

6 steps to 'hide' garbage on Windows?

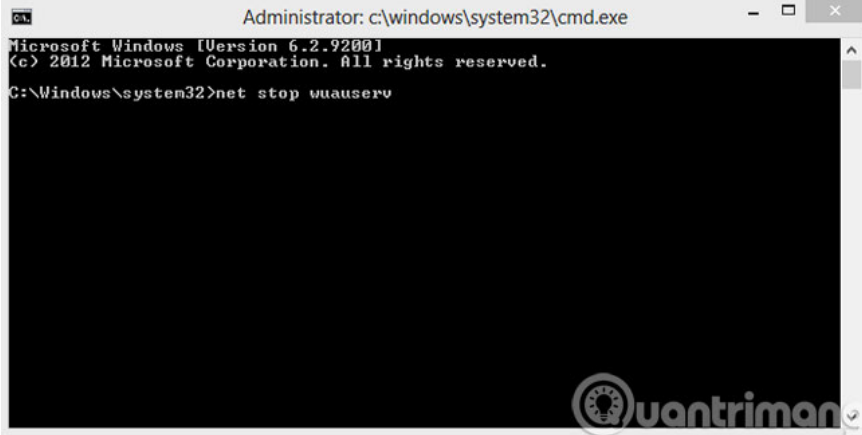
Hidden Garbage or Cache are data in the previous session of applications, programs that the operating system saves to make loading data in later sessions faster. It will swell over time if you leave it alone and waste memory and slow down the process. Therefore, to regain space for hard drive and speed up the computer, you can refer to the cleaning steps below of TipsMake.com.

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1- Clear the Cache of Windows Update

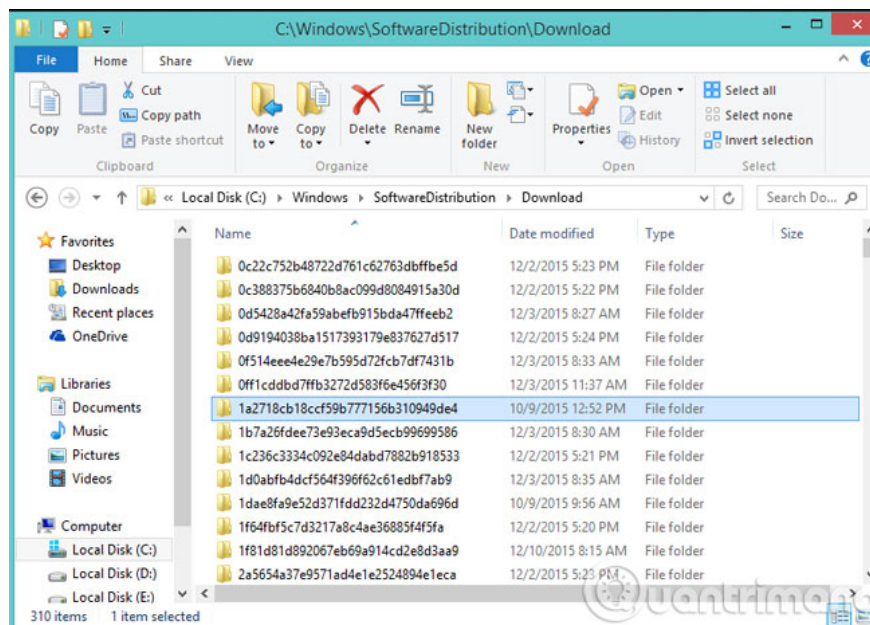
Normally, Windows will keep the updated files downloaded from **Windows Update** so that users spend less time downloading updates when the process is interrupted. However, this feature is annoying for users when it takes up too much storage space.

First, disable Windows Update by entering the following command in **Command Prompt** , then press **Enter** to execute: *net stop wuauaserv*

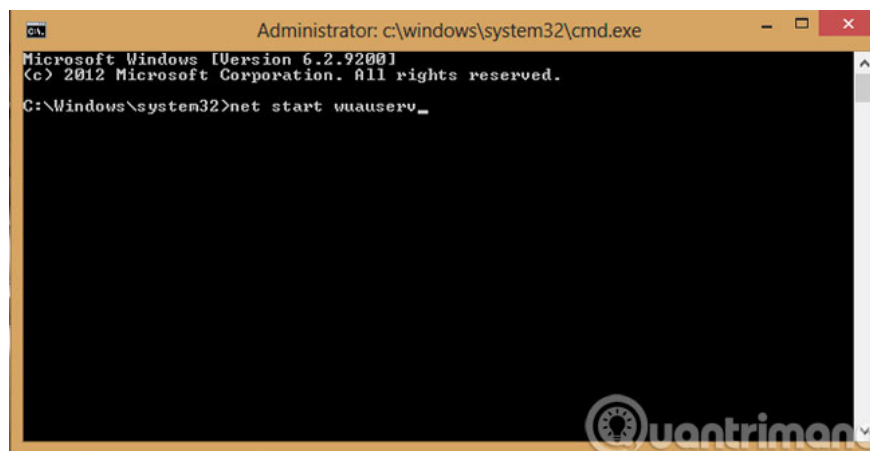


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Next, open the folder under the path **C: WindowsSoftwareDistributionDownload** and then delete all the files in the **Download** section.



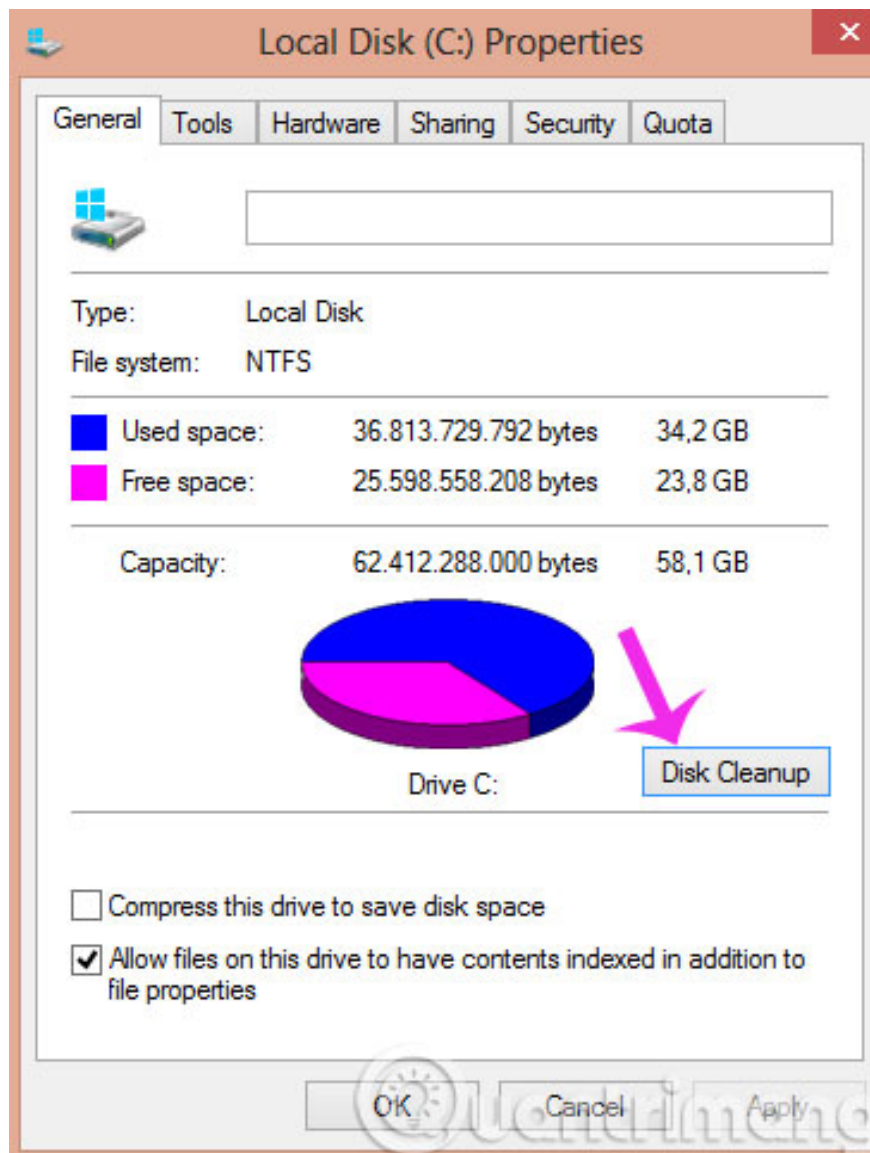
Finally, enter the following command into the **Command Prompt** to reactivate **Windows Update** : `net start wuauiserv`



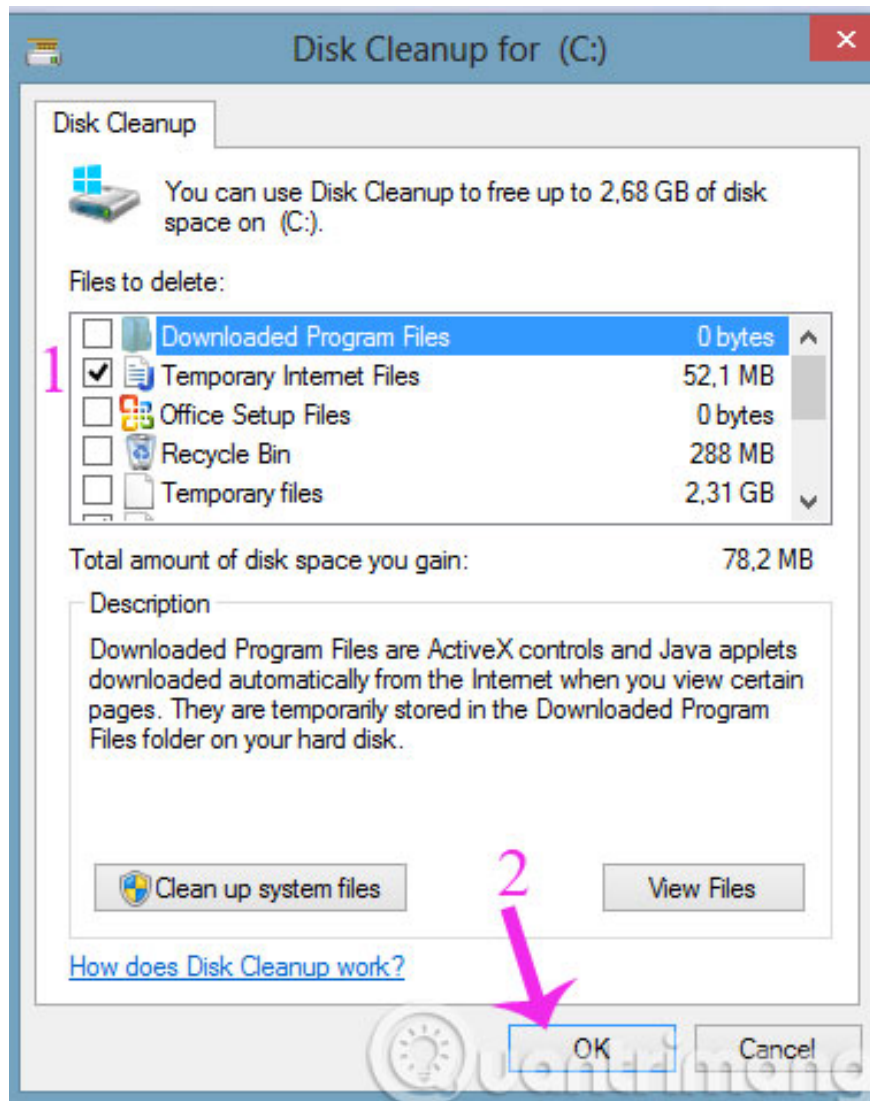
2- Clear the Cache of the cache

Windows usually has a system directory dedicated to storing temporary files. These temporary files are usually generated by certain actions using a software. And they are usually deleted after the session ends. However, not every software "cleans" its cache. Therefore, over time these data are getting more and more and take up more space.

To do this, please do the following on **Computer** , right-click on drive **C** and select **Properties** . Then, click **Disk Cleanup** .



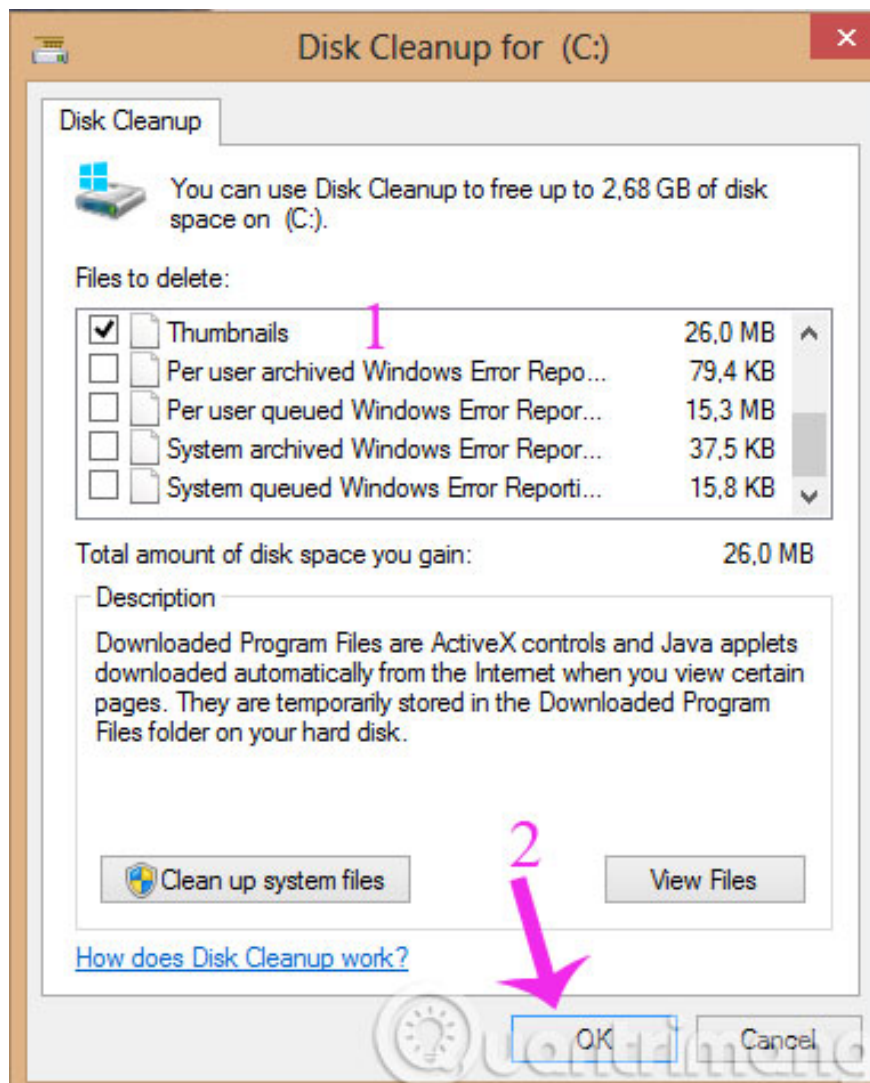
When the **Disk Cleanup** dialog box opens, check the **Temporary Internet Files** box and click **OK**



3- Delete Thumbnail Cache

Windows has a nice feature that displays the preview image of **MP4** video files with the format defined as **.PNG**. And of course these images are created from **File Explorer** and they are saved for faster view later.

To delete **Thumbnail Cache**, still in the **Disk Cleanup** dialog box, check the **Thumbnails** box and click **OK**



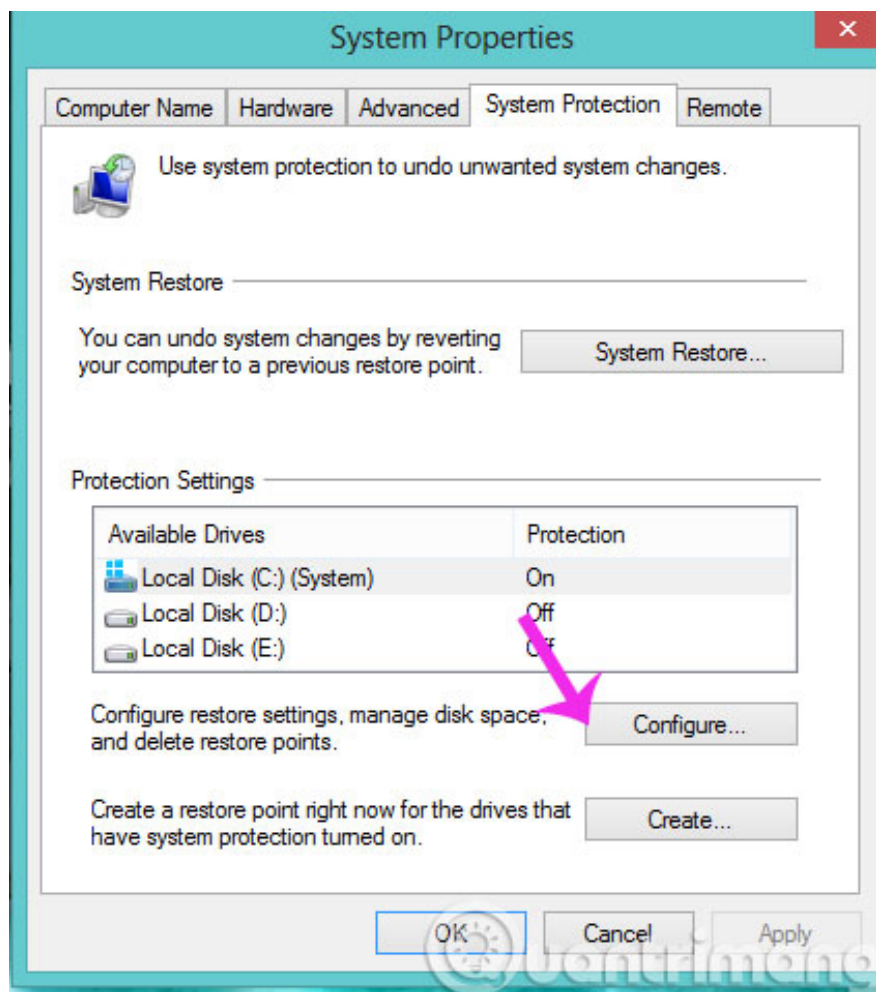
4- Clear the System Restore Cache

It can be said that System Restore is one of the very useful features in Windows. It is an excellent solution for quickly restoring the system to a previous stable state. However, the only downside of this feature is that it uses a lot of storage space. Therefore, if you sometimes feel unnecessary, you should delete System Restore restore points to free up storage space.

Go to **Control Panel > System and Security > System** . At the **System** interface, click **System protection**



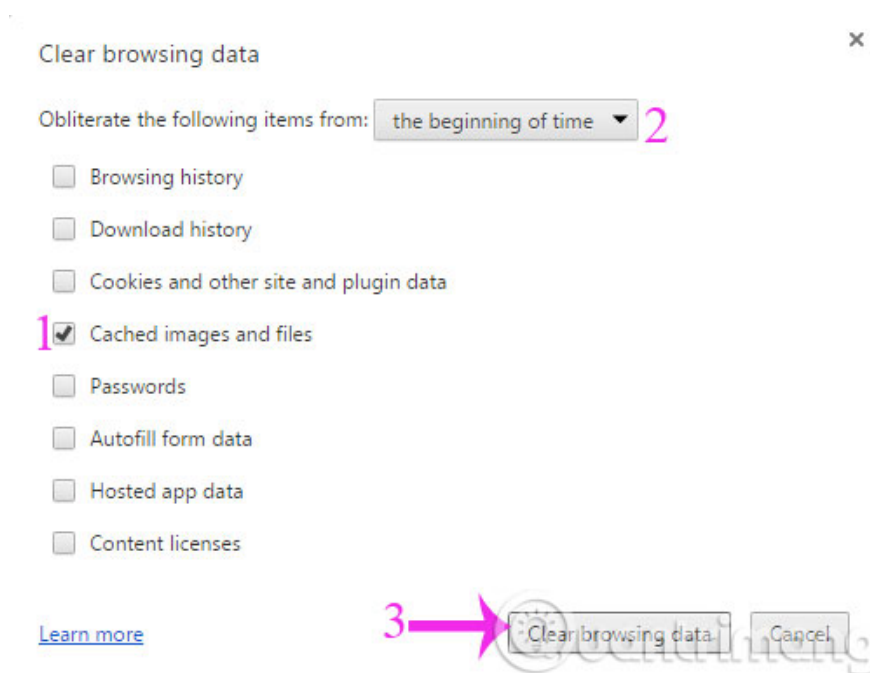
The **System Protection** dialog box appears, click the **Configure** option and then press **Delete** to finish.



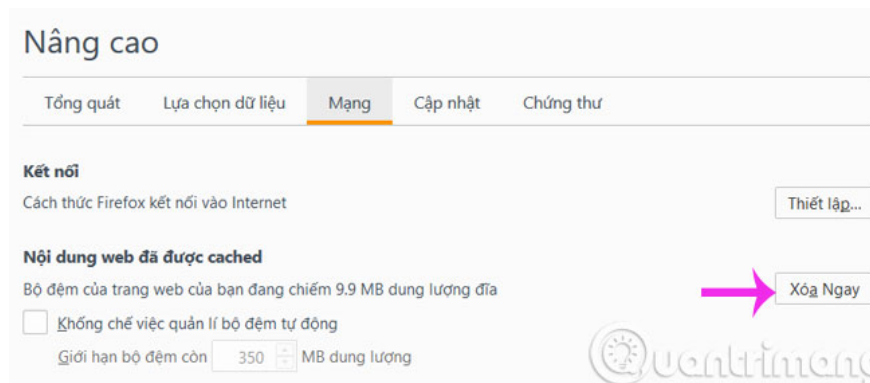
5- Clear the cache of the web browser

Similar to other software, web browsers also store cache data in web browsing sessions so that subsequent visits are faster. And if you say the agent produces the most cache, the web browser is the # 1 cause now.

With **Chrome** : **Settings** > **Show advanced settings** . > **Clear browsing data** > tick the option **Cached Images and Files** and select **The beginning of time** . Finally, click **Clear browsing data** .



With **Firefox** : Go to the **Tools** menu> **Customize** > **Advanced** and click the **Networks** tab. Next, in the **Cached Web Content** section, click **Delete Now** .

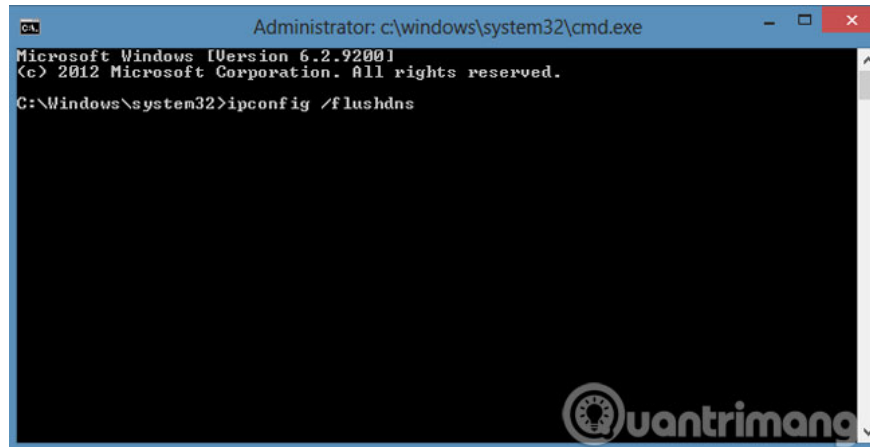


6- Clear cache of DNS

Most Internet service providers run their own DNS servers, however, information can also be retrieved from other DNS server cache. The router can also act as a DNS server, which stores information from the Internet service provider's DNS servers. Your computer also has a local DNS cache, so it can quickly consult a lookup rather than doing it on another DNS server.

However, when the router's DNS data changes, the previous cache data becomes obsolete and often causes web page loading problems. Therefore, "cleaning up" it is also a must.

Enter the following command into **Command Prompt** and press **Enter** : `ipconfig /flushdns`

A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window titled "Administrator: c:\windows\system32\cmd.exe". The window shows the following text: "Microsoft Windows [Version 6.2.9200] (c) 2012 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved. C:\Windows\system32>ipconfig /flushdns". A watermark for "uantrimang" is visible in the bottom right corner of the window.

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