

How to allow / deny an application access to the file system in Windows 10

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Starting with Windows 10 build 17093, you can now allow or deny apps access to your device's file system (PC) for all users.

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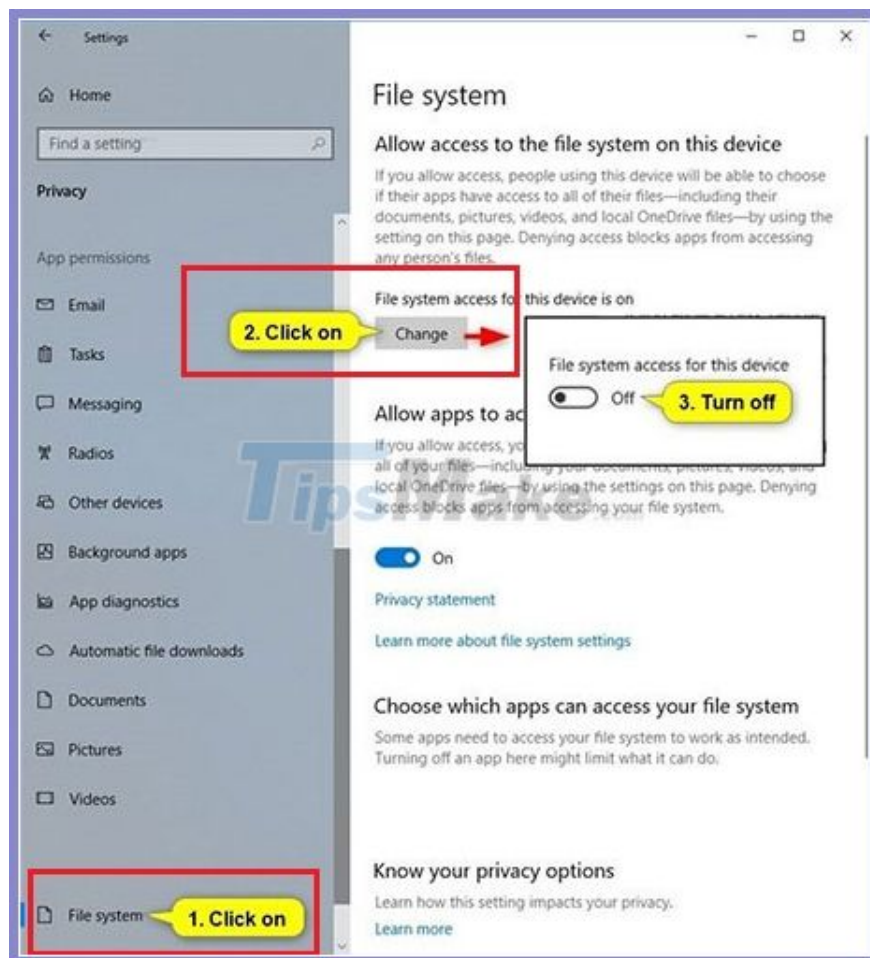
Allow or deny app access to the file system for all users in Settings

Note: You must be logged in as admin to be able to do this option.

Step 1. Open Settings and click the Privacy icon.

Step 2. Click File system on the left side, click the Change button on the right side and turn on (default) or turn off the File system access for this device option, depending on what you want.



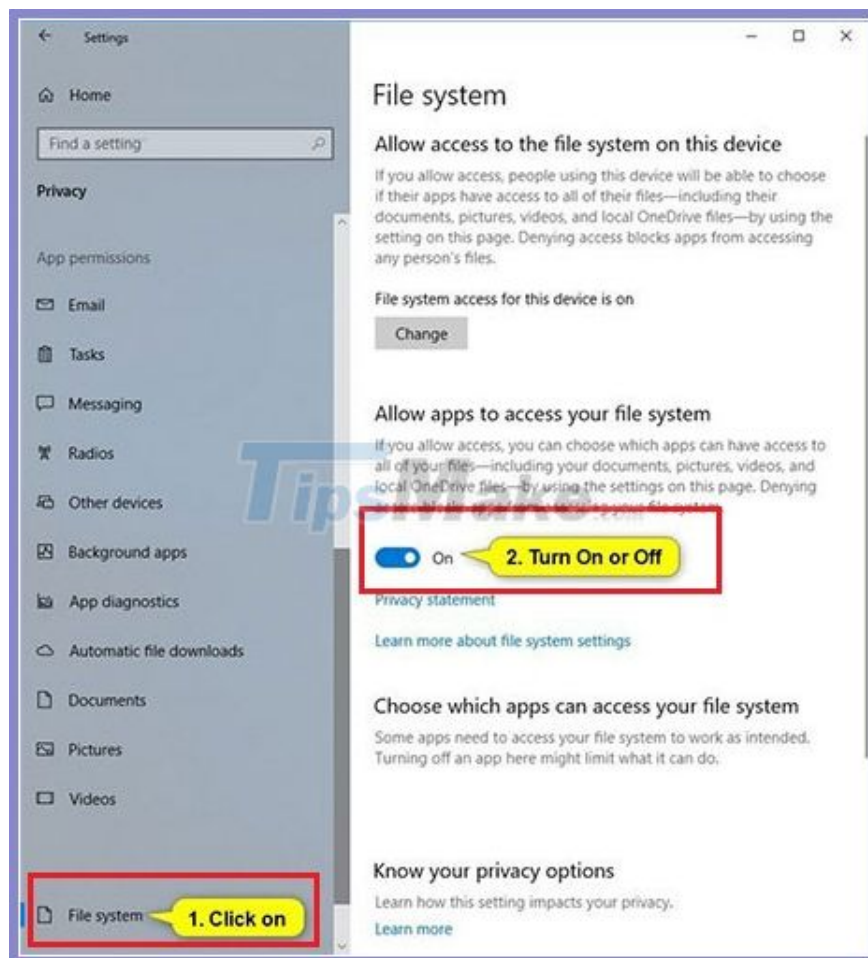


Enable or disable the "Allow Apps Access to Your File System" option in Settings

The settings in this option will be greyed out, unless File system access for this device is enabled from method 1 above.

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Step 2. Click File system on the left side, enable (default) or disable the Allow apps to access your file system option on the right side, depending on what you want.



Enable or disable the "Allow Specific Apps Access to Your File System" option in Settings

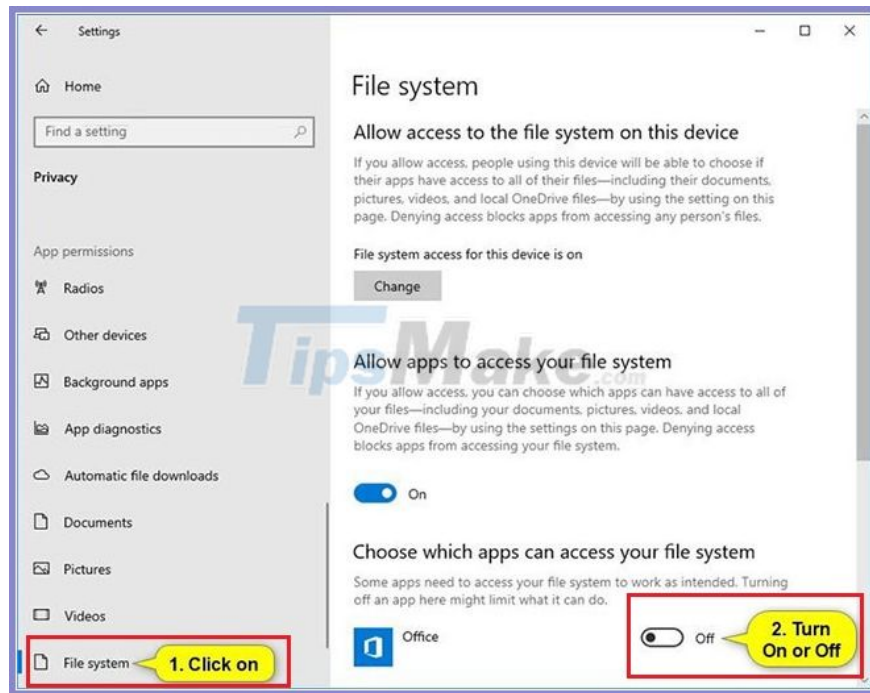
The settings in this option will be greyed out, unless Allow apps to access your file system is enabled in method 2 above.

Settings for this option are stored in the registry key subkeys below. Each subkey represents a listed application.

HKEY_CURRENT_USERSoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionCapabilityAccessManagerCon

Step 1. Open Settings and click on the Privacy icon.

Step 2. Click File System on the left side, turn on or off (if any) the apps you want under Choose which apps can access your file system on the right side.



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