

How to check if your computer or laptop uses an SSD or HDD.

We have four easy ways to check if a computer's hard drive is an SSD or HDD without disassembling it, saving time and allowing for accurate hardware information on newly purchased devices.

When buying a new computer or a used one, you'll need to disassemble components like **the SSD** or **HDD** to check if everything is installed as promised.



Check if your Windows computer has an SSD or HDD.

However, with the following 4 tips from Taimienphi **on how to check if your hard drive is an SSD or HDD** , you can easily find out this information quickly and accurately.

Method 1: Simple Method

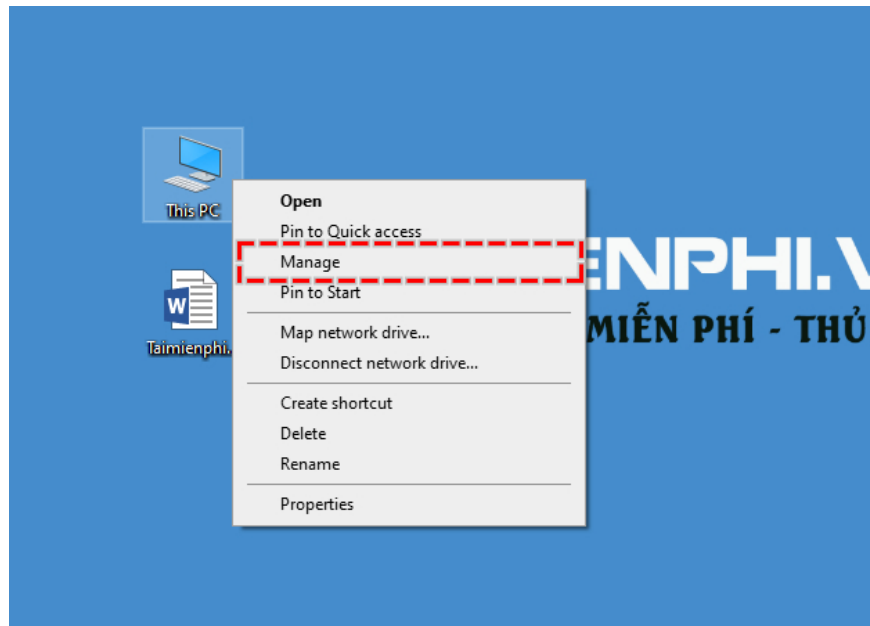
Method 2: Windows PowerShell

Method 3: Optimize Drives

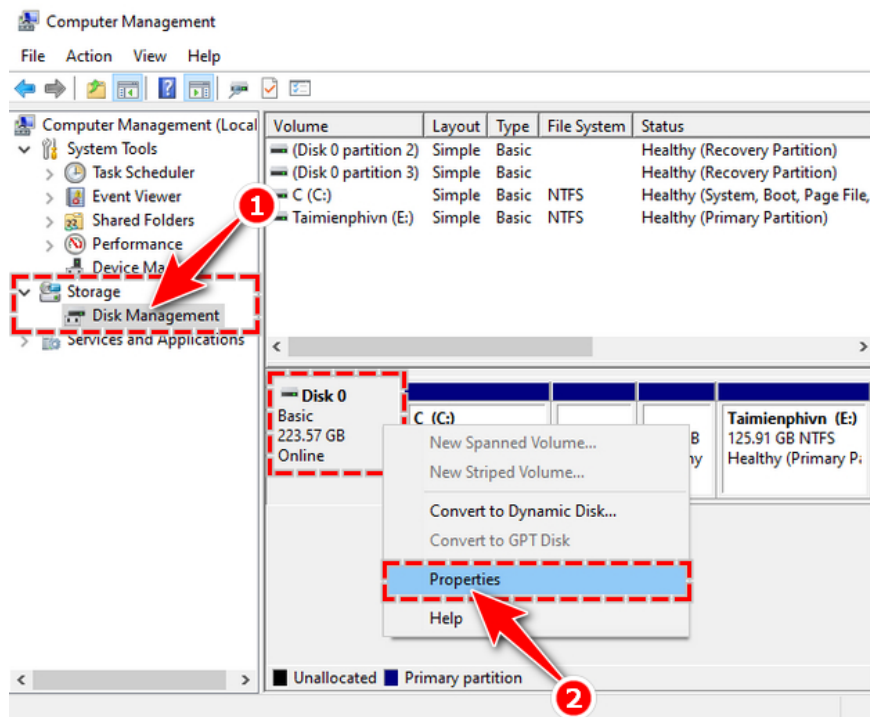
Method 4: Third-Party Software

Method 1: Simple Check

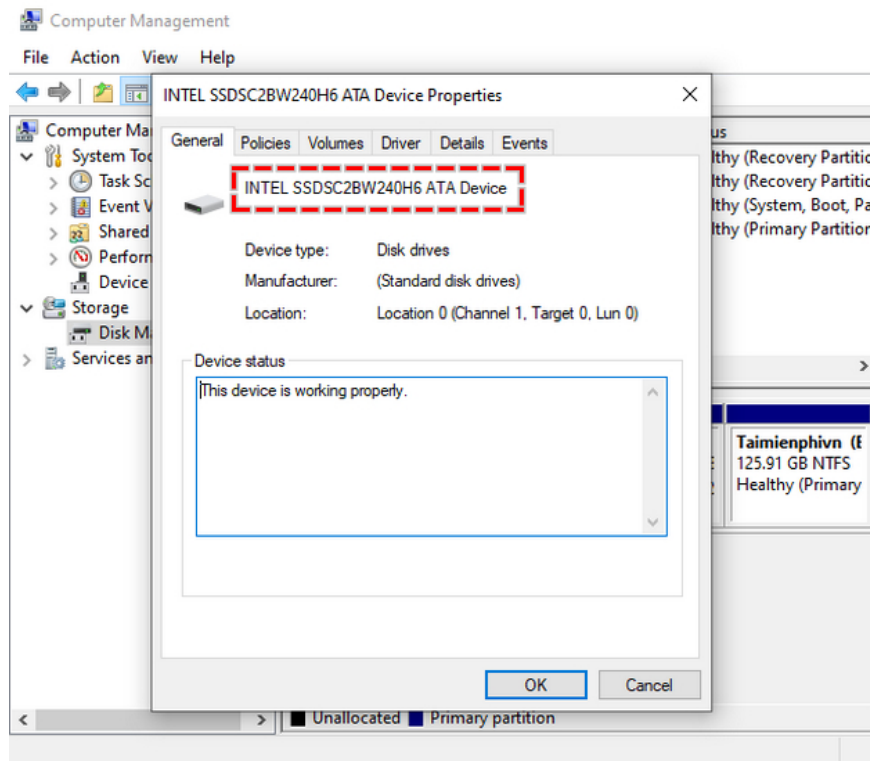
Step 1: To check your hard drive, right-click on the My Computer icon in older versions of Windows or This PC in newer versions of Windows, and select **Manage** .



Step 2: In the Computer Management window, click on **Storage** in the left-hand menu, then select **Disk Management**. A window displaying a list of drives on your device will appear; right-click on each drive and select **Properties**.



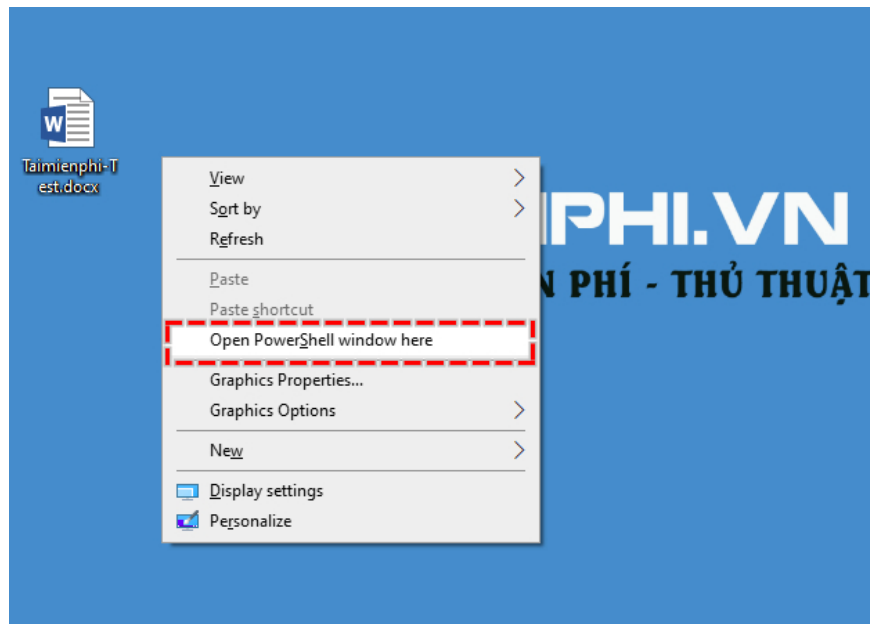
Step 3: In the drive information window, click the **General** tab to see the name of your hard drive.



Step 4: Copy the hard drive name and **search it** using any online search engine. From the results, you will quickly know whether your hard drive is an SSD or an HDD.

Method 2: Using Windows PowerShell

Step 1: Hold down the **Shift** key and **right-** click on an empty space on the desktop, then select "**Open PowerShell Window here**".



Step 2: Next, enter the command ``get-physicaldisk`` and press **Enter**.

The system will immediately check and display a results table as shown below. In the Media Type column, the computer will show whether the hard drive is an SSD or HDD. If the computer displays "**Unspecified**," it means

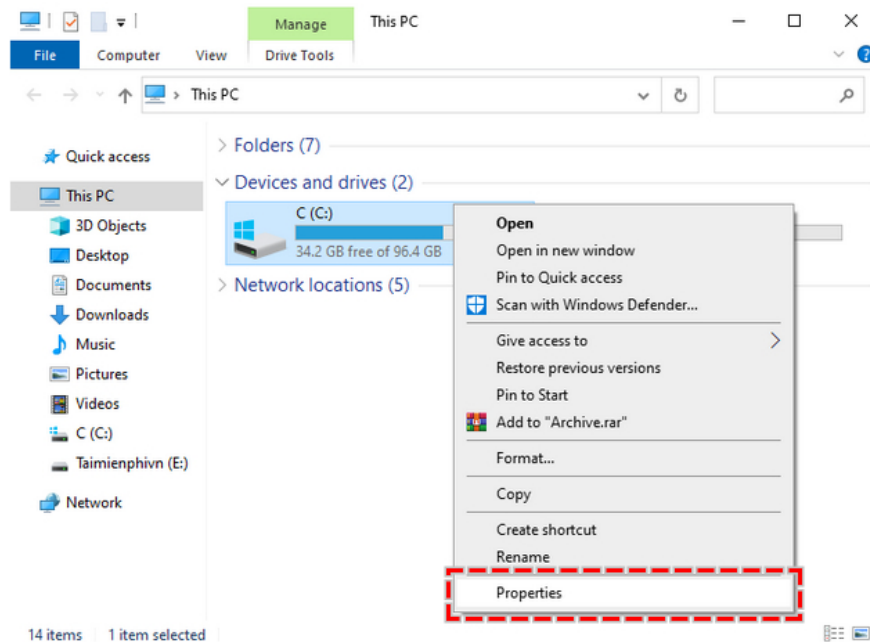
your computer is using an older HDD hard drive.

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Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Taimienphi\Desktop> get-physicaldisk

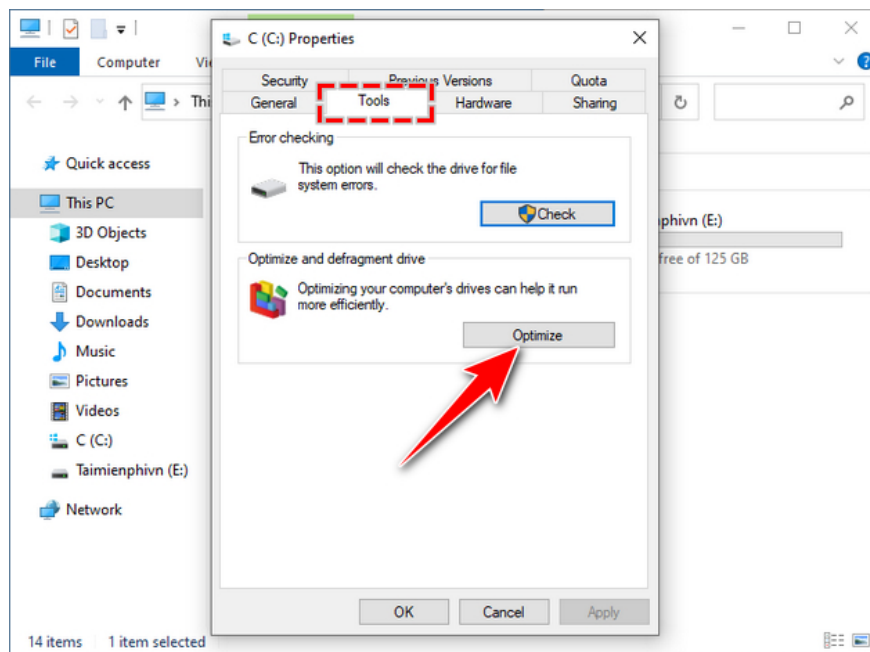
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Method 3: View using the Optimize Drives tool.

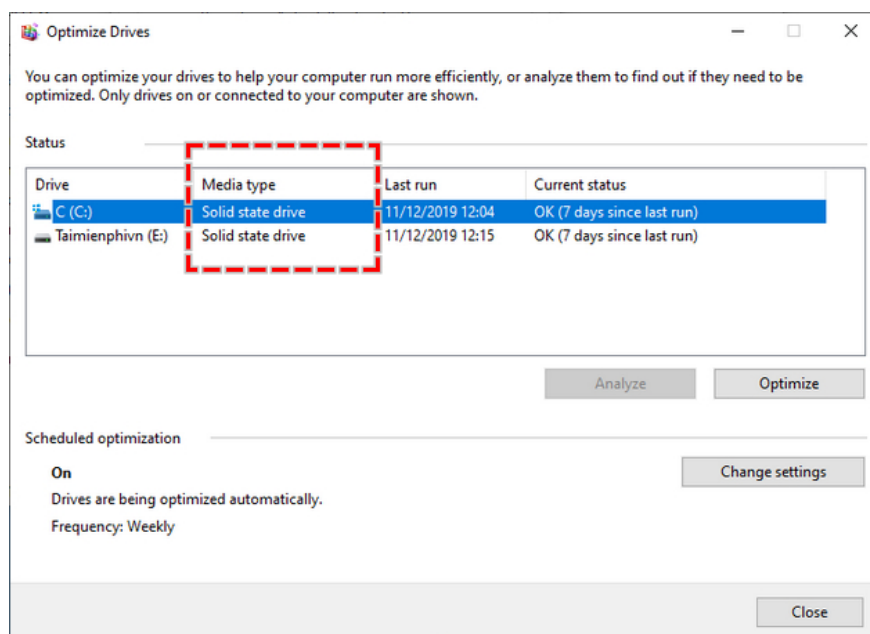
Step 1: Access **My Computer** or **This PC** . Right-click on the drive on your device and select **Properties** .



Step 2: Select the **Tools** tab , then click the **Optimize** button .



Step 3: In the **Optimize Drives** window, you will see the hard drive information in the **Media Type** section. If it says **Solid State Drive**, it means the computer uses an SSD hard drive; if it says **Hard disk drive**, it means the hard drive is an HDD.



Method 4. Installing Third-Party Software

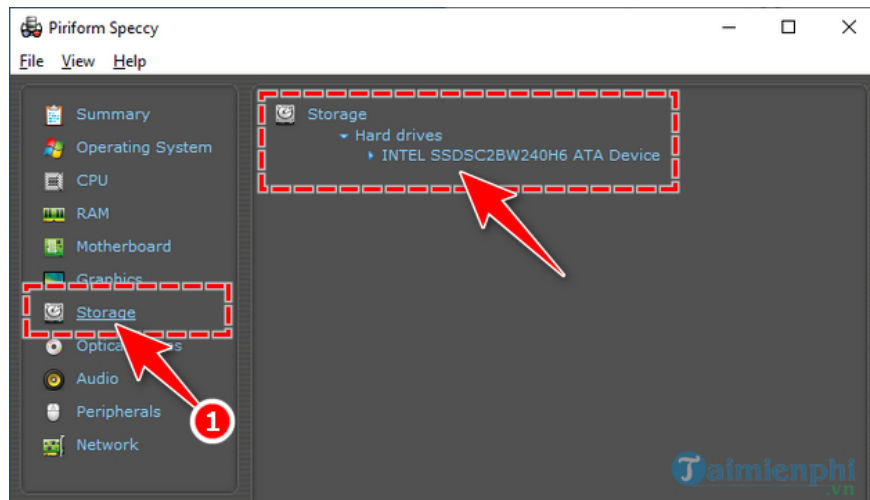
There are many third-party software programs available today that allow users to view hardware information and check SSD or HDD drives without disassembly. In this article, Taimienphi will introduce you to **Speccy**, a simple and lightweight software. A quick download link is also provided below.

- Download Speccy here:

Step 1: After installation, **open Speccy**. The software will automatically scan and display your device's hardware information.

Step 2: In the software's menu, select **Storage**. Here, Speccy will display information about the hard drives

connected to your device. If it's an SSD, you'll see "SSD" in the drive name. Or, to be more certain, you can copy the drive name and search it using search engines.



With the four simple methods Taimienphi has just guided you through, you will have many options to quickly and conveniently check whether your computer is using an SSD or HDD without having to disassemble the device. Have you tried applying these tricks and found out whether your computer is using an SSD or HDD? If so, please leave a comment below the article!

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