

## How to Remove or Uninstall Microsoft IE 8

When you remove Internet Explorer 8, your earlier version of Internet Explorer is restored with your customizations (such as add-ins, Favorites, and your home page). However, Internet Explorer 8 is a part of Windows 7. Therefore, if you remove Internet Explorer 8, you will have to install a third-party browser to be able to browse the Internet.

To uninstall Internet Explorer 8, follow the instructions for your version of Windows. To follow these steps, you must be logged on to Windows as an administrator.

**Note** If you are not sure which version of Windows that you are running, or if you need help verifying that you are an administrator, visit <http://support.microsoft.com/gp/admin> to identify your environment(<http://support.microsoft.com/gp/admin>) .

**Important** You cannot uninstall Internet Explorer 8 if it is set as not removable. This occurs if you install Internet Explorer 8 before you install Service Pack 3 (SP3) for Windows XP. If this scenario applies to you, then you must uninstall SP3 before you can uninstall Internet Explorer 8.

For more information about this issue, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

[950719](http://support.microsoft.com/kb/950719/) or <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/950719/> - You cannot uninstall Internet Explorer 7 or Internet Explorer 8 after you install Windows XP Service Pack 3

### Steps for Windows XP or for Windows Server 2003

To uninstall Internet Explorer 8, follow these steps:

1. Close all programs.
2. Click **Start**, and then click **Control Panel**.
3. Click **Add or Remove Programs**.
4. In the list of currently installed programs, click **Windows Internet Explorer 8**, and then click **Remove**.

**Note** If Windows Internet Explorer 8 does not appear in the list of installed updates, try the alternative steps for Windows XP or for Windows Server 2003 (<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/957700#ALTWin5>).

5. Follow the instructions to uninstall Internet Explorer 8.
6. When the uninstall program is finished, restart your computer.

Now go to the "Did the "Let me fix it myself" steps fix the problem?"

(<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/957700#diditfix2>) section to verify that your earlier version of Internet Explorer is restored.

### Steps for Windows Vista or for Windows Server 2008

To uninstall Internet Explorer 8, follow these steps:

1. Close all programs.
2. Click **Start**, and then click **Control Panel**.
3. Click **Uninstall a Program** under the **Programs** category
4. In the Tasks pane, click **View installed updates**.
5. In the list of installed updates, double-click **Windows Internet Explorer 8**.

**Note** If Windows Internet Explorer 8 does not appear in the list of installed updates, try the alternative steps for Windows Vista or for Windows Server 2008 (<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/957700#ALTWin6>).

6. In the **Uninstall an update** dialog box, click **Yes**.


**Note** If you are prompted for an administrator password or for confirmation, type the password, or click **Continue**.

7. Follow the instructions to uninstall Internet Explorer 8.
8. When the uninstall program is finished, restart your computer.

After you have finished, go to the "Did the "Let me fix it myself" steps fix the problem?" (<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/957700#deditfix2>) section to verify that your earlier version of Internet Explorer is restored.

### **Steps for Windows 7 or for Windows Server 2008 R2**

To uninstall Internet Explorer 8, follow these steps:

1. Close all programs.
2. Click **Start** Collapse this imageExpand this image , and then click **Control Panel**.
3. Under **Programs**, click **Uninstall a program**.
4. In the tasks pane, click **Turn Windows features on or off**.
5. In the list of windows features, clear the check box next to **Internet Explorer 8**.
6. You receive a warning message in a pop-up window. Click **Yes**.