

# Fix the error of not running the .exe file on Windows

Not opening the .exe file or not running the .exe file will cause a lot of trouble when using the computer. Here are some ways to fix errors that cannot open .exe files, invite readers to refer.

When the system is infected, one of the most visible symptoms is that it cannot run executable files. Any virus or malware scanner you download will cause an error when trying to run it. You may receive a warning that the file is infected or cannot be opened. This happens by some malware (especially Bagle variants or TDSS rootkits) that block programs from installing and executing.

If you have tried to repair the .exe file in many ways and still do not work, you can refer to the following article of Network Administrator.

## Ways to fix errors do not run, open \* .exe file

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### 1. Scan the computer for viruses

If the .exe file is downloaded intact, there is no error in the download process, but it cannot be opened, with many files, not a single file, moreover, the .exe file looks as faulty and the file \* Any .exe is the same, think of viruses and malware immediately. If you still run anti-virus software, scan the device in full mode (Full scan). Virus scanning can only kill malware on your computer and cannot recover files that have been corrupted by them. Therefore, after scanning you will have to reinstall the software. To prevent this from happening again, install the antivirus software right away, at least turn on Windows Defender.

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### 2. Rename the .exe file

As mentioned, malware and rootkits can block security programs from launching them, so when you download these tools you need to rename it before saving to the desktop.

**Note:** Changing the file name after downloading will not work because it can immediately be detected and prevented from renaming, even preventing the download of the file.

If you want to copy the software from the USB to the computer that is infected with the virus, remember to rename the software before plugging the USB into the computer.

In most cases ComboFix only needs to change the name for a while. However, some programs like malicious 'Antivirus', trojans are more advanced (such as 'Windows Police Pro') you will need to change the name of **ComboFix** to **CF.bat** before saving this file to your desktop. Make sure the option in ' **Save as Type:** ' is " **All Files .**"

There is also the case with **MalwareBytes** you have to rename the file twice:

1. Before downloading the file / before saving to your computer.
2. After installation is complete, go to the installation directory of the program, find the mbam.exe file and rename it.

You can also check the presence of the TDSS driver in the following way:

1. Go to **Control Panel**.
2. Select **System > Hardware > Device Manager** .
3. On the **View** menu select " **Show hidden Devices** ".
4. Click on " **Non Plug and Play Drivers** " to expand.
5. Right-click **TDSSserv.sys** (if available) and select **Properties > driver** , click **stop** to disable it.
6. If there is a need to restart the computer, select **No**.

You also need to disable other variants if you see: *seneka \**, *gao \**, *UAC \**, *geyek \**, *ytafw \** . these are variants of rootkits that evolve over time.

Some variants of the antivirus program (such as SystemSecurity) named random numbers running from the Application Data folder (like **4283411.exe** or **3251452.exe** ) will monitor every program you try to download. When you try to open or run, they will be flagged as infected, and will also block all executable files, except important system files.

To bypass blocking, you can download the **Process Explorer** utility and rename it to *svchost.exe* or *winlogon.exe* (like the important file name of the system) and launch it. Then you can determine the position of SystemSecurity to find and destroy processes called random numbers. You can run Malwarebytes or ComboFix immediately afterwards.

### **3. Download error correction file does not open \* .exe file**

#### **Download fix-exe-lnk.inf**

You download this file to fix errors that cannot open the file \* .exe, file named fix-exe-lnk.inf, right-click it select Install to reinstall. This file not only fixes open errors, cannot run \* .exe, but also fixes other corrupted shortcuts in the registry.

#### **Use Fix it**

To fix this error, you can download and install Fix it to your computer and install it. After downloading, Fix it to your computer, the next step is to install. Click on the file you just downloaded, then the File Download dialog box will appear, click **Run** and follow the instructions on the screen.

### Use RstAssociations

1. Download and run RstAssociations (.scr version).
2. Select **Exe** and click **Restore**.
3. Restart your computer if required.

**Note** : RstAssociations is only compatible on Windows XP, Vista and Windows 7 (32 and 64 bit).

### Use Exefix\_Vista.reg file (Windows XP only)

1. Visit the website: winhelponline.com.
2. Download the fix file **EXE** extension error.
3. Extract files on the Desktop screen.
4. Right-click the file **Exefix\_Vista.reg**.
5. Select **Yes** and select **OK**.

## 4. Edit regedit

This solution is offered by Microsoft but only applies to Windows 7 and Windows Vista. There are 2 options as follows

### If you open Regedit.exe

1. Enter **regedit** in the search bar
2. Right-click the **Regedit.exe** file in the results list and select **Run as administrator**
3. Find: **HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT.exe**
4. Select .exe, look to the right, right-click **Default** and select **Modify** .
5. Change **Value data** to **exefile**
6. Search: **HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOTTexefile**
7. Select **exefile** , To the right, right-click **Default** > select **Modify** .
8. Change the **Value data** to "% 1" % \*(double quotes - percent - number 1 - double quotes - percent - asterisk)
9. Search: **KEY\_CLASSES\_ROOTTexefileshelopen**
10. To choose **open** , look to the right, right-click **Default** and select **Modify** .
11. Change **Value data** to "% 1" % \*
12. Close the Registry Editor and restart the computer

### If you open Notepad.exe

**Step 1:** Click **Start**> **All Programs**> **Accessories**> **Notepad**.

**Step 2:** Copy and paste the following command line into Notepad:

```
Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00 [HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file]
"EditFlags"=hex:d8,07,00,00
@="Application"

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell]
@=""

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\open]
@=""
"EditFlags"=hex:00,00,00,00

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\open\command]
@="%1" %*"

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\ex]

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\ex\PropertySheetHandlers]

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\ex\PropertySheetHandlers{86F19A00-42A0-1069-
A2E9-08002B30A309D}]
@=""

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\DefaultIcon]
@="%1" [HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file]
"EditFlags"=hex:d8,07,00,00
@="Application"

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell]
@=""

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\open]
@=""
"EditFlags"=hex:00,00,00,00

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\open\command]
@="%1" %*"

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\ex]

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\ex\PropertySheetHandlers]

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\shell\ex\PropertySheetHandlers{86F19A00-42A0-1069-
A2E9-08002B30A309D}]
@=""

[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe\file\DefaultIcon]
@="%1"
```

### Step 3: Select **Save As**.

1. Select the file format as **All files** .
2. Name the file and add the extension **.reg**.

### Step 4: Click **Save** .

**Step 5:** Close Notepad and then right-click the **.reg** file and select **Merge** .

**Step 6:** Click **Yes** then click **OK**.

Here are some ways to help you fix errors that cannot be opened or cannot run \* .exe files on your computer, hopefully the article can help you.

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. Restore lost File Explorer icons on Windows 10 Start Menu
1. All problems with PST, Profile, Add-in . errors on Outlook and how to fix them
1. Instructions for creating a PDF file from multiple image files on Windows

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