

# Switching out of S mode in Windows

## *Windows 10*

Windows 10 in S mode is designed for security and performance, exclusively running apps from the Microsoft Store. If you want to install an app that isn't available in the Microsoft Store, you'll need to switch out of S mode. Switching out of S mode is one-way. If you make the switch, you won't be able to go back to Windows 10 in S mode. There's no charge to switch out of S mode.

1. On your PC running Windows 10 in S mode, open **Settings** > **Update & Security** > **Activation**.
2. In the **Switch to Windows 10 Home** or **Switch to Windows 10 Pro** section, select **Go to the Store**. (If you also see an "Upgrade your edition of Windows" section, be careful not to click the "Go to the Store" link that appears there.)
3. On the **Switch out of S mode** (or similar) page that appears in the Microsoft Store, select the **Get** button. After you see a confirmation message on the page, you'll be able to install apps from outside of the Microsoft Store.

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