

Fixing the Windows 10 Taskbar not working or not responding.

One fine day, while working on your Windows 10 computer, the Windows 10 Taskbar suddenly stops working and becomes unresponsive. Despite trying all possible solutions, the problem persists. Don't worry, TipsMake will guide you on how to fix the unresponsive Windows 10 Taskbar issue below.

The reason for a non-responsive or unresponsive **Windows 10 Taskbar** could be that **Cortana** is 'stuck' somewhere, or the indexing service has become 'chaotic'. Below are some solutions to fix the non-responsive or unresponsive Windows 10 Taskbar.



In many cases, the taskbar is hidden, and users don't see it, leading them to believe it's malfunctioning. To ensure the taskbar is working correctly, you need to display it if you previously hid it .

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Restart your computer.

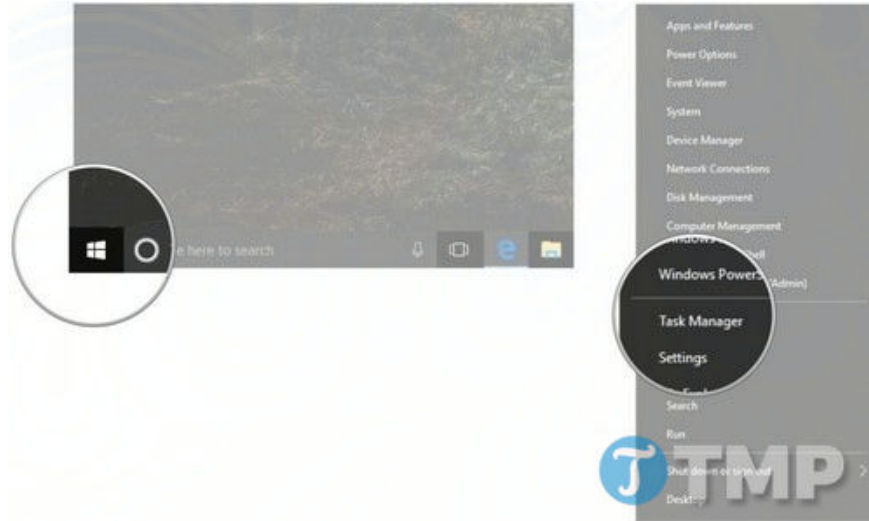
This is the simplest way to fix a non-responsive or unresponsive Windows 10 Taskbar. Even experienced users can use this method to fix the problem. If the Windows 10 Taskbar is still unresponsive after restarting your computer, try the following solutions to fix the issue.

Turn off Cortana, End process Cortana

Sometimes , disabling Cortana by ending the Cortana process in Task Manager can help fix the Windows 10 Taskbar not working or being unresponsive. After stopping the process, it will restart immediately.

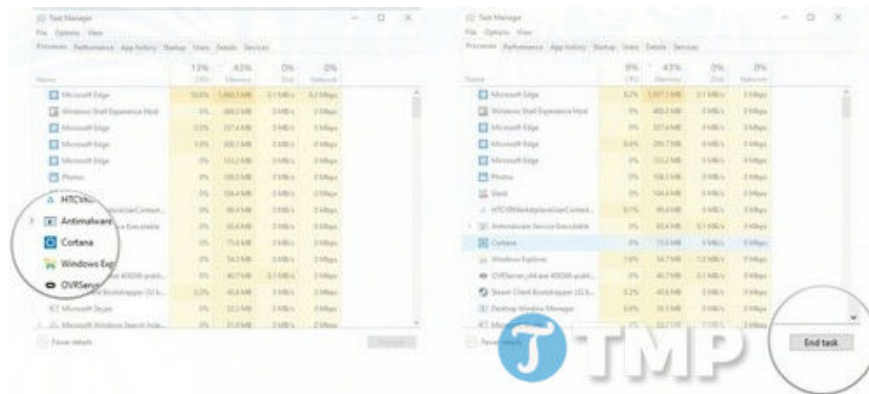
Step 1 : Right-click on the **Start** button .

Step 2 : Click on **Task Manager** .



Step 3 : In the Task Manager window, scroll down, find and select **Cortana** .

Step 4 : Click on **End Task** .



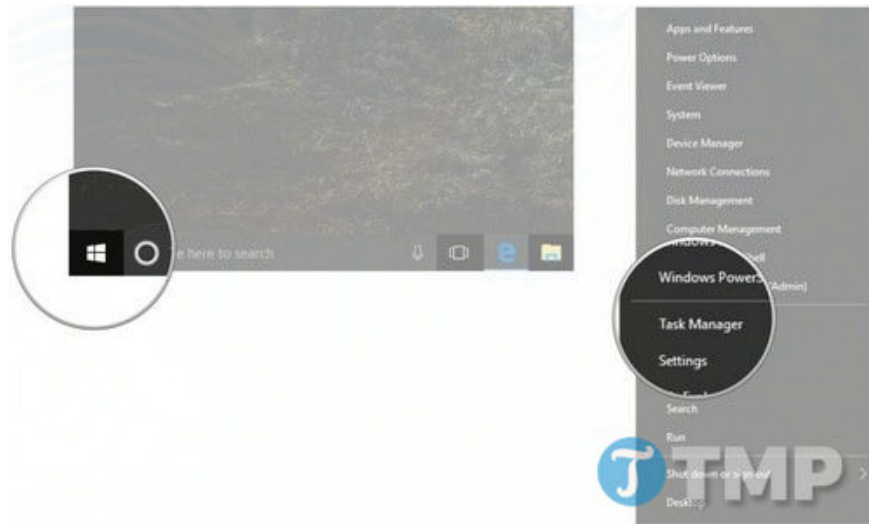
If the error persists, try applying the other solutions below.

Restart Windows Explorer

Try restarting Windows Explorer to fix the Windows 10 Taskbar not working or not responding:

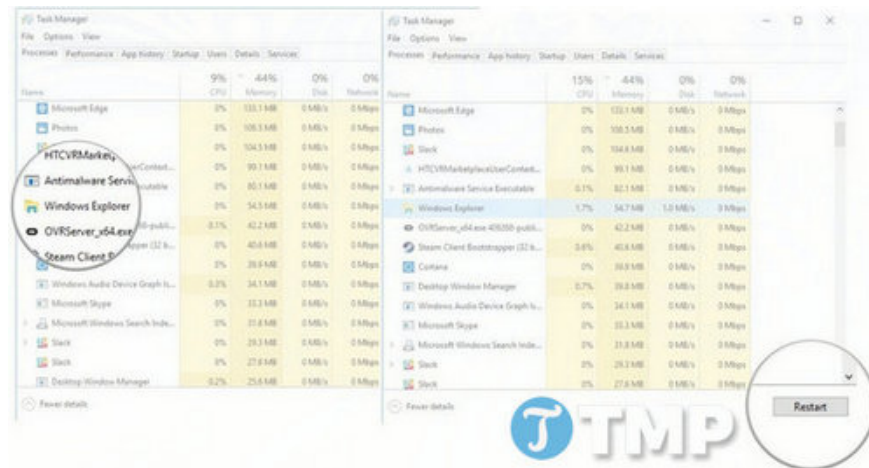
Step 1 : Right-click on the **Start** button .

Step 2 : Click on **Task Manager** .



Step 3 : Click on **Windows Explorer** (located near the bottom of the Task Manager window).

Step 4 : Click **Restart**.



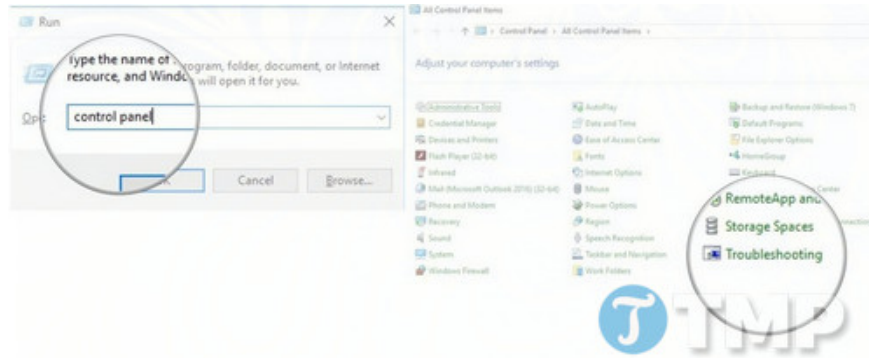
Use Windows troubleshooter to restore the indexing service.

Sometimes the Windows troubleshooter can help fix the Windows 10 Taskbar not working, not responding automatically, and effectively.

Step 1 : Press **the Windows + R** key combination to open the Run command window.

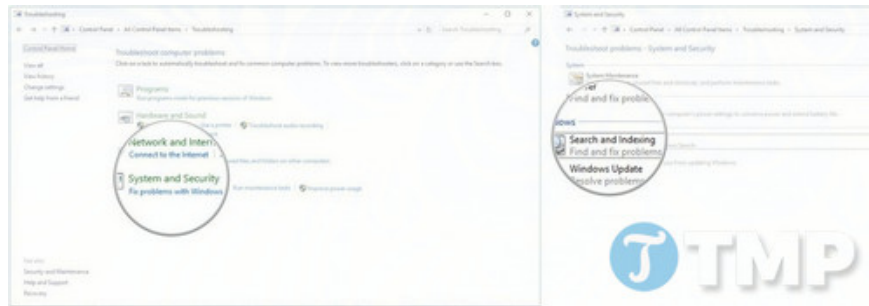
Step 2 : Type "**Control Panel**" and press Enter to open the Control Panel window.

Step 3 : In the Control Panel window, find and click **Troubleshooting** .



Step 4 : Click on **System and Security**.

Step 5 : Right-click on **Search and Indexing**.



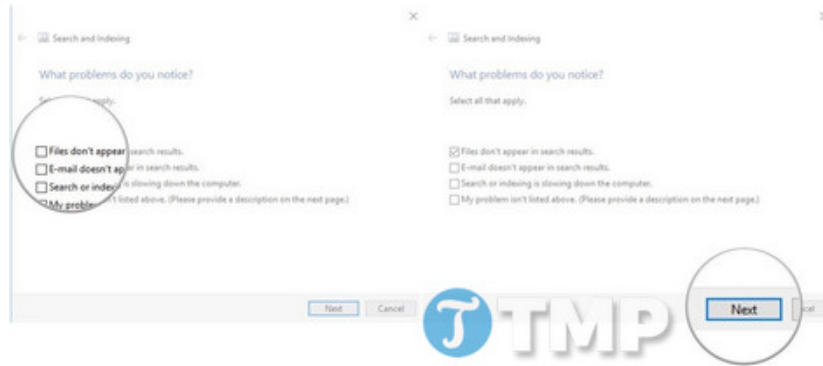
Step 6 : Select **Run as Administrator**.

Step 7 : Click **Next** and the Troubleshooter will run immediately.



Step 8 : Check the box next to the errors or problems you are experiencing. In this case, it says " **Files don't appear in search results** ".

Step 9 : Click **Next**.

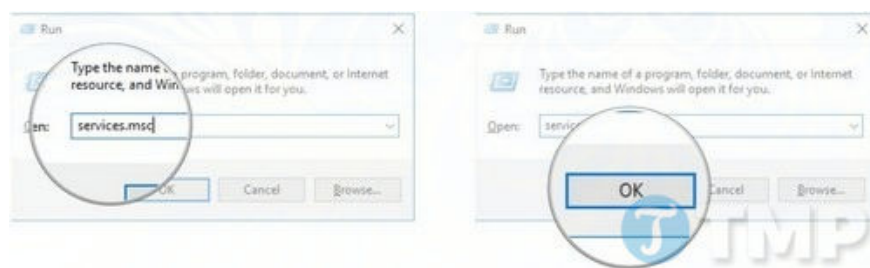


Set the option to start with the system and restart Windows Search.

Your computer might get 'distracted' during startup and forget to start Windows Search. Access Services and configure the startup settings, and finally restart Windows Search. Hopefully, this will help you fix the unresponsive Windows 10 Taskbar issue.

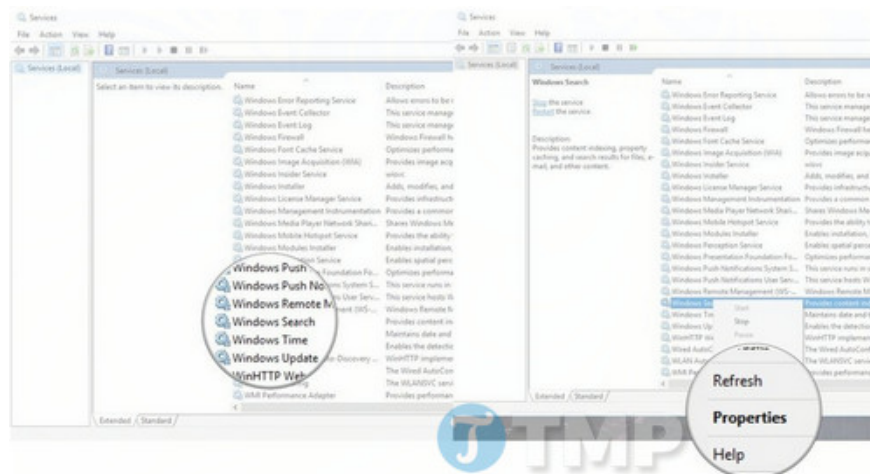
Step 1 : Press the **Windows + R** key combination to open the Run command window.

Step 2 : Type **services.msc** into the field and press Enter or click OK.



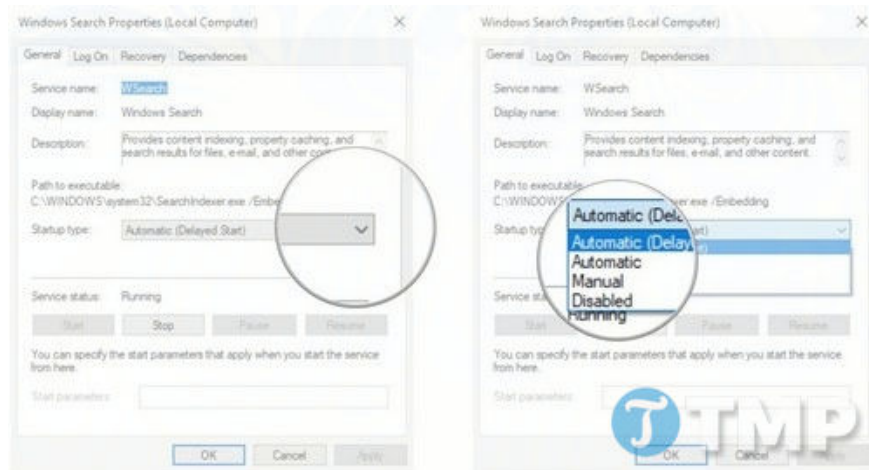
Step 3: Next, find and right-click on **Windows Search** (located near the bottom of the list window).

Step 4 : Click on **Properties**.



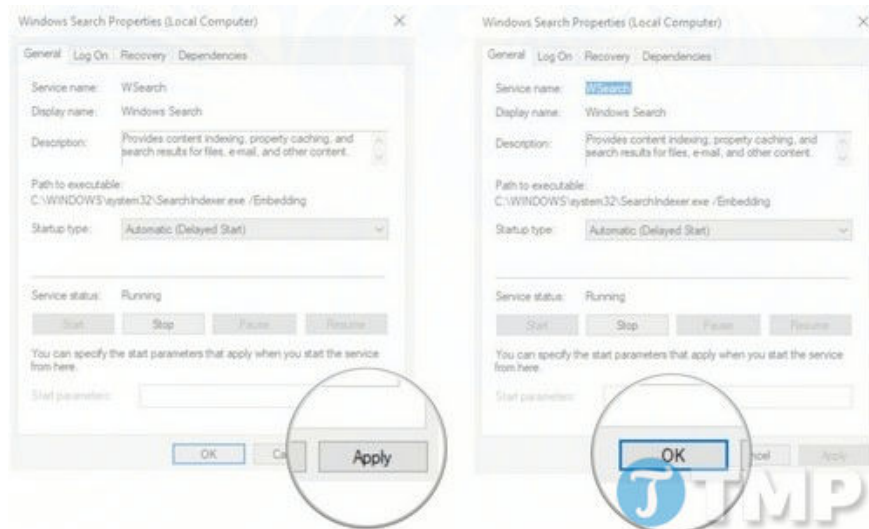
Step 5 : Click the dropdown menu next to the **Startup type** option.

Step 7 : Select **Automatic (Delayed Start)** or **Automatic**, depending on your preferred option.



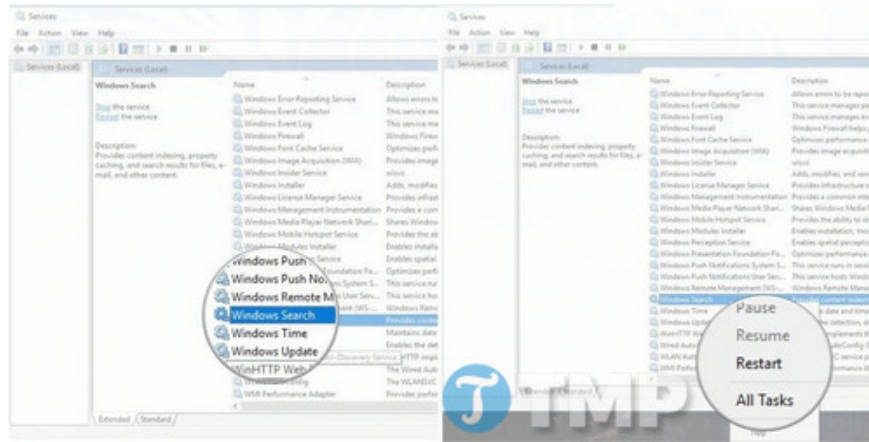
Step 8 : Click **Apply** .

Step 9 : Select **OK**.



Step 10 : Right-click on **Windows Search** again.

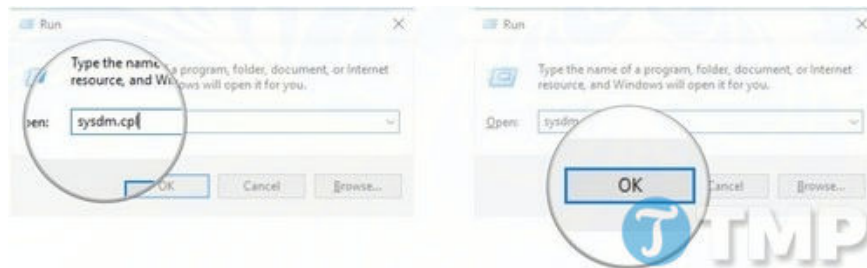
Step 11 : Select **Restart** .



Resize the page file

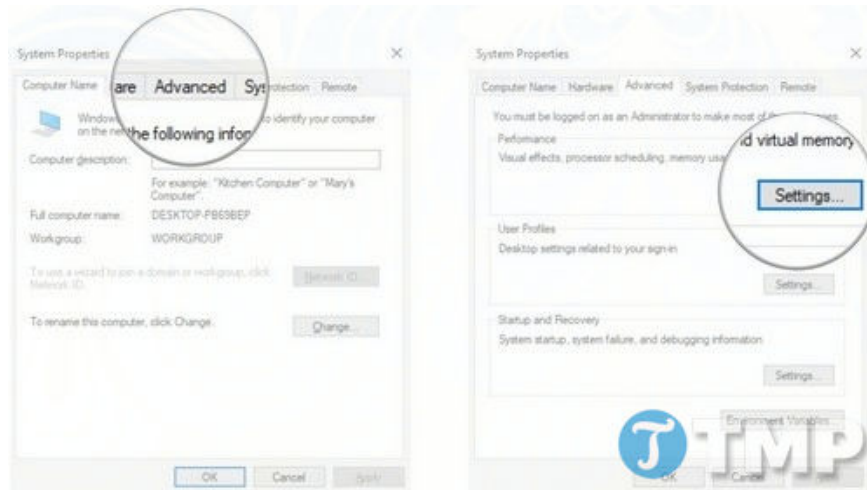
Step 1 : Press the **Windows + R** key combination to open the Run window.

Step 2 : Enter **sysdm.cpl** and press Enter or click OK.



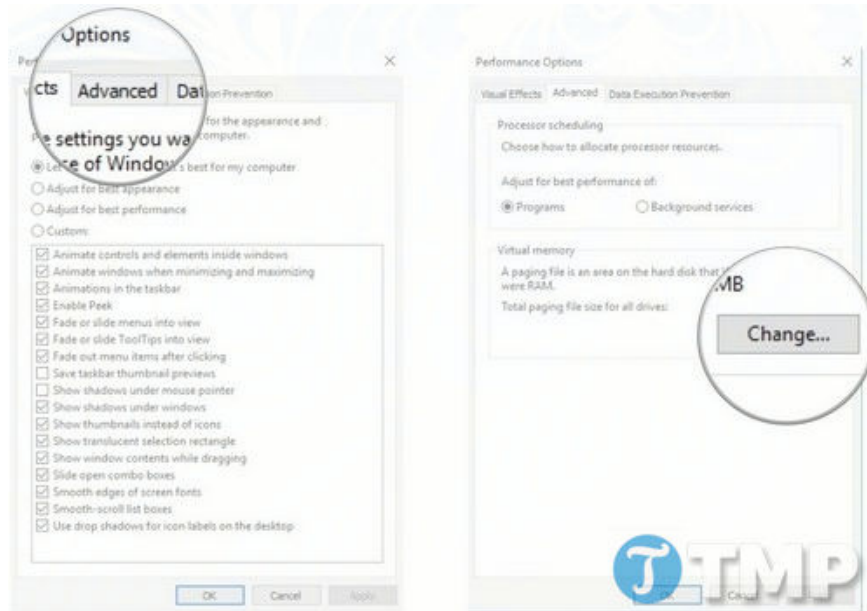
Step 3 : In the System Properties window, click the **Advanced** tab .

Step 4 : In the **Performance** section , click the **Settings** button .



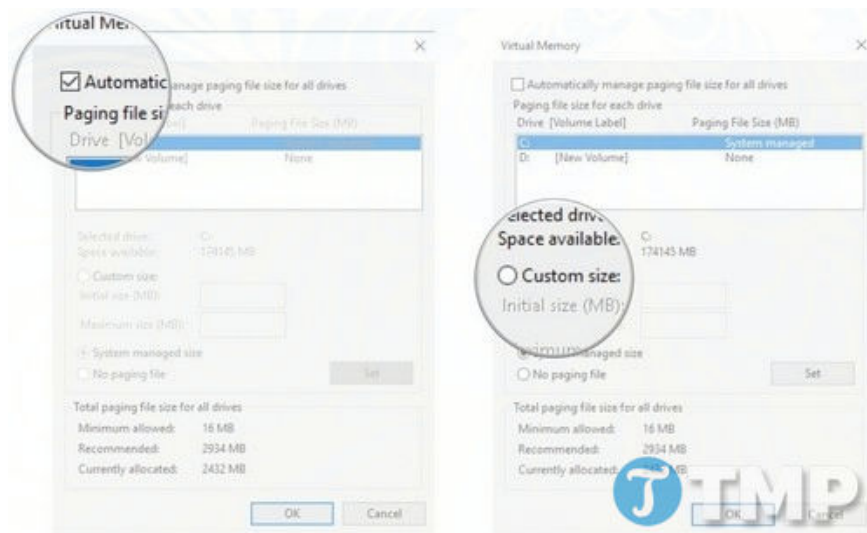
Step 5 : In the next window, click the **Advanced** tab .

Step 6 : In the **Virtual memory** section , click the **Change...** button.



Step 7 : Uncheck the box next to the option " **Automatically manage paging file size for all drives**" .

Step 8 : Click to select **Custom size** .



Depending on the size of your hard drive, try setting the initial size to 16MB and the maximum size to a minimum of 2000MB. If you experience performance issues, try resetting the page file by checking the box next to " **Automatically manage paging file size of all drives**".

Disable Zemana AntiLogger Free

In addition to the solutions above, the reason for the Windows 10 Taskbar not working or being unresponsive could be a compatibility issue with Zemana AntiLogger software . Specifically, the **keystroke encryption** feature may be the cause of the error. If you are using Zemana AntiLogger Free, try disabling the keystroke encryption option and check if Windows Search is working normally again.

What are your thoughts on the solutions for fixing a non-functioning or unresponsive Windows 10 Taskbar?

Besides a frozen or unresponsive Taskbar, users often encounter the problem of the Taskbar not displaying . Please pay attention to this to find the best solution. Good luck!

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