

# How to delete the \$ Windows. ~ WS folder on a Windows 10 computer

The following article will guide how to delete the \$ Windows. ~ WS folder on a Windows 10 computer. Stay tuned!

Windows allows us to upgrade our computers to higher versions of Windows. The \$ Windows. ~ WS folder will appear during the upgrade process. Today let's learn how to delete the \$ Windows. ~ WS folder on a Windows 10 computer .

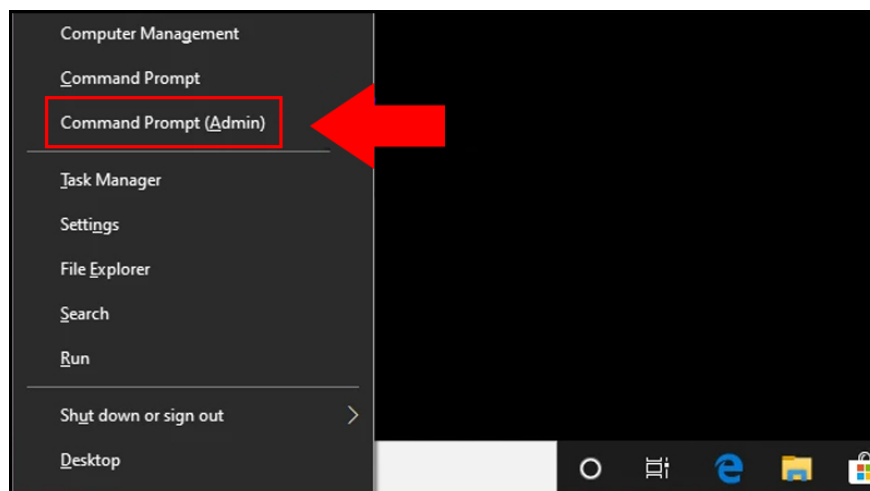
## - What is the \$ Windows. ~ WS directory?

The \$ Windows. ~ WS directory is a hidden folder located in the root directory of the Windows 'C:' drive when we upgrade a PC or laptop to Windows 10. The \$ Windows. ~ WS directory allows reverting to the version. Windows before that because it contains the files needed by the previous system.

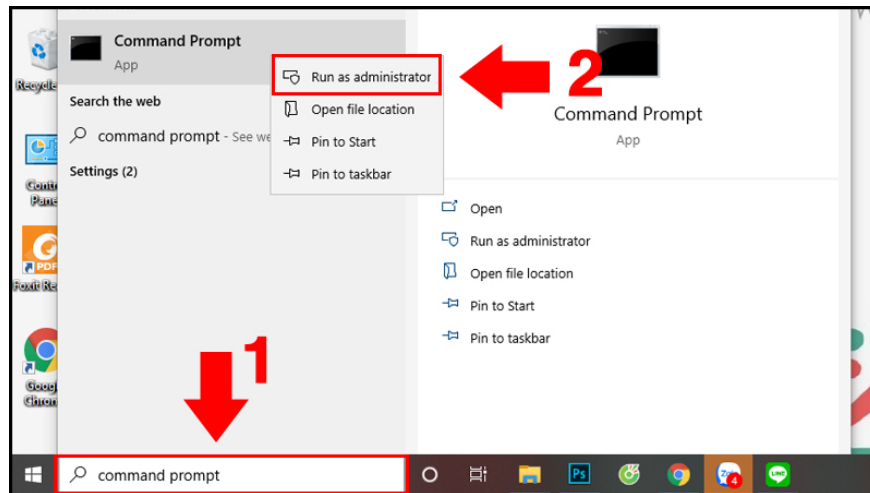
## Step 1: Open Command Prompt with admin rights.

In the search box in the lower left corner of the laptop, type **Command Prompt (Admin)** and open the application.

Or press **Windows + X** key combination > Select **Command Prompt (Admin)** .



You can also click the **Start** button in the left corner of the screen or the **Windows** button on your keyboard > Type "**Command Prompt**" > Right-click at **Command Prompt** > Select **Run as administrator** .



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## Step 2: Copy and paste the commands

Then copy each of the following commands and paste them in a new window, press Enter after each command line.

1. **takeown /F "C:\$Windows.~WS\*" /A /R /D Y**
2. **icacls "C:\$Windows.~WS\*.\*" /grant \*S-1-5-32-544:F /T /C /Q**
3. **RD /S /Q "C:\$Windows.~WS"**

After each copy and paste of the command line you need to wait for the system to run for a while and follow the request of each command line.

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Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.21277.1000]
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>takeown /F "C:\$Windows.~WS*" /A /R /D Y

SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "C:\$Windows.~WS\Sources" now owned by the administrators group.
SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "C:\$Windows.~WS\Sources\Panther" now owned by the administrators group.
SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "C:\$Windows.~WS\Sources\Panther\diagerr.xml" now owned by the administrators group.
SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "C:\$Windows.~WS\Sources\Panther\diagurn.xml" now owned by the administrators group.
SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "C:\$Windows.~WS\Sources\Panther\Eula.rtf" now owned by the administrators group.
SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "C:\$Windows.~WS\Sources\Panther\setupact.log" now owned by the administrators group.
SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "C:\$Windows.~WS\Sources\Panther\setuperr.log" now owned by the administrators group.
SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "C:\$Windows.~WS\Sources\Panther\windlp.state-old.xml" now owned by the administrators group.
SUCCESS: The file (or folder): "C:\$Windows.~WS\Sources\Panther\windlp.state.xml" now owned by the administrators group.

C:\WINDOWS\system32>icacls "C:\$Windows.~WS*.*" /grant *S-1-5-32-544:F /T /C /Q
Successfully processed 9 files; Failed processing 0 files
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## Step 3: Restart the computer

After you have completed the process of deleting the \$ Windows. ~ WS folder, you just need to restart your laptop and you're done.

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