

# 10 ways to open Disk Defragmenter on Windows

To perform disk defragmentation, you must use the Disk Defragmenter application. In this article, TipsMake will show you how to open Disk Defragmenter on Windows.

Have you heard of disk defrag before? It's a really useful process to organize the files on your hard drive so that they're close together. Once the data is sorted through this process, your device will be able to read it easily, thereby improving your PC's performance.

## 1. Use the Start menu search bar

The search bar in the Start menu gives you easy access to almost any application on your Windows device. So here's how you can use this tool to open the Disk Defragmenter application:

1. Press **Win + S** or click the search bar icon in the Start menu on the taskbar.
2. Type **Defragment** and optimize the drive and select the best match.

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## 2. Using the Run command dialog box

Alternatively, you can access the Disk Defragmenter application using the Run command dialog box.

Here are the steps you need to follow:

1. Press **Win + R** to .
2. Type **dfrgui** and press **Enter** to open the Disk Defragmenter application.

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**Note** : You can also access third-party applications using the Run command dialog.

## 3. Using the Start menu

The Windows Start menu also makes it easy to access the apps on your device. So let's see how you can use it to open the Disk Defragmenter application:

1. Press Win or click the Start menu icon on the taskbar to access the Start menu.
2. Click the **Windows Administrative Tools** folder from the menu items on the left.
3. Locate and click on the **Defragment and Optimize Drives** option .

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## 4. Use the File Explorer address bar

You can use File Explorer every day to manage your files. TipsMake.com.com has mentioned it quite a lot in tips for managing and organizing computer files. Now, the good news is that you can also use the tool's address bar to open a variety of apps.

Here's how you can open the Disk Defragmenter application using File Explorer's address bar:

1. Press **Win + E** to .
2. Type **dfrgui** in File Explorer's address bar and press **Enter** to open the Disk Defragmenter application.

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## 5. Using system settings

System settings can help you fix almost any problem on your Windows device. Interestingly, you can also use system settings to open software programs on your PC.

Here are the steps to open the Disk Defragmenter application using the system settings:

1. Press **Win + I** to open system settings.
2. Type **Defragment and optimize your drives** in the search box, and then select the relevant option.

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## 6. Use Task Manager

Task Manager helps you analyze your PC's performance or force close problematic programs. Now, the best part is that you can also use this tool to access almost any app on your Windows device.

Here's how you can open the Disk Defragmenter application using Task Manager:

1. Type **Task Manager** in the Start menu search bar and select the best match.
2. Click the **File** tab and select **Run new task** .
3. Type **dfrgui** in the search box and click **OK** to access the Disk Defragmenter application.

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Speaking of Task Manager, did you know there are ways to force close a program without Task Manager?

## 7. Using the Control Panel

The Control Panel can help you troubleshoot various PC problems or access most applications.

Here's how you can use this tool to open the Disk Defragmenter application:

1. Press **Win + R** to open the Run command dialog box.
2. Type **Control Panel** and press **Enter**.
3. Click **the View by** drop-down menu and select **Large icons**.
4. Select **Administrative Tools** from the menu items.
5. **Double-click the Defragment and Optimize Drives** option .

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## 8. Use Command Prompt or PowerShell

Command Prompt and PowerShell are reliable when it comes to PC troubleshooting or configuring system settings. Now you'll be happy to know that these tools can also help you open a variety of apps.

Here's how you can open the Disk Defragmenter application using Command Prompt:

1. Press **Win + R** to open the Run command dialog box.
2. Type **CMD** and press **Ctrl + Shift + Enter** to .
3. Type the following command and press **Enter** to open the Disk Defragmenter application.

```
dfrgui
```

Now, let's see how you can open the Disk Defragmenter application using PowerShell:

1. Type **PowerShell** into the Start menu search bar.
2. Right click on the best match and select **Run as administrator** .
3. Type the following command and press **Enter** to open the Disk Defragmenter application.

```
dfrgui
```

## 9. Search for the Recovery Drive application in the System32 . folder

You can access most of the applications on your device by clicking on the relevant files in the Windows System32 folder.

Here's how you can open the Disk Defragmenter application from the System32 folder:

1. Press **Win + E** or click the File Explorer icon on the taskbar to access File Explorer.
2. Select **This PC** on the left hand side.
3. **Double-click the Local Disk (C:)** option on the right and then open the Windows folder.
4. Scroll down and open the System32 folder .
5. Locate and double-click the Defrag file to access the Disk Defragmenter application.

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If you want to make the Disk Defragmenter application easily accessible, then you should consider pinning it to the taskbar. To do that, right-click on the Defrag file in the **System32** folder and then select **Pin to taskbar** .

## 10. Use the Disk Defrag desktop shortcut

Desktop shortcuts make it easy to access applications on your PC. So, let's see how you can create a desktop shortcut for the Disk Defragmenter application:

1. Press **Win + D** to access the desktop.
2. Right-click an empty space on the desktop.
3. Choose **New > Shortcut** .
4. Enter **%windir%\system32\dfgui** in the location box and then click **Next** to continue.
5. From there, click in the **Name** box and type **Disk Defrag App** or something similar. Finally, click the **Finish button**.

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Now you can easily open the Disk Defragmenter application at any time using the desktop shortcut you just created.

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