

How to prevent Microsoft Edge from running in the background in Windows 10

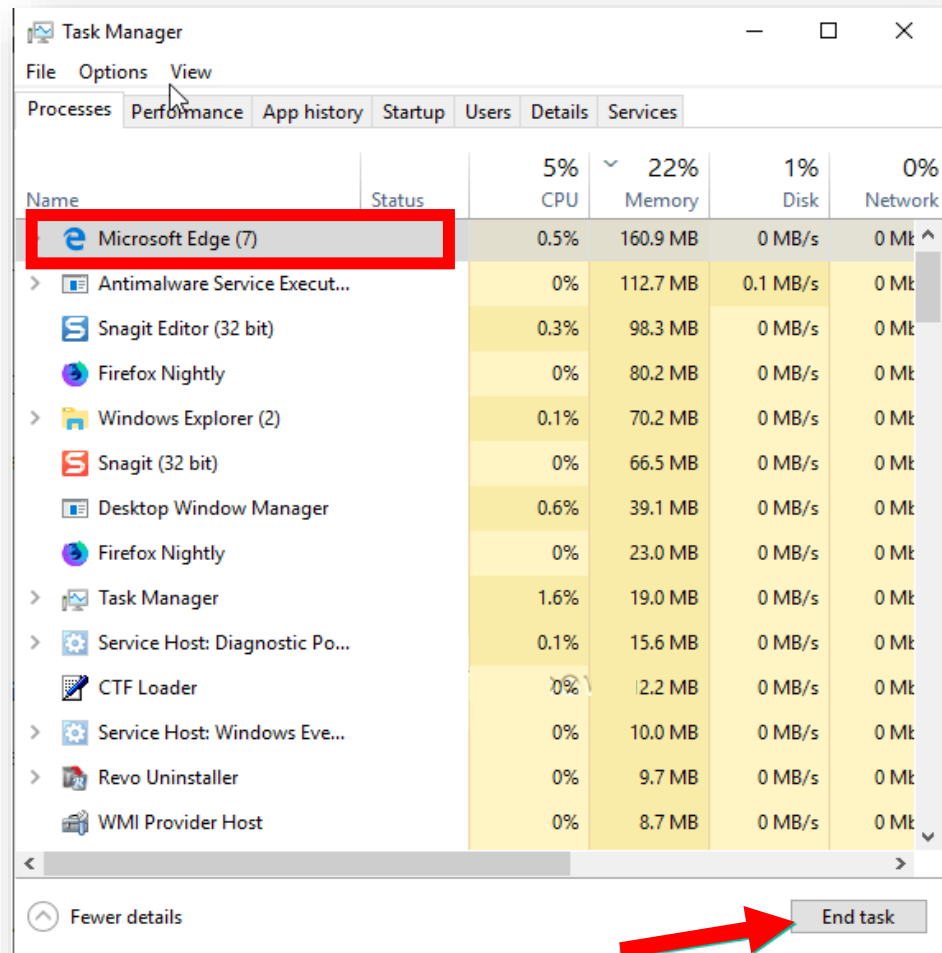


Option 1

- 1 Close all “Microsoft Edge” windows if any open.
- 2 Open “Task Manager” or press the following control keys in your computer: ***Control+Alt+Supr*** or ***Control+Alt+Del***.

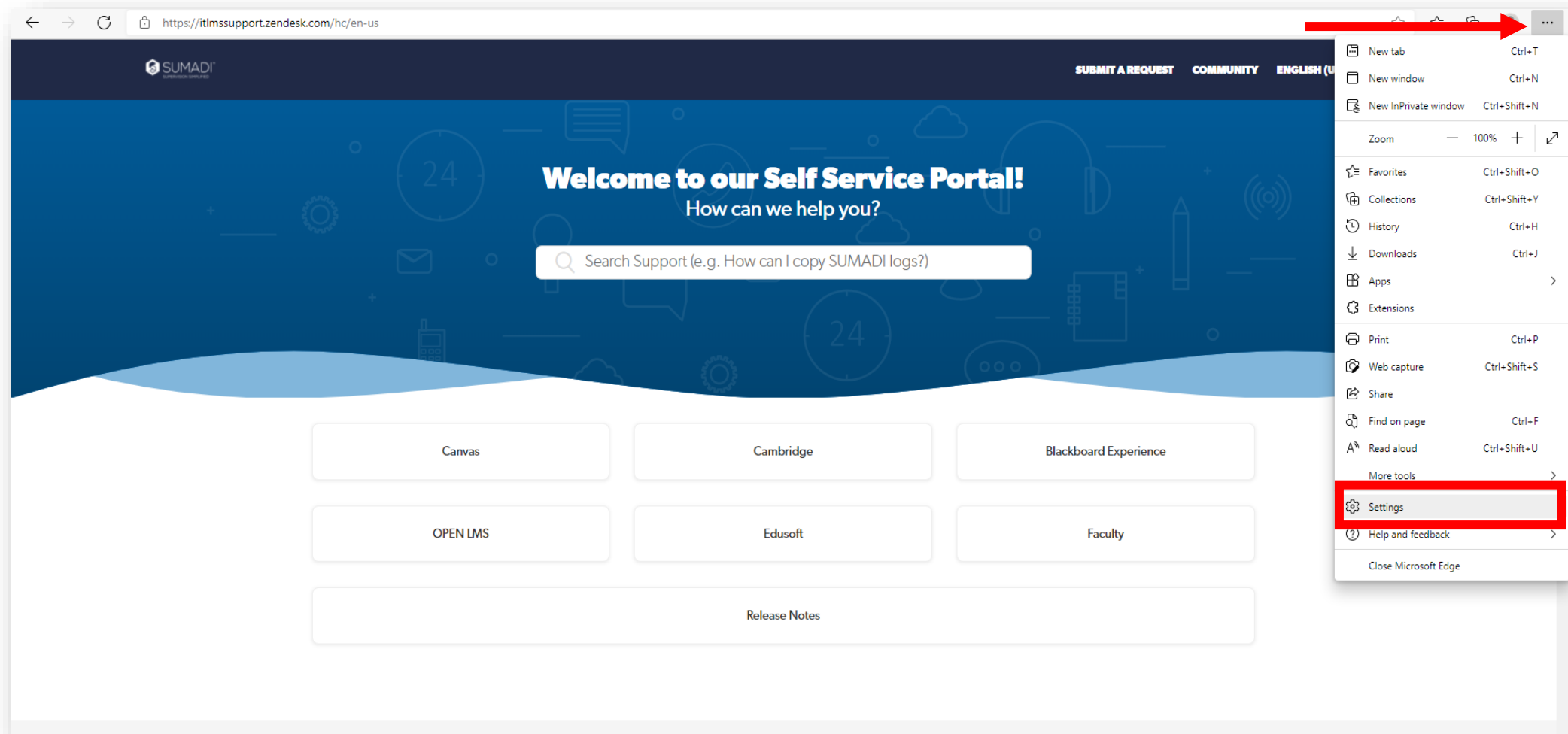
Once you are inside the task manager, follow the next steps for “**Microsoft Edge**”:

1. Locate the program that is open.
2. Press the button “**End task**”.



IMPORTANT: Even though you are the only user in your PC, you must **run the Task manager as administrator** to be able to close correctly the programs that are running as background processes.

- 3 Open the “**Microsoft Edge**” browser and go to the 3 dots in the menu bar.
- 4 Click on settings.



5 Search for the “System” option and turn off the first two buttons.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Edge settings page at `edge://settings/system`. The left sidebar contains a list of settings categories, with "System" highlighted in red. The main content area is titled "System" and contains several settings:

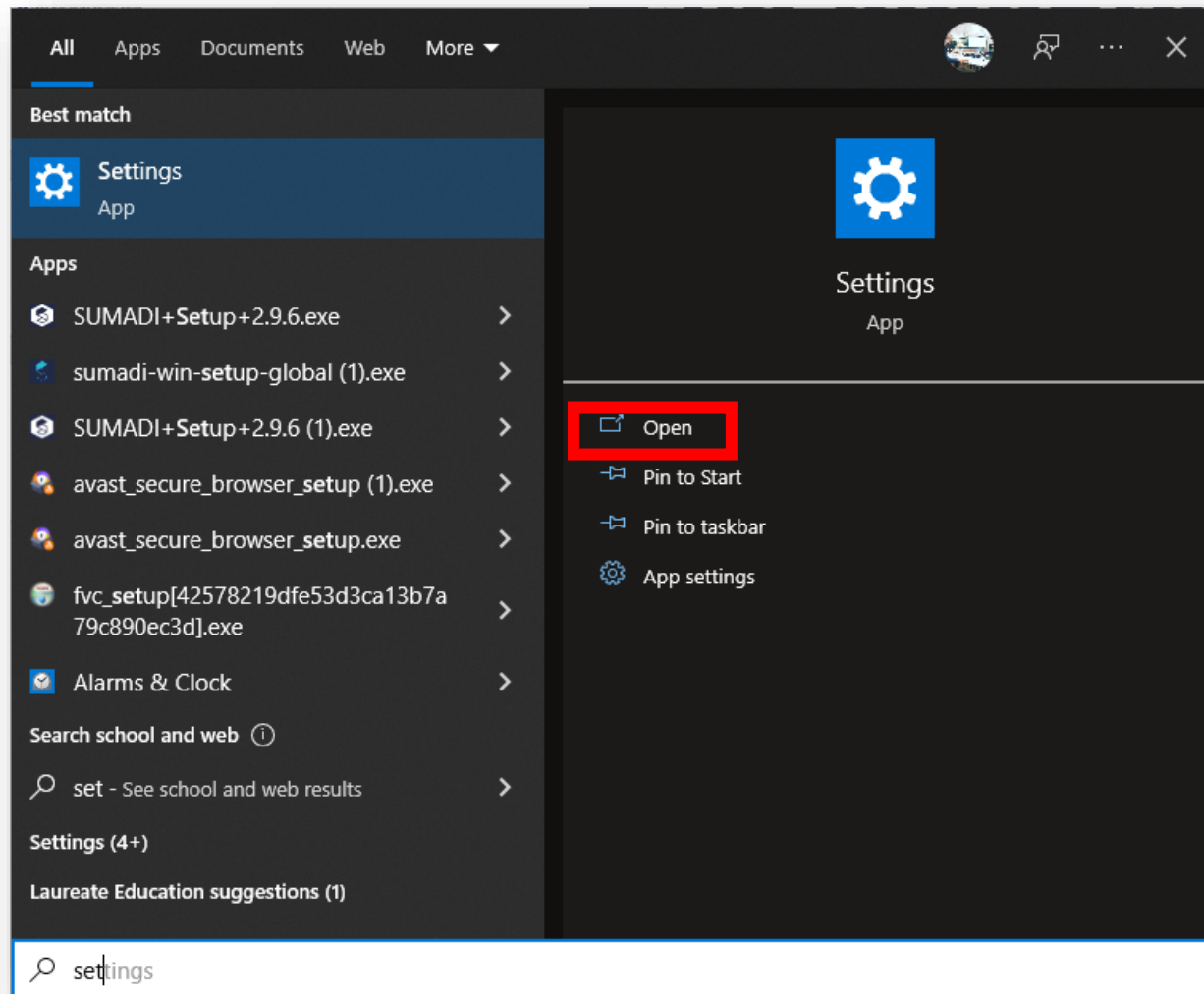
- Startup boost**: A toggle switch is turned off. Below it, a description states: "The browser will launch in the background when you sign in to your device and continue running when you close all browser windows. [Learn more](#)".
- Continue running background extensions and apps when Microsoft Edge is closed**: A toggle switch is turned on. This setting is highlighted with a red box.
- Use hardware acceleration when available**: A toggle switch is turned on. This setting is also highlighted with a red box.
- Open your computer's proxy settings**: A link with an external icon.

Below the System section is the "Optimize Performance" section, which includes:

- Save resources with sleeping tabs**: A toggle switch is turned on. Description: "When this is on, inactive tabs will go to sleep after a specified time to save system resources. [Learn more](#)".
- Fade sleeping tabs**: A toggle switch is turned on. Description: "Tabs will appear faded when saving memory and CPU to improve performance."
- Put inactive tabs to sleep after the specified amount of time:** A dropdown menu is set to "2 hours of inactivity". Description: "Actual times may vary depending on resource usage and activities that prevent a site from sleeping (e.g. playing audio)."
- Never put these sites to sleep**: An "Add" button. Description: "This also excludes sites from other performance optimizations like discarded tabs, efficiency mode, and more." Below this, it says "No sites added".

Option 2

- 1 Type the word “**Settings**” in the search bar on your desktop. Once the results window is displayed, click on the “**Open**” option.
















2 Then click on the “Privacy” option.

Windows Settings

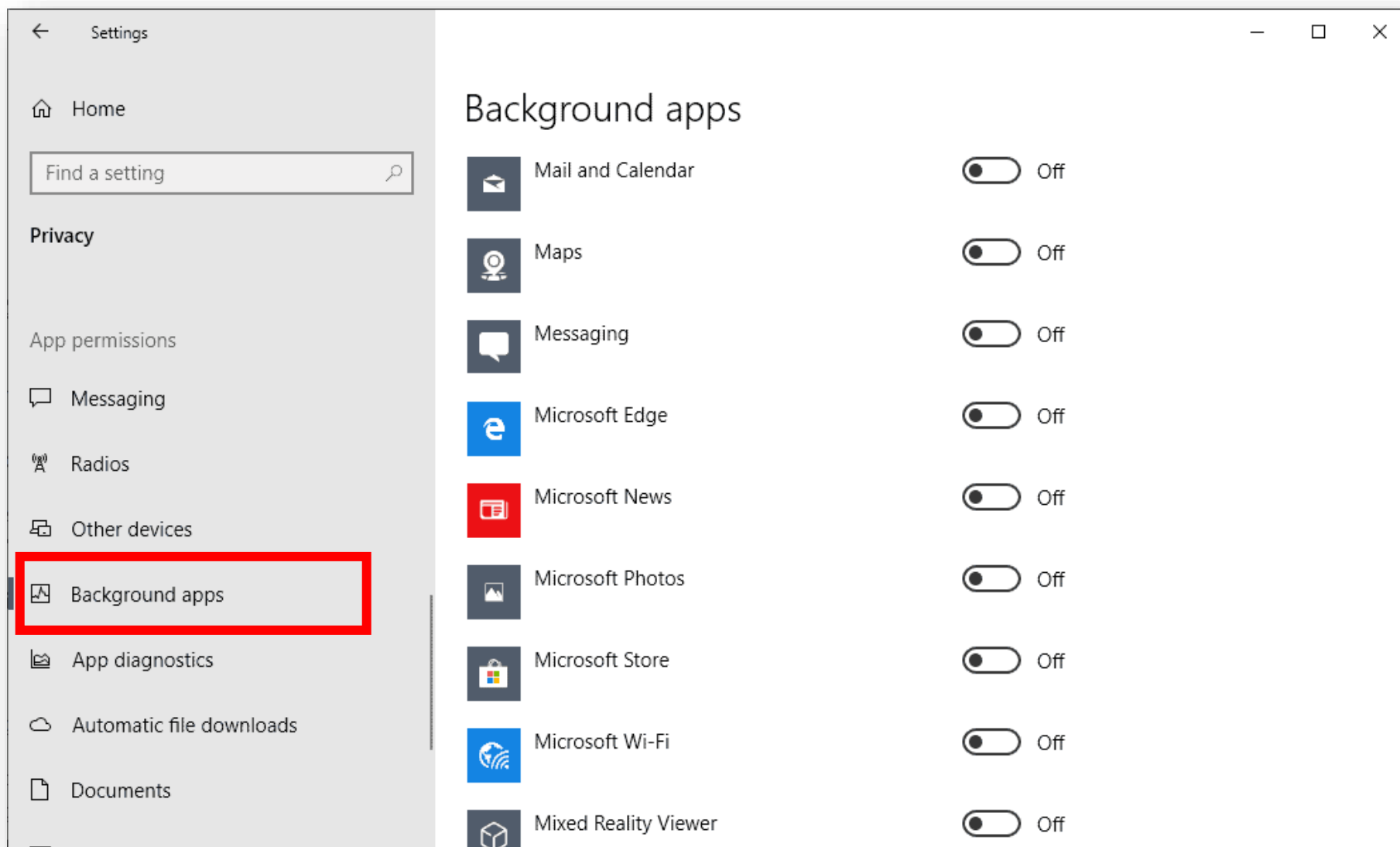
Find a setting

The screenshot displays the Windows Settings application interface. At the top, there is a search bar labeled "Find a setting". Below this, several settings categories are listed in a grid. The "Privacy" category, which includes "Location, camera, microphone", is highlighted with a red rectangular border. Other categories include System, Devices, Phone, Network & Internet, Personalization, Apps, Accounts, Time & Language, Gaming, Ease of Access, and Update & Security.

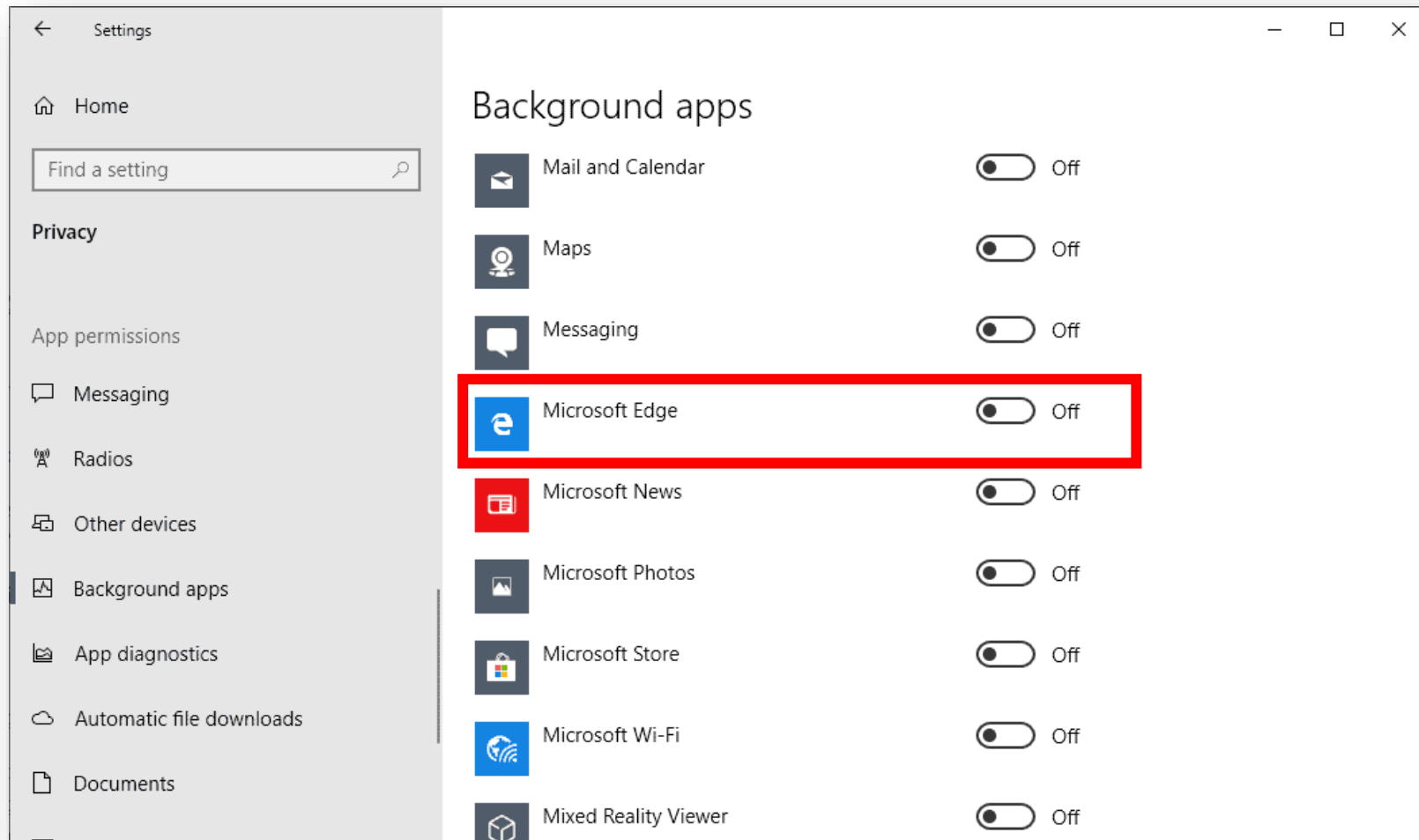
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 Search Find my files, permissions	 Privacy Location, camera, microphone	 Update & Security Windows Update, recovery, backup		

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Go to the “**Background Apps**” option located in the left column of the panel.



4 Locate the “**Microsoft Edge**” program and disable it.



5 Restart your computer.