

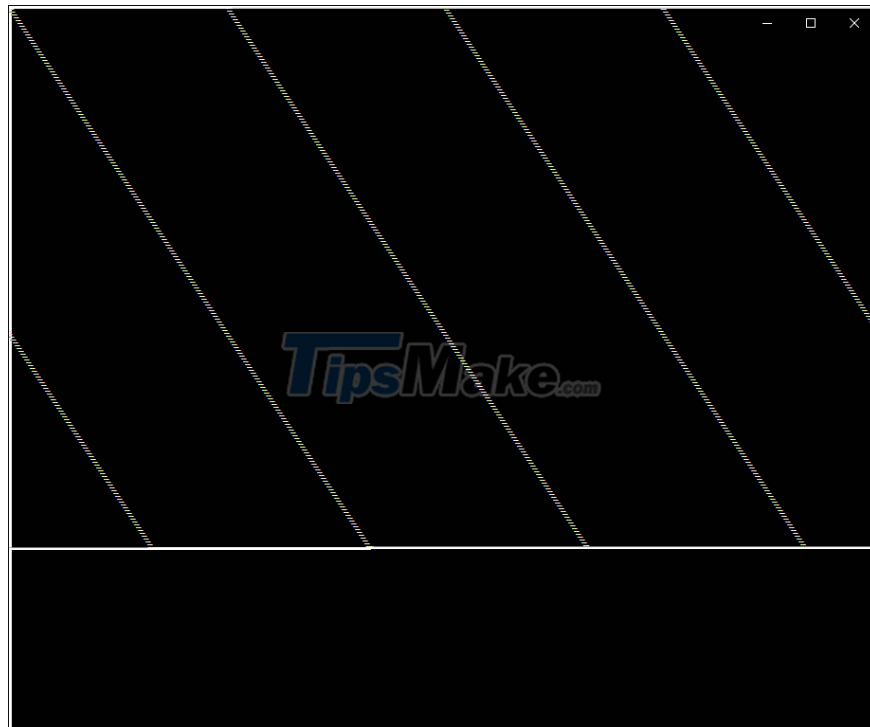
# Fix Windows 10 slow opening images

Windows 10 opens pictures slowly. Are you having problems when the Windows Photos app is slow and it takes up to 30 seconds to open small JPG files? Even with a large amount of RAM and very few apps running, Photos proved very sluggish.

Below, I'll show you a few ways to fix the Photos app error, making sure your photos and videos are played instantly every time you open them.

## Why is Windows Photos app too slow?

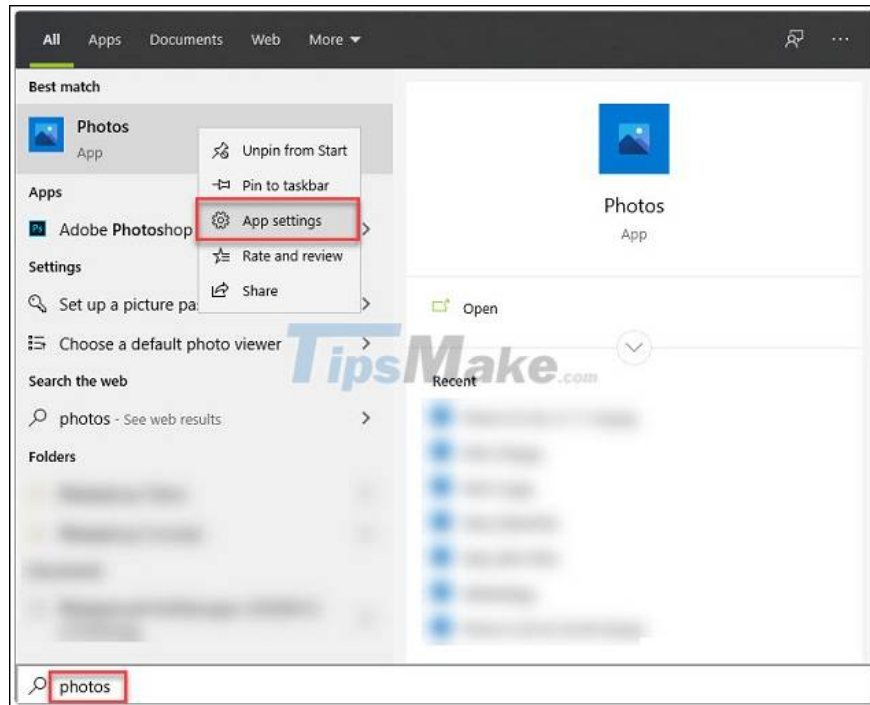
The cause of the problem is the configuration settings in the Photos app that you might have turned off unsuccessfully. As a result, the Photos app appears black, followed by a white background for about 15 to 35 seconds, and then it starts displaying the image or video.



Normally, it only takes time when opening the first picture in Photos, the photos will then be smoother. If you find it annoying that images are always slow to display, here are some ways to fix the problem.

## Repair and Reset Photos app

If you experience a sudden delay with the Photos app, you should immediately restore it to its default configuration. Find '**Photos**' in the search box, then right-click on it and select **App settings** .



The fix (**repair**) Photos app is quick and easy, do not lose any data application.

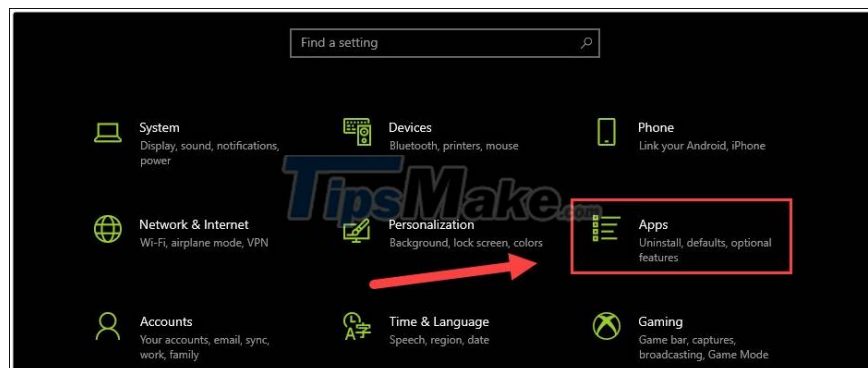


After this step, you should see an immediate improvement in your upload time. In case you haven't seen the app faster, tap **Reset** to clear app data, but you will also quickly get the data back with your Microsoft account.

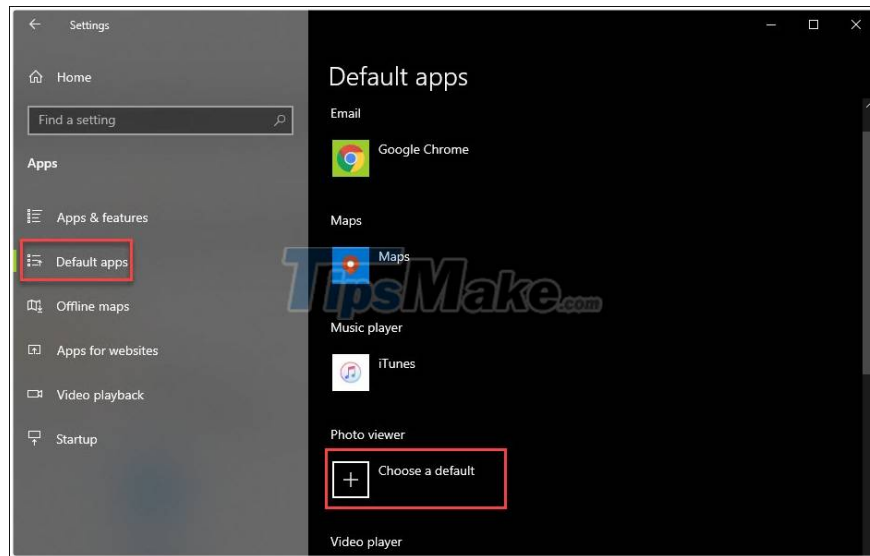


## Optimize application settings

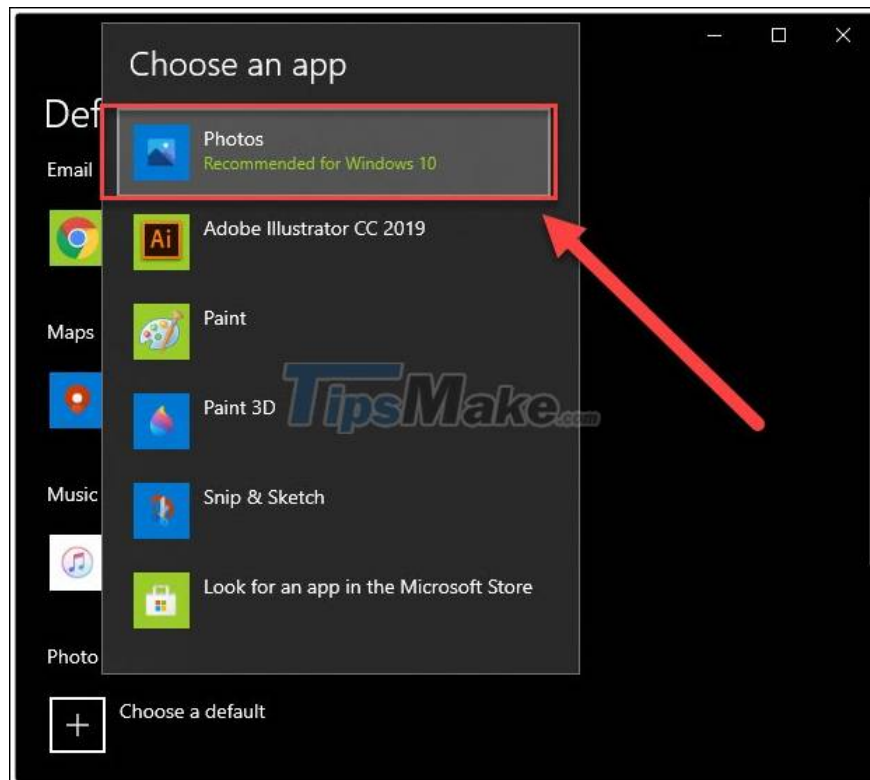
After repairing and resetting, you need to optimize settings inside the Photos app. First, make sure it's selected as the default photo viewer. Press **Windows + I** to open Settings. Navigate to **Apps** .



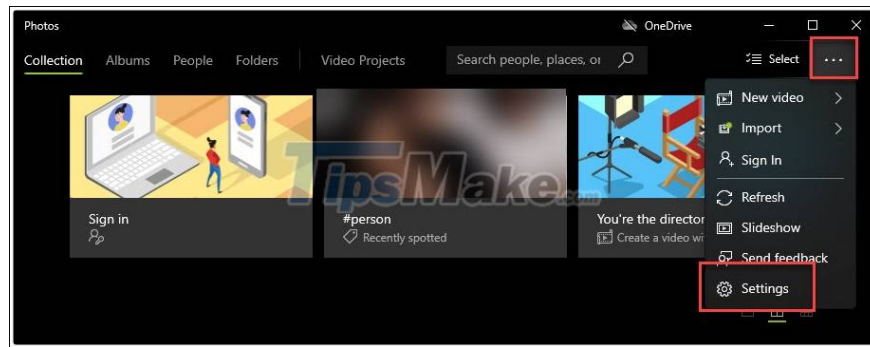
Open the **Default apps** tab , in the **Photo viewer** section, click **Choose a default** .



Choose **Photos** as the default photo viewer. If you see it was set up before, you don't need to do this step.

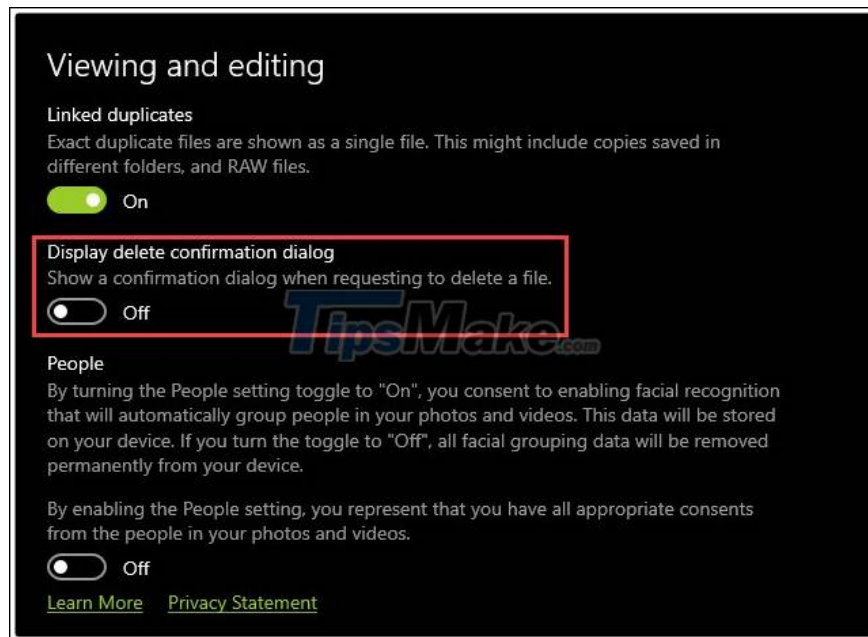


Next, open the **Photos** app from the search box. Go to the **ellipsis** icon at the top right and hit **Settings** .

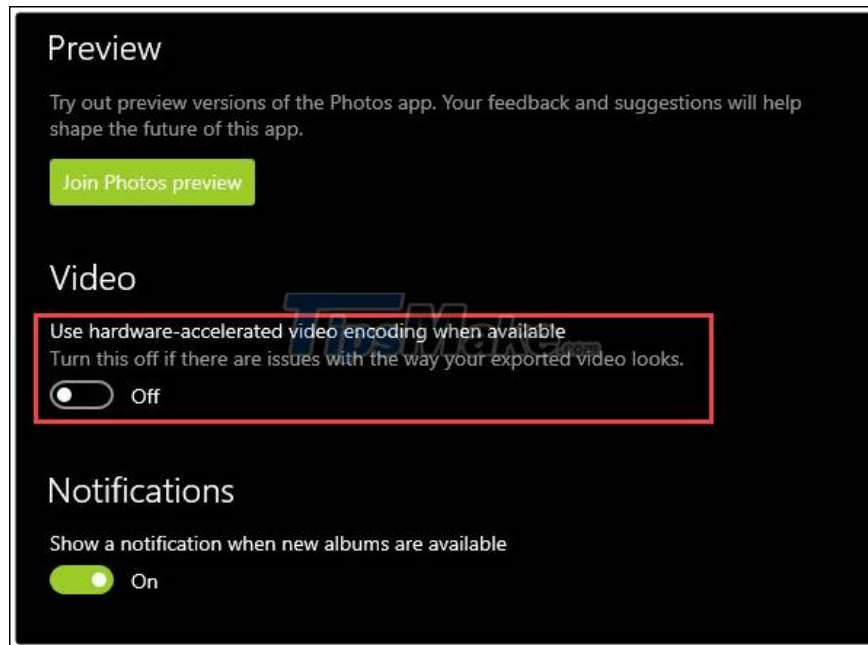


Many of the configuration settings with the Photos app may already be enabled by default. To ensure a quick response time, you need to optimize these settings. The most important item is syncing Photos app with OneDrive, which is something you probably don't need as often. Every time you need to open an image, this feature affects the response speed. Therefore, you need to turn off the option '**show my cloud-only content from OneDrive**'. If you're not using OneDrive, skip it.

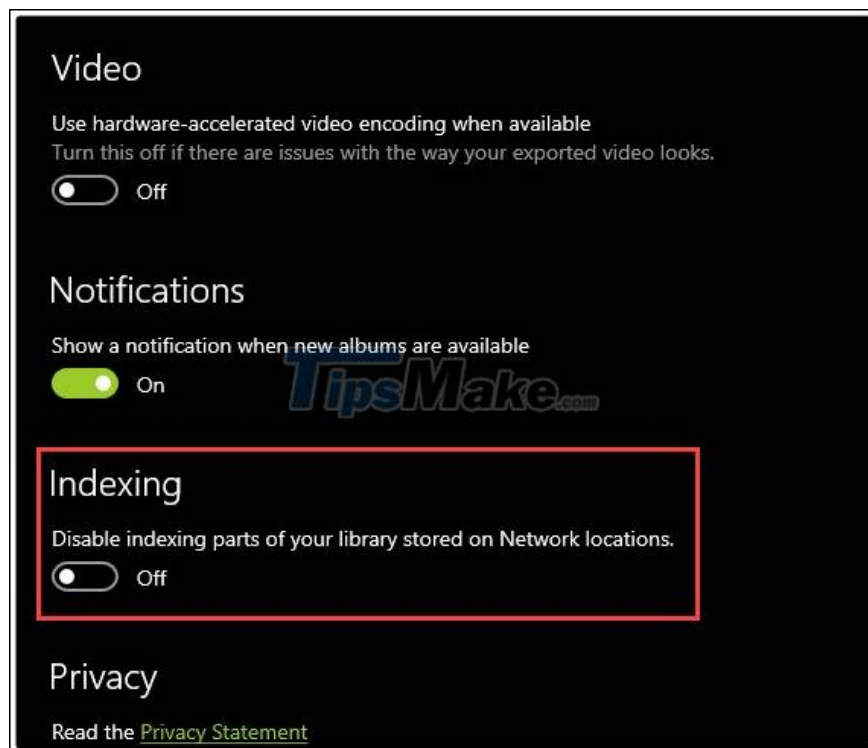
Alternatively, you can turn off the '**Display delete confirmation dialog**', which will consume more memory.



'Use hardware-accelerated video encoding when available' is also something you don't need unless you're planning to use the Photos app for video editing.

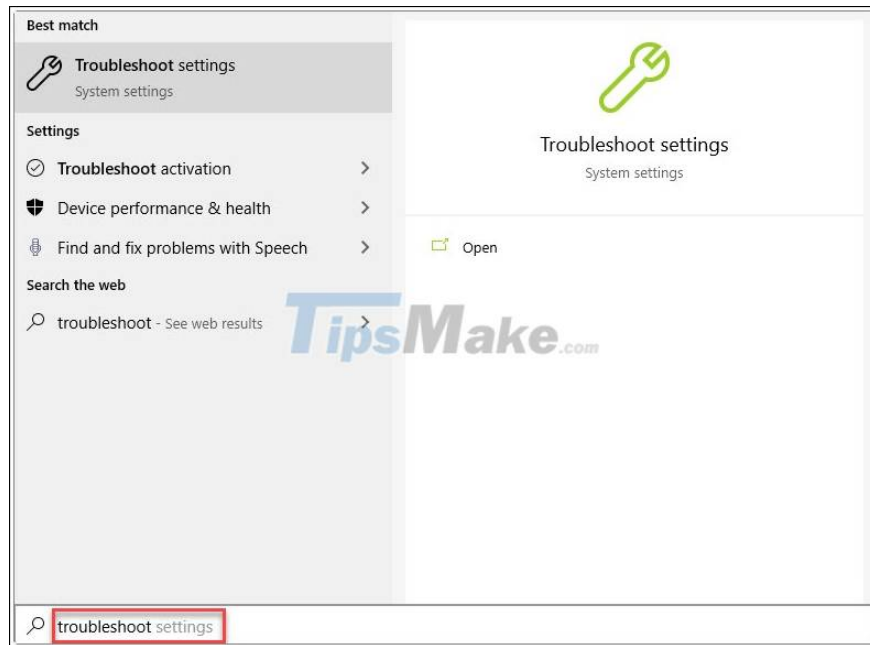


The Photos app can get really busy when it uses a lot of memory to load the photo folders. Therefore, you should also '**Disable indexing parts of your library stored on Network locations**' .

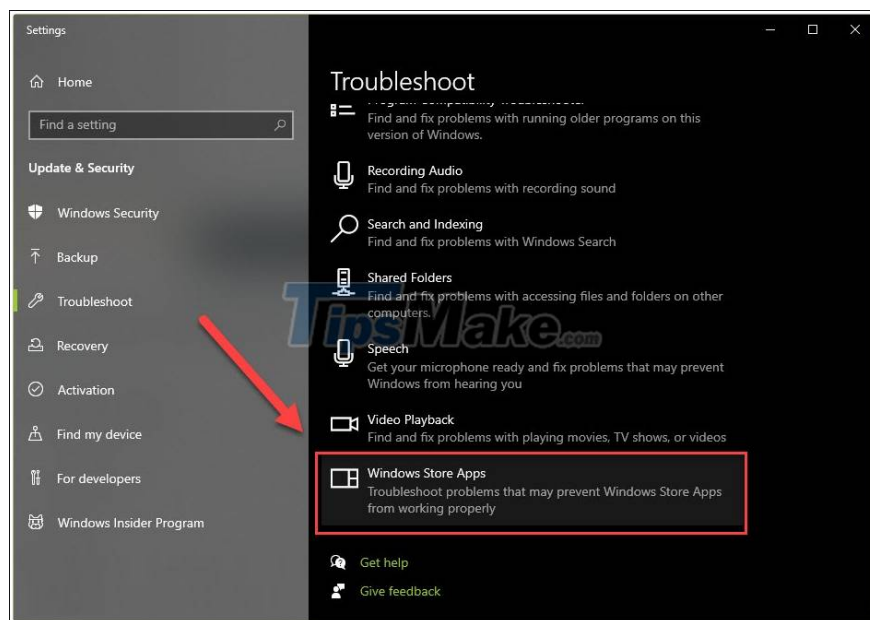


## Using Troubleshoot

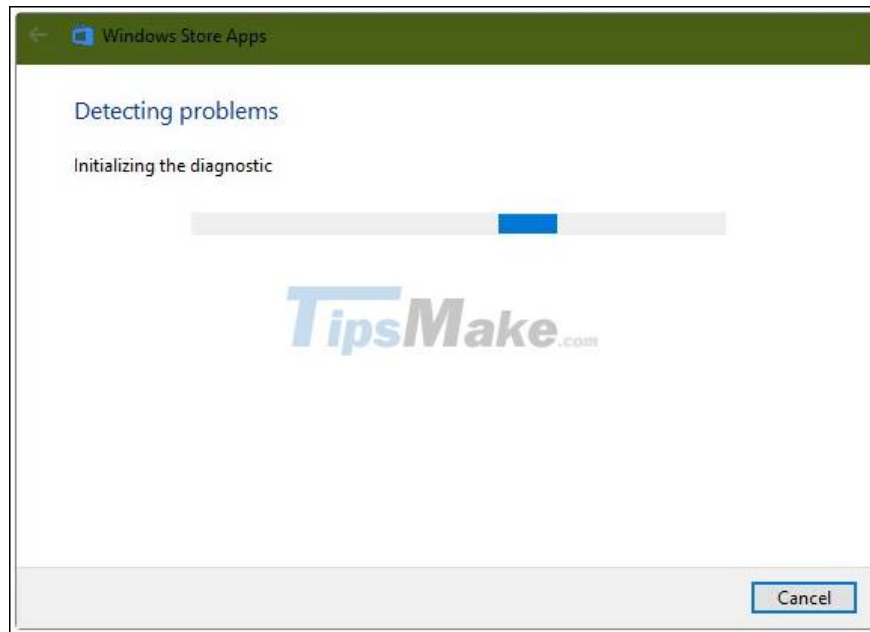
After following the two steps above, you should notice a noticeable improvement in the Photos app's response speed. If there is still a problem, open 'Troubleshoot settings' from the search box.



Scroll down the list and select **Windows Store Apps** .



Click **Run the Troubleshoot** , the debugging process will begin and if there is any problem with the Photos app, it will be resolved.



The above fixes will help you to solve the problem of slow Windows Photos app. This application error is not uncommon and if you are still unable to fix it yourself, consult a service center. Good luck!!!

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