

# Delete junk files, temporary files in Windows

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Your computer increasingly slow? Do you think the virus is infected and has used a lot of software to scan the virus and still not lose? Have you tried to clean up your computer garbage once? If you've never done this before, the most likely cause is too many redundant files. This article will help you delete junk files in Windows most commonly.

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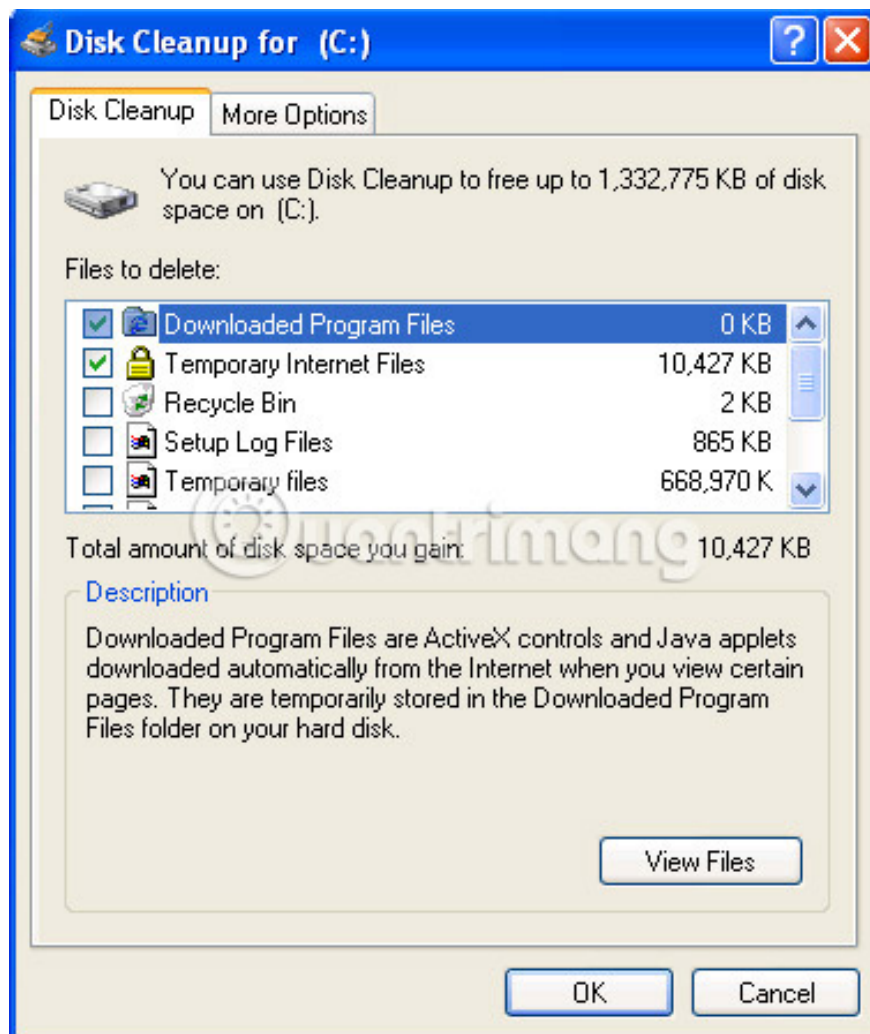
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## Use Disk Cleanup to delete temporary files

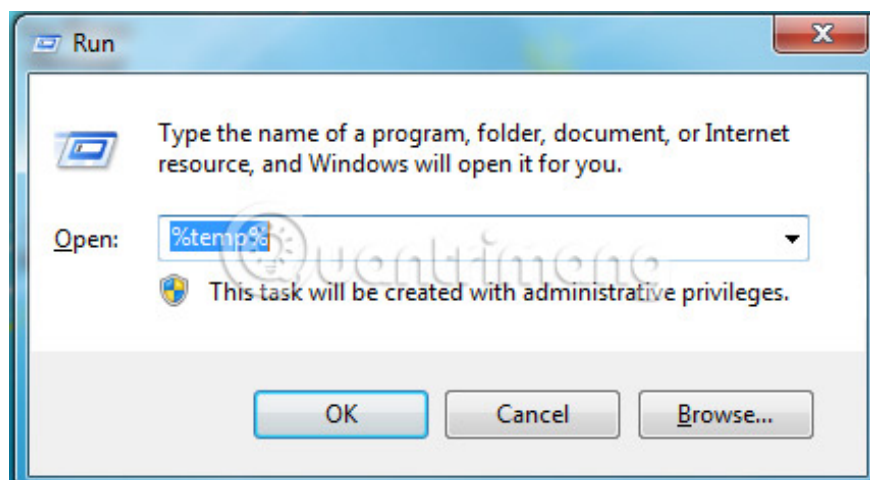
If you are running any of these Windows versions, TipsMake.com advises readers to run the Windows Disk Cleanup utility to delete temporary files and clean up other parts of the computer.

1. Free up space on Windows 10 by deleting temporary files
2. Automatically delete temporary files every time a Windows 10 computer is opened



## View and delete temporary files on Windows 10, 8 / 8.1, 7

To view and delete temporary files, press **Windows + R** key and enter **% temp%** , press **Enter** and the **Temp** folder will open. Users can delete all the files found in this folder, but if any files are being used, they may be ignored.

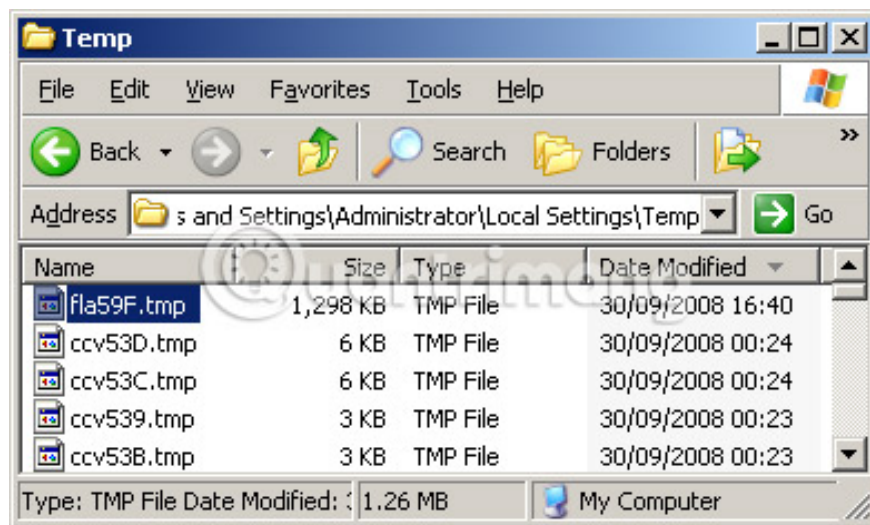


After restarting the computer, users will see some improvements in computer performance, because now the computer does not have to load all the temporary files.

## Search for temporary .tmp files on Windows XP or below

If you are running Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT, Windows ME, Windows 2000 or Windows XP, follow the instructions below to search and delete any .tmp files found on your computer.

1. Click the **Start** button to open the **Start** menu .
2. Click the **Find** option , and then click **Find Files or folders** .
3. In the search box, type \* **.tmp** to search for any file that has the "**tmp**" extension .
4. Verify that the **Look** section in the search box is pointing to the **C:** drive, not the document directory.
5. Click the **Find Now** button to start the search.
6. Delete all found files.



Once the above steps have been completed, the user should also make sure that the temporary folder on the hard drive is empty by following the steps below.

1. On the Windows desktop, double-click the **My Computer** icon.
2. Double-click the **C:** drive.
3. Double-click the **Temp** folder (if any) and verify that all files in this folder have been deleted.
4. Close the window and reopen **My Computer**.
5. Double-click the **C:** drive.
6. Double-click the Windows folder.

7. Double-click the **Temp** folder (if available) and verify that all files in this folder have been deleted.

If you are running MS-DOS or Windows 3.x, follow the instructions below to delete any existing temporary files on your computer.

1. If currently in Windows, click **File** and select the **Exit Windows** option .

2. At the command prompt, enter the following command:

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cd del *.tmp
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3. Delete all the temporary files found in the root of the **C:** drive.

4. Next, enter the following command:

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cd cd temp
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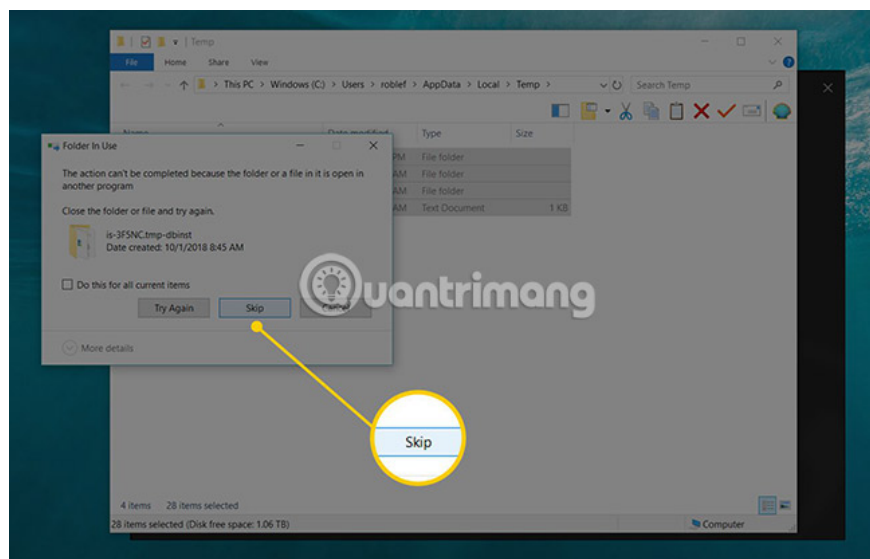
5. In the **C: TEMP>** folder (if any), enter **del \*. \*** To delete all files in the temporary folder.

6. After deleting or if the folder is temporarily unavailable, type the following command:

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cd cd Windows cd temp
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7. In folder **C: WindowsTEMP>** (if any), enter **del \*. \*** To delete all files in the folder.

## Which temporary files are safe to delete?



Because all these files only have a temporary role to hold information, it is safe to delete all temporary files. However, keep in mind that if a file or program is using that file, the user cannot delete the file.

## Cannot delete .tmp file

If an error occurs when trying to delete the .tmp file, it is currently being used by Windows or another software program. Close all open programs, restart the computer and try to delete the file again.

## See other junk files on Windows

With Windows 7 and below, you can search for junk files and delete them directly. To do that, go to **Start -> Search -> All files and folders** . In **All or part of the file name** , enter: **\*.bak ; \*.wbk ; \*.tmp ; \*.old ; \*.chk ; \*.~mp ; \*.grp ; ~\$? \*. \* ; ~\*. \*** and select **Look in** as **My Computer** and click **Search** to find. The found files will appear in the right pane of the screen, you can simply delete the entire file.

Hope you are succesful.

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