# How to Disable the Game Bar and DVR in Windows 10 & 11

The Game Bar is detected by TestNav as an active application and cannot be in operation during a testing session. The process to disable the Game Bar depends on the version of Windows the device is running.

#### Disabling Game Bar on Windows 11

- 1. Open the Settings menu.
- 2. Go to Gaming located in the left column.



3. Select the Xbox Game Bar.

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4. Toggle the switch to turn it off.



5. On the left panel, find Apps.

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6. Select the Apps & Features option.



7. In the App list field, type XBOX to find the Game Bar.



8. Click the three dots menu next to it and select the **Advanced** option.

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9. Scroll down until you find **Background Apps permissions** and select Never from the drop-down menu.

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Apps > Apps & features > Xbox Game Bar
Total usage 404 KB
App permissions
Camera
On On
Microphone
On On
Always
Power optimized (recommended)
Never
Learn more about the options

10. Scroll down to find Terminate. This will stop the App from running in the background.



#### For School Network Administrators

# Note: These actions should only be performed by network administrators with appropriate privileges. Incorrect registry modifications can affect system stability. Proceed with caution.

#### Step 1: Open Windows PowerShell as an Administrator

- 1. Right-click on the Start button.
- 2. Choose 'Windows Terminal (Admin)'.
- 3. Click 'Yes' on the prompt to allow changes.

#### Step 2: Execute Command to Remove Xbox Gaming Overlay

- 1. In the PowerShell window, type or copy and paste the following command:
  - Get-AppxPackage Microsoft.XboxGamingOverlay | Remove-AppxPackage
- 2. Press Enter to execute.

## Step 3: Disable Game DVR by Modifying the Registry

- Copy and paste the following command into PowerShell and press Enter: reg add HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\GameDVR /f /t REG DWORD /v 'AppCaptureEnabled' /d 0
- Then, copy and paste the next command and press Enter: reg add HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\System\GameConfigStore /f /t REG\_DWORD /v 'GameDVR\_Enabled' /d 0

#### Step 4: Restart the Computer

After executing the commands, restart the computer to apply the changes.

## Step 5: Confirm Changes

After restarting, check to ensure that Xbox Game Bar and Game DVR are disabled.

## Disabling Game Bar on Windows 10

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Use the keyboard shortcut of the Windows Key + G to open the Game Bar Control Panel.

In the Game Bar Control Panel, click the On/Off switch to OFF. This will disable the Game Bar and DVR services. This will turn back on to the default setting of ON if a Windows Update is run.

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# How to Disable Siri in Apple OS 10.13.x and Newer

The Siri application is detected by TestNav as an active application and cannot be in operation during a testing session. To disable Siri, click on the System Preferences icon on the bottom of the desktop screen.



In the Systems Preferences screen, double click on the Siri icon to open the Siri preferences window.



Unless specified by desktop management policies, the Siri application is enabled by default (see the image below/left). Click on the "Enable" box to remove the check and disable the Siri application. The Siri application may become enabled after an operating system upgrade, and you may need to repeat the process if the devices are individually managed.

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