

# Change the standby time of CHKDSK hard drive error checking tool in Windows

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When that happens, you will see a message indicating the hard drive checker has been scheduled. To bypass the drive test, simply press any key for X seconds (usually 10 seconds by default).

If you are having trouble with CHKDSK and need more time to skip the scan command or want to change the time to run CHKDSK the next time, you can follow the instructions below.

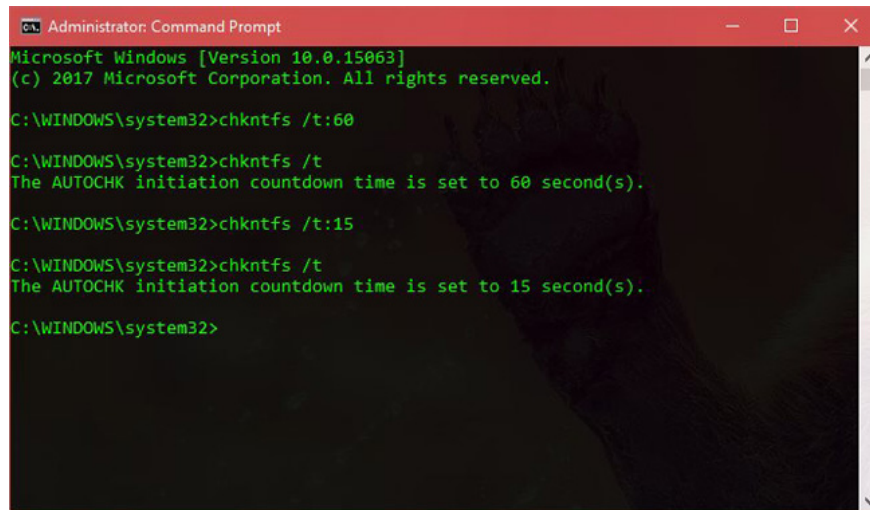
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## Change countdown time for CHKDSK command to check hard drive:

First, you need to type **Command Prompt** into the search bar of the Start menu. When you see this entry appear, right-click it and select **Run as administrator**.

Then enter the command below, replacing the number of seconds you want to count down to run:

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chkntfs / t: 000
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Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.15063]
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>chkntfs /t:60

C:\WINDOWS\system32>chkntfs /t
The AUTOCHK initiation countdown time is set to 60 second(s).

C:\WINDOWS\system32>chkntfs /t:15

C:\WINDOWS\system32>chkntfs /t
The AUTOCHK initiation countdown time is set to 15 second(s).

C:\WINDOWS\system32>
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This will change the time CHKDSK waits to run when it is scheduled for the next boot.

You can enter any value from 0 to 259,200 seconds (ie about 3 days). If you enter 0, CHKDSK will scan immediately without a countdown. You can confirm the current timer by entering the command below:

### **chkntfs / t**

**Note:** You should not set the value too high, otherwise, when you start your computer, you will have to wait a long time to scan the hard drive.

Hope the article will be helpful to you!

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