Cortana is a resource hog. You may wish to disable it

Cortana always launches the Microsoft Edge browser and uses only Bing when you search. That's the good news. The bad news is that Cortana is a resource hog that may slow you down. If that sounds like something you wouldn't want to use, here's how to turn it off.

TURN OFF CORTANA BY SAFELY MODIFYING THE REGISTRY

As mentioned earlier, many Windows 10 laptop and desktop computer users have found it to be a nuisance that consumes an inordinate among of memory, thus slowing down other aspects of the operating system.

By following these steps, you will be able to <u>safely</u> turn off Cortana. It will remain disabled until you turn it on.

1. Click on this link: turn-off-cortana.reg
2. At the bottom of the screen, click *Save as* and send to Desktop.
3. Go to the Desktop (Windows + D).
4. Double-click on "turn off Cortana" icon.
5. At the Open File – Security Warning window, click Run.
6. At the User Account Control window, click Yes.
7. At the Registry Editor, click Yes.
8. At the Registry Editor, click OK.
9. Remove the Turn-off Cortana icon from the desktop.
10. Reboot the computer.
11. Cortana is now turned off.

Sign out and sign back in and you'll notice that the text in the search box has changed from "Ask me anything" to "Search Windows." Clicking in the search box displays only a simple prompt. In addition, Cortana's Notebook is unavailable, only a few settings are available when you click the gear icon, and there's no option to search the Web from the search box.

If you want to turn on Cortana, follow the eleven steps above, except in step 1 use turn-on-cortana.reg.

In either case, this change applies to all user accounts on the PC you're configuring.