

# How to find files / folders taking up a large capacity on Windows

How to quickly search for large files and folders on Windows computers? How to use TreeSize to find large files

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When you use your computer every day and for a long time, it will be inevitable that some folders have very large capacity (if after years you have not cleaned up your computer).

Or that you have previously downloaded a lot of study materials and left it there and forgot it, until your computer is about to full of memory, you want to find the files that are taking up a lot of space (without need ) to delete.

Are you trying to open each folder to see where it is, and how much space is taking up? Well, if you are doing that, then it is a shame, doing so will take a lot of your time.

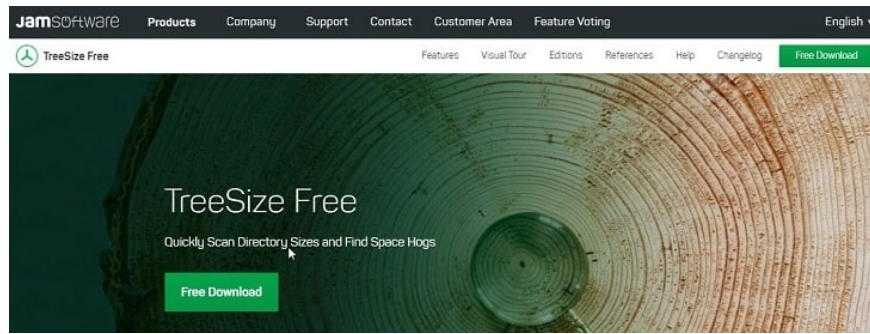
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To solve the problem above, in this article I will introduce you to TreeSize software, which saves you a lot of time for searching large files.

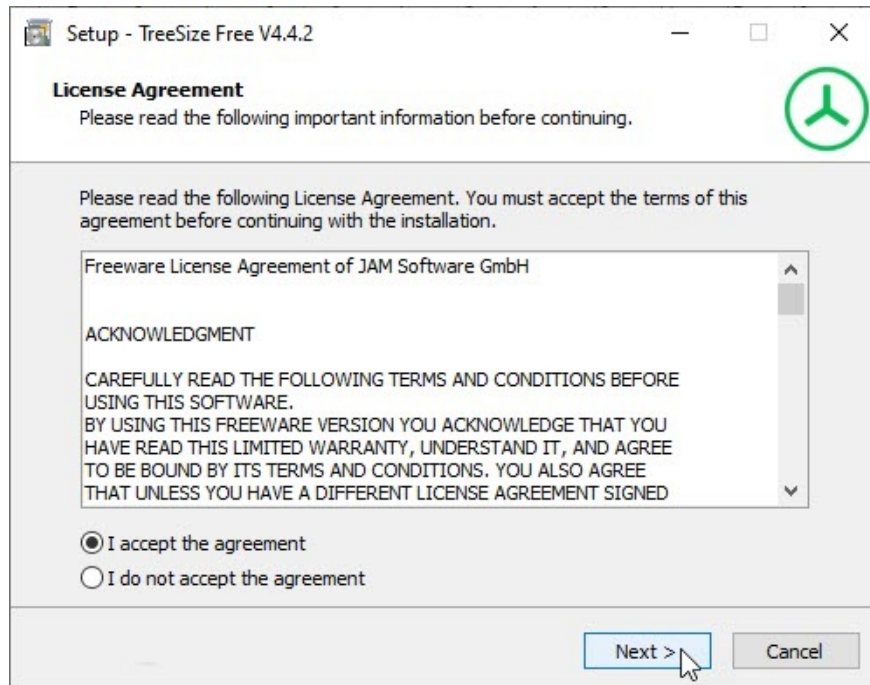
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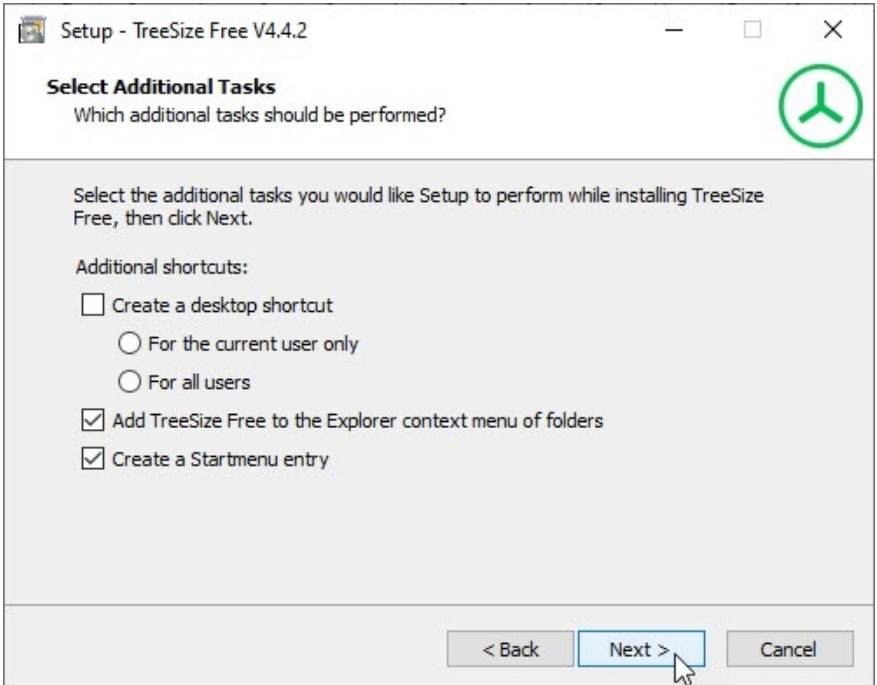
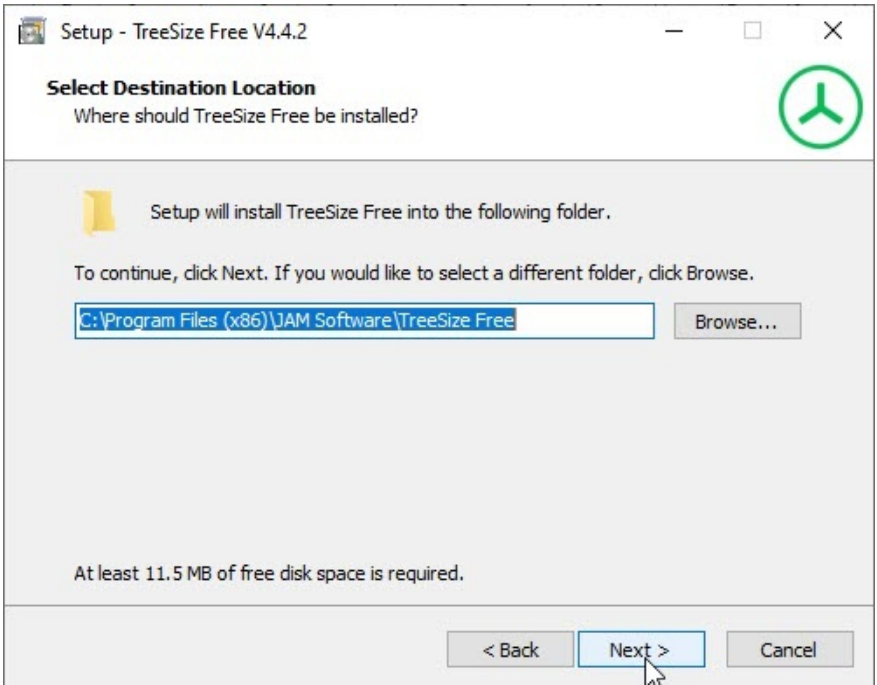
+ **Step 1:** You visit [this page](#) ( [backup link](#) / [backup link](#) ) to download TreeSize software. Currently, there are 3 different versions, but only the TreeSize Free version is free, you download the Free version for yourself.

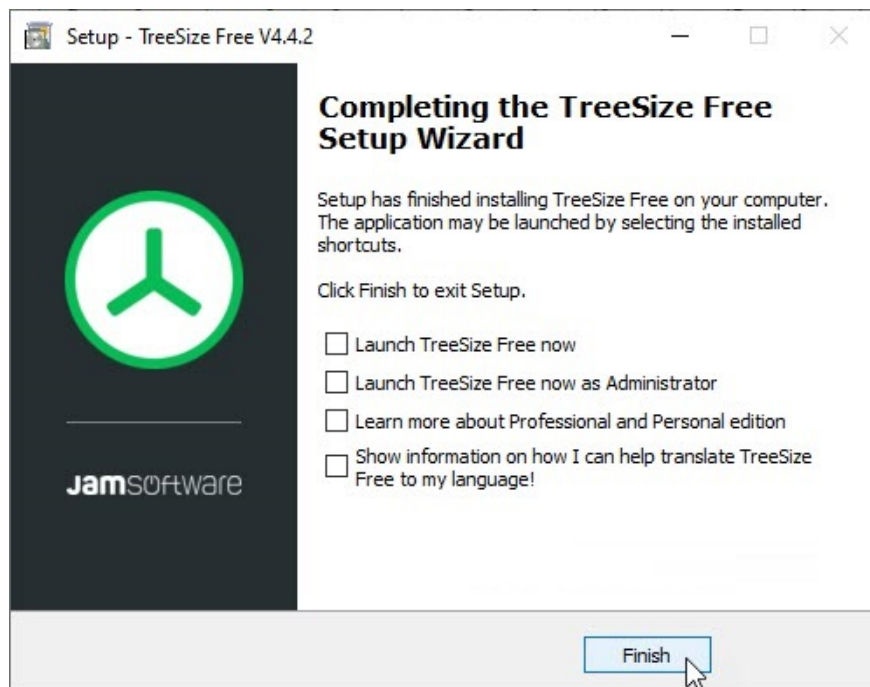
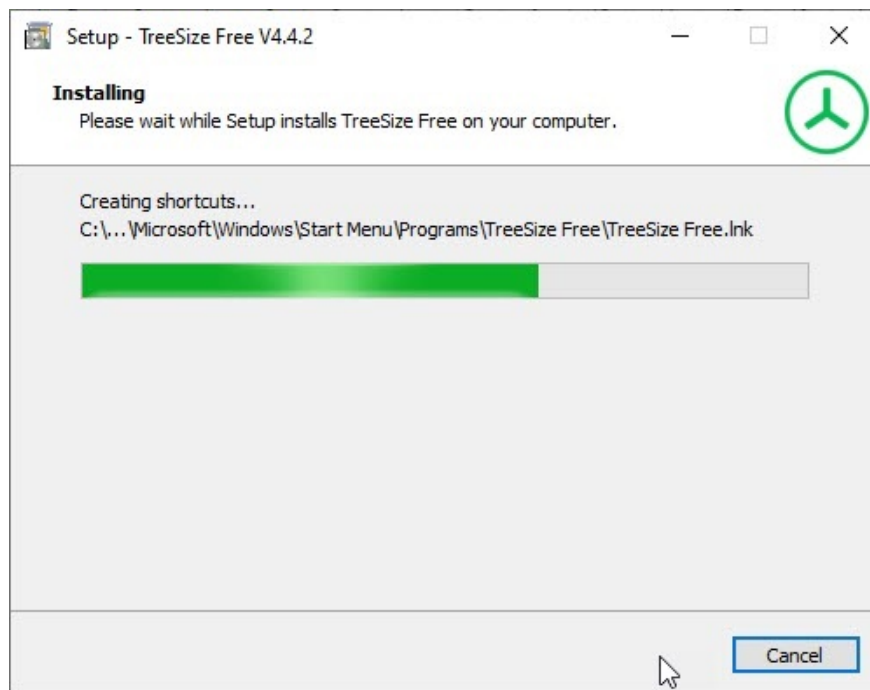
=> After the download is complete, you proceed to install as the instructions are available until the installation is finished. It's easy!



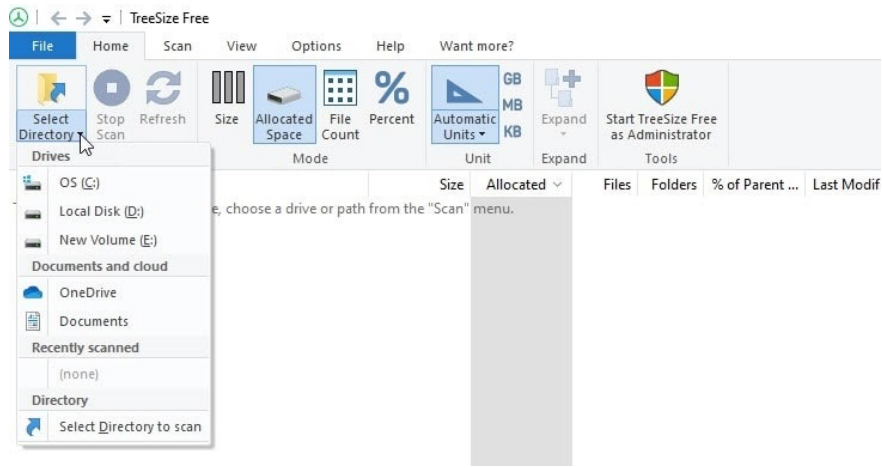
And below are the installation steps that you can refer to if needed



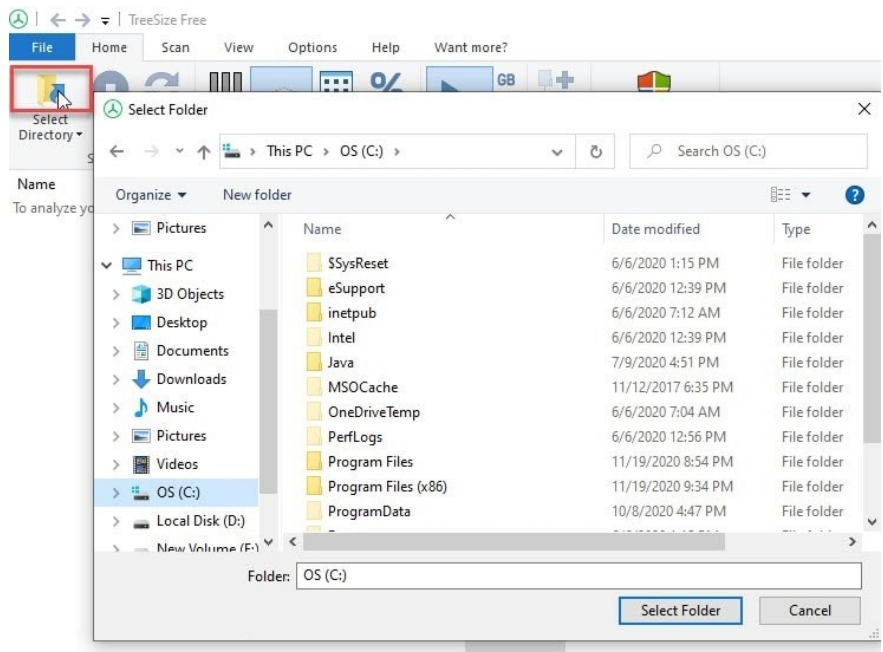




+ **Step 2:** Then you open the software TreeSize Free up to use. The interface is quite similar to Windows Explorer. You go to the section `Select Directory` to select the hard drive partition you want to scan.

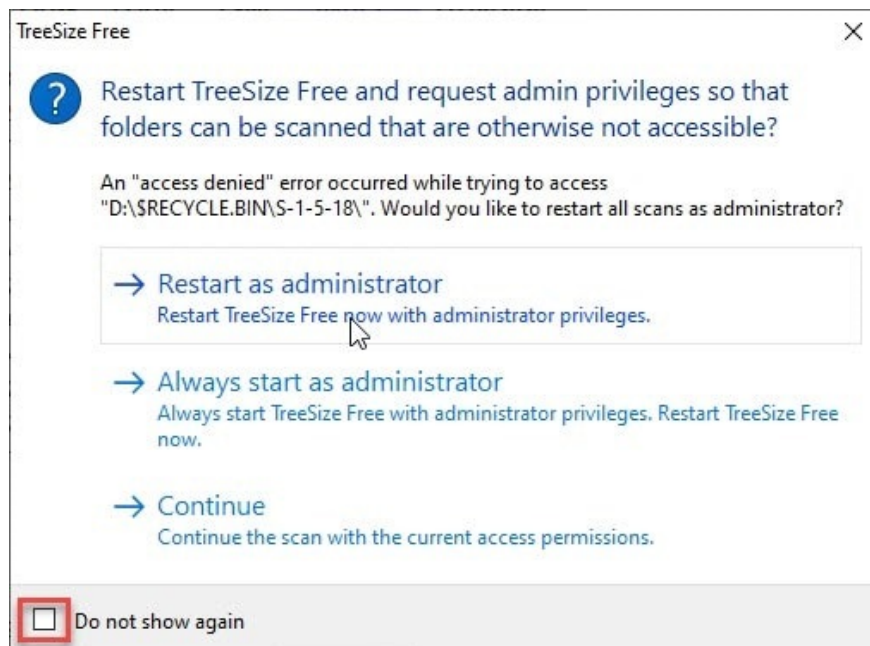


Or select the Folder icon above to select each Folder you want.



+ **Step 3:** After selecting, a message will appear asking you to Restart TreeSize with Admin rights so that the software can open the folders.

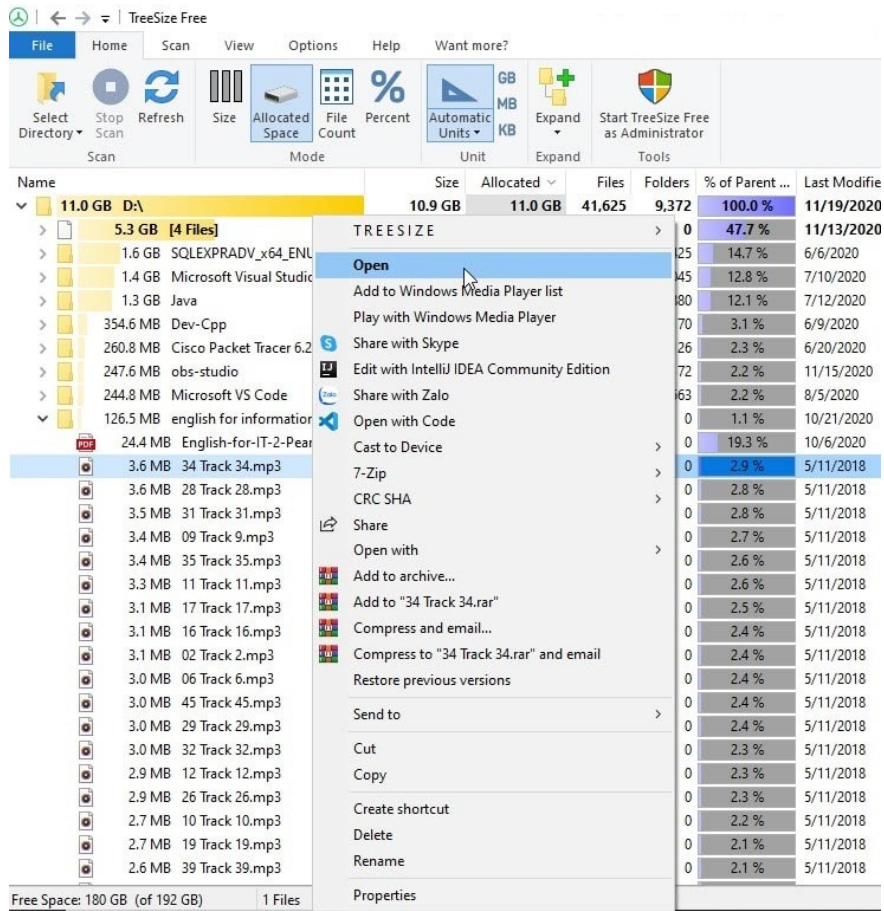
Because if not, you can only view external information, not access to Folder or File. Click Do not show again to stop it appearing next time then press Restart as administrator.



The software will start scanning the selected hard drive, then it will display information such as file size, percentage, etc. things.

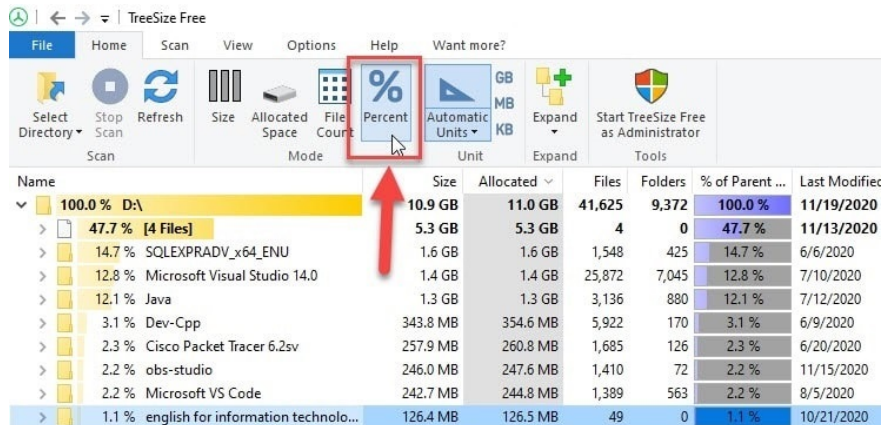
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You can use TreeSize as a File Explorer because you can open, delete, copy, move files, . in a completely normal way.

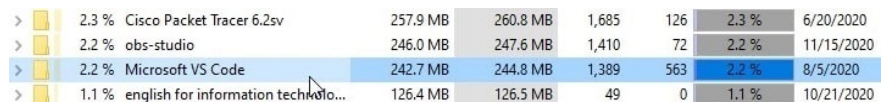


If you want to know which folders are accounting for what percentage percentage, you can click on the % icon as shown in the image below to see.

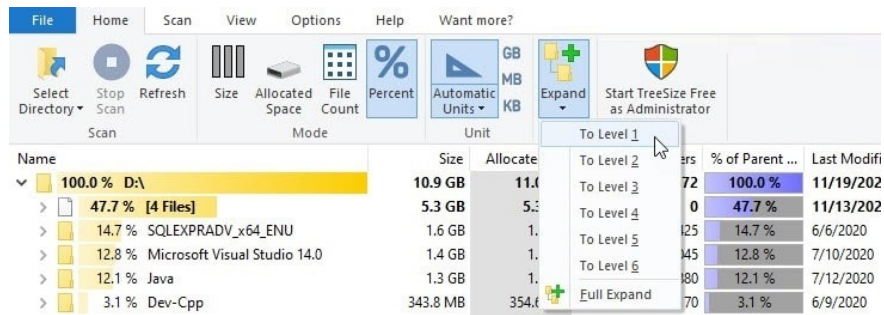
Using this feature, you will know for sure the folders are taking up too much space on your hard drive.



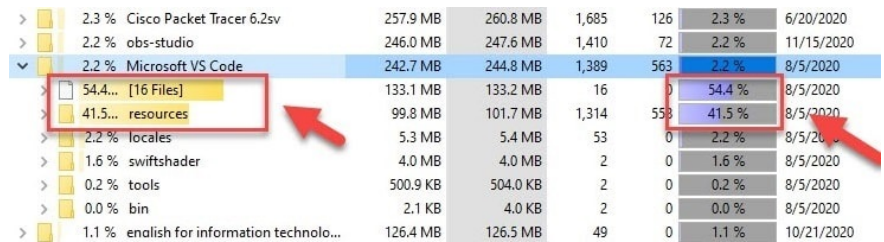
To see the percentage of child folders in a parent folder, you can click on the parent folder.



Then, find character `Expand =>` and click `level 1` to check.



You can see the result as shown below.



If you want to see other folders that are located in the subfolders, you can choose `level 2` or `level 3`. it's up to you, but I still advise you to do step by step and just choose `level 1` to avoid confusion.

## Epilogue

So I have finished showing you how to download and **use the TreeSize Free software to search for files and folders that are taking up a large amount of space in your hard drive**.

In short, this tool will save you a lot of time compared to checking each folder yourself. It also has the familiar File Explorer interface so you can use it easily from the very first time.

Hopefully this article will be useful to you. Hope you are succesful !

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