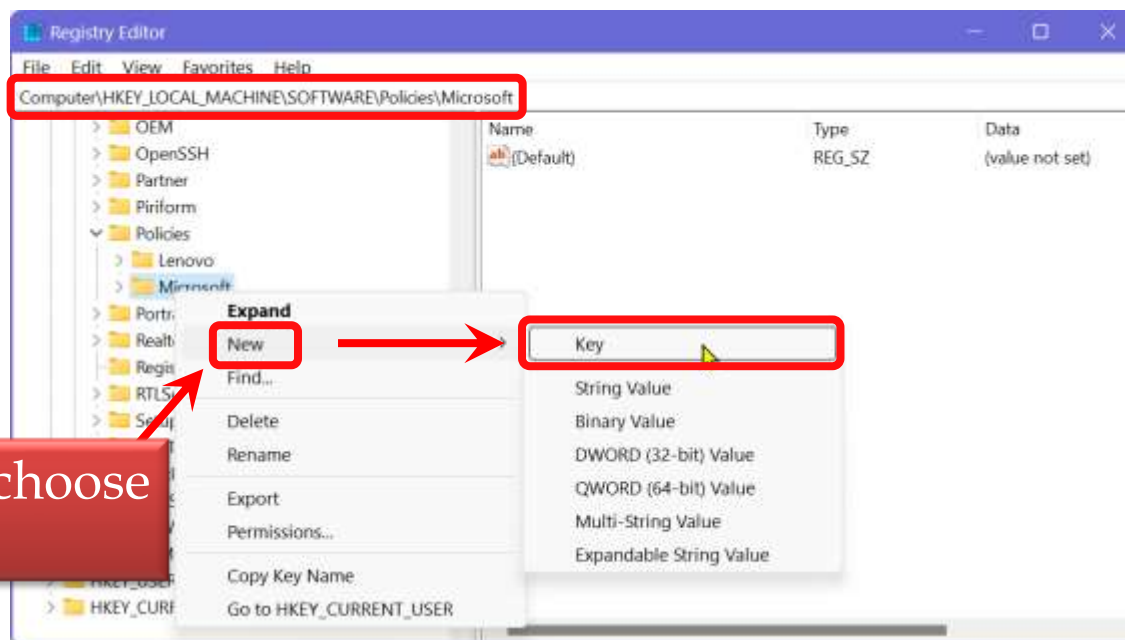
- follow instructions exactly
- incorrect changes to the registry can result in broken Windows



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Navigate in left pane to

- Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft



Right-click on Microsoft & choose

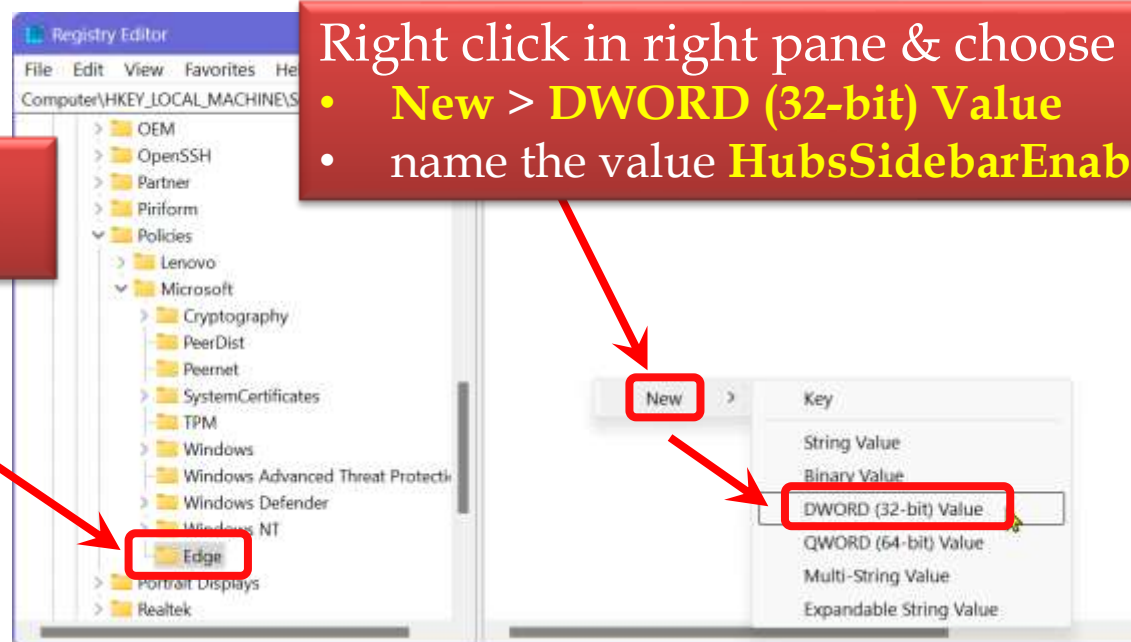
- **New > Key**

Name the key **Edge**

- it will be under **Microsoft** in left

Right click in right pane & choose

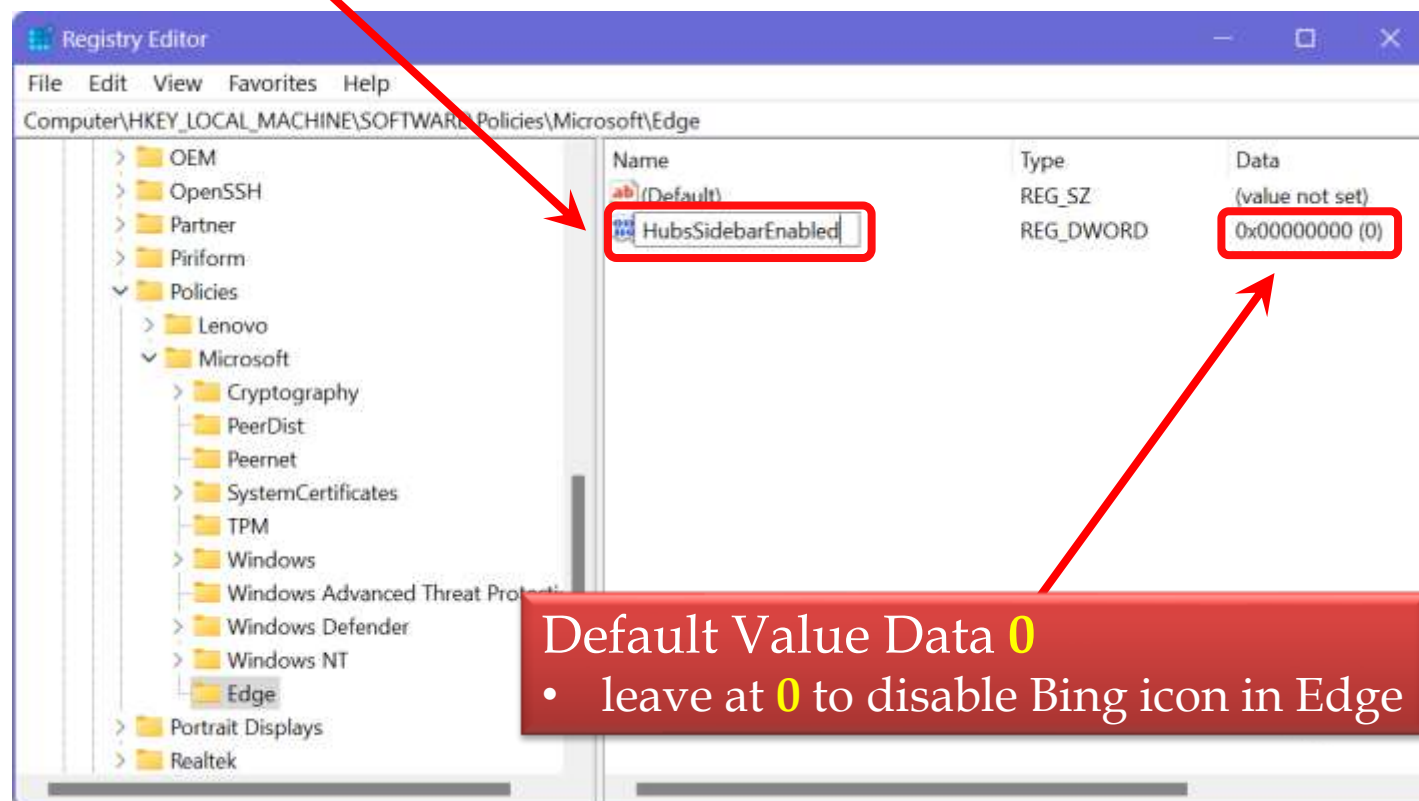
- **New > DWORD (32-bit) Value**
- name the value **HubsSidebarEnabled**



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Name the value

- **HubsSidebarEnabled**



Default Value Data 0

- leave at 0 to disable Bing icon in Edge

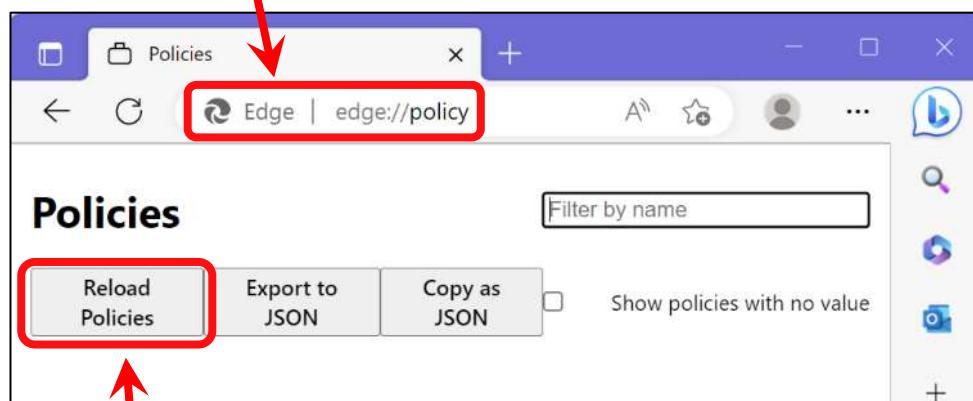
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Done...probably

- I found Bing Discover icon gone in Edge
- Some indications online: additional step required

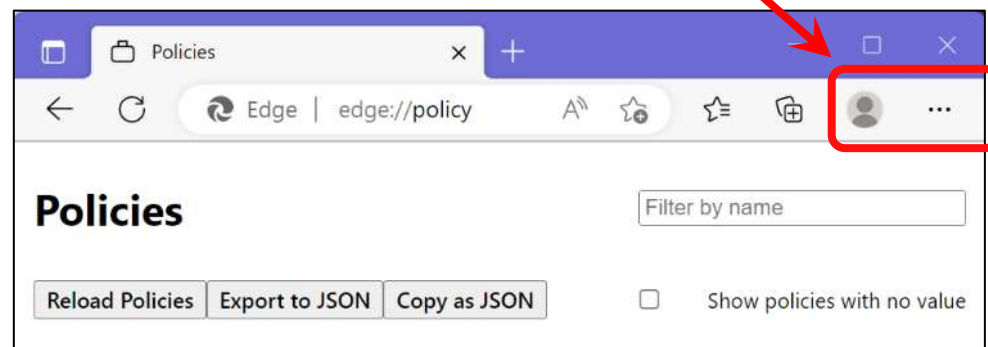
In URL bar enter

• **edge://policy**



Click **Reload Policies**

Bing **Discover** icon gone





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April Meeting



Computer – It's all about the bits!

Stéphane Richard, OPCUG

April 12, 2023
7:30 pm



May Meeting



Members' Favourites

We need an outline of your
10-15 minute presentation on
any computer-related topic
(*or it could be short evening!*)

May 10, 2023
7:30 pm





December Meeting

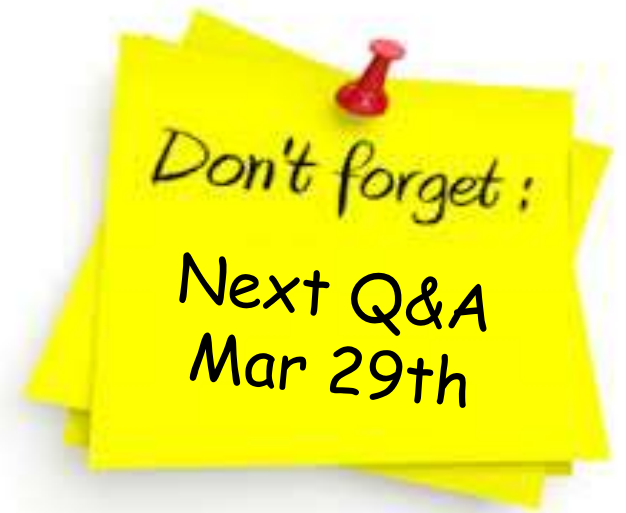
TBD

We are looking for a
topic and a speaker!
Can you help...
with one – or both?

December 13, 2023
7:30 pm



**The BOD also needs
a Programme Chair**



**Send your questions,
answers, and topics
you wish to share to:**

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