

# How to fix missing Windows 11 update files error

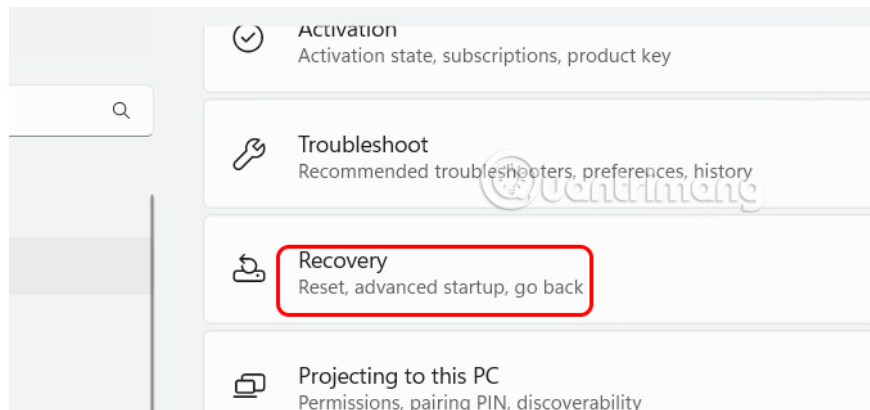
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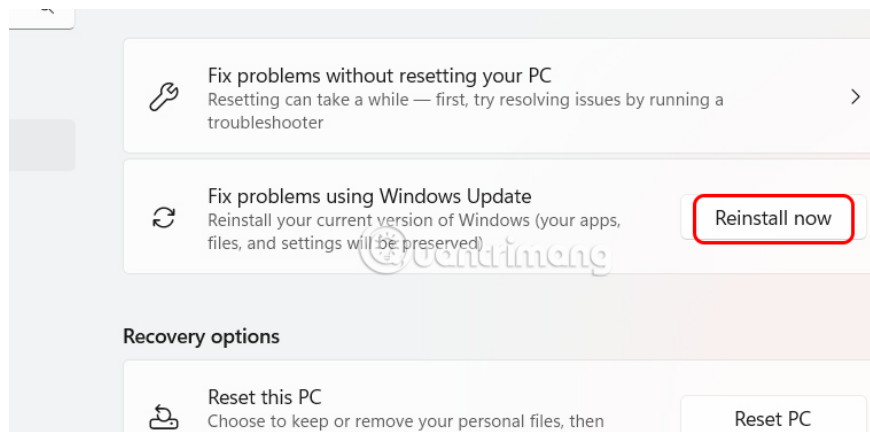
## Restore Windows 11 update settings

This method will reinstall Windows 11 on your computer's current setup, fixing system files and updating components without losing personal files or applications.

Open **Settings** then click on **System** and select **Recovery** in the interface next to it.

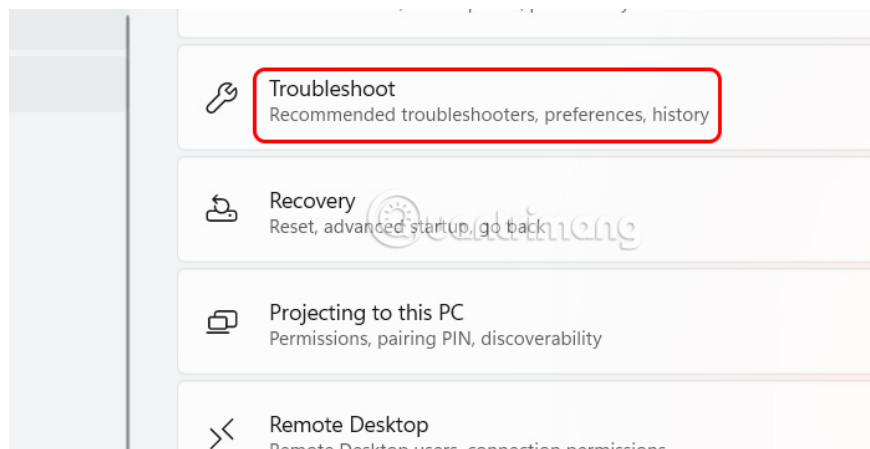


In the new interface **at Fix problems using Windows Update**, click **Reinstall now** and follow the instructions to fix the error. Some update files are missing or have problems. We'll try to download the update again later.



## Using Windows Update Troubleshooter

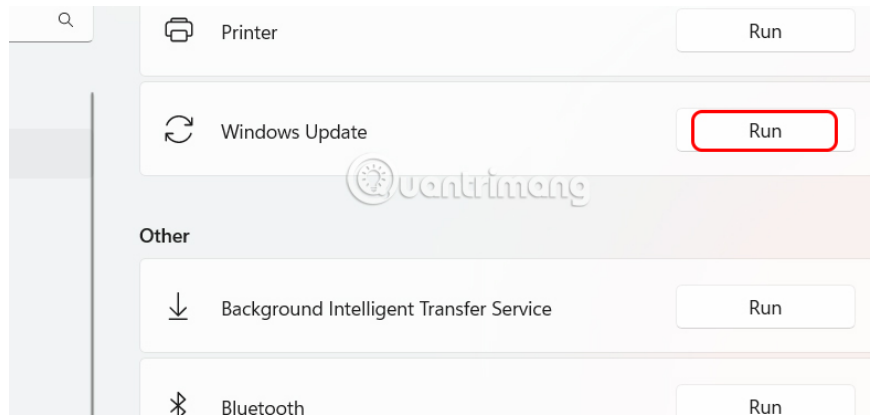
Also in the Settings interface, click on System and **select Troubleshoot** .



Now you need to click on **Other troubleshooters** to see other errors on Windows.



Here we will see **Windows Update** and **click the Run button** to proceed with the error correction.

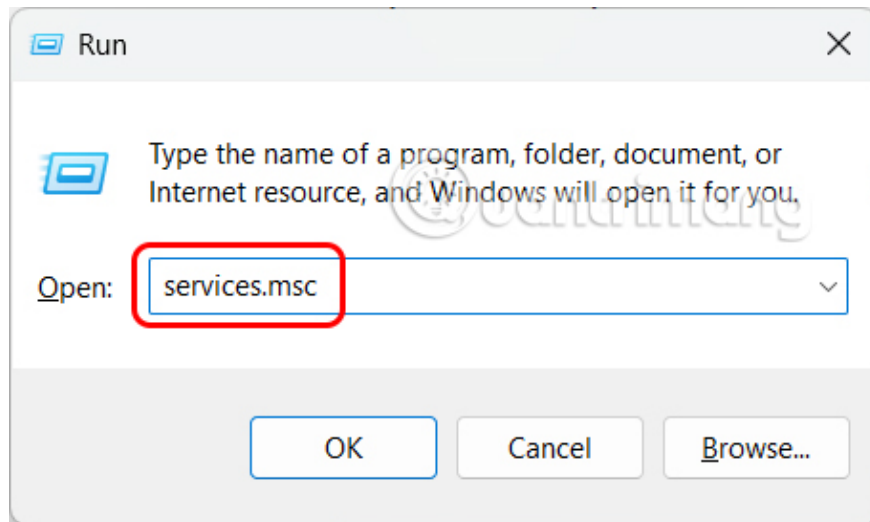


## Reset Windows Update components

When resetting Windows Update components it will detect problematic files and restart the services needed to continue updating.

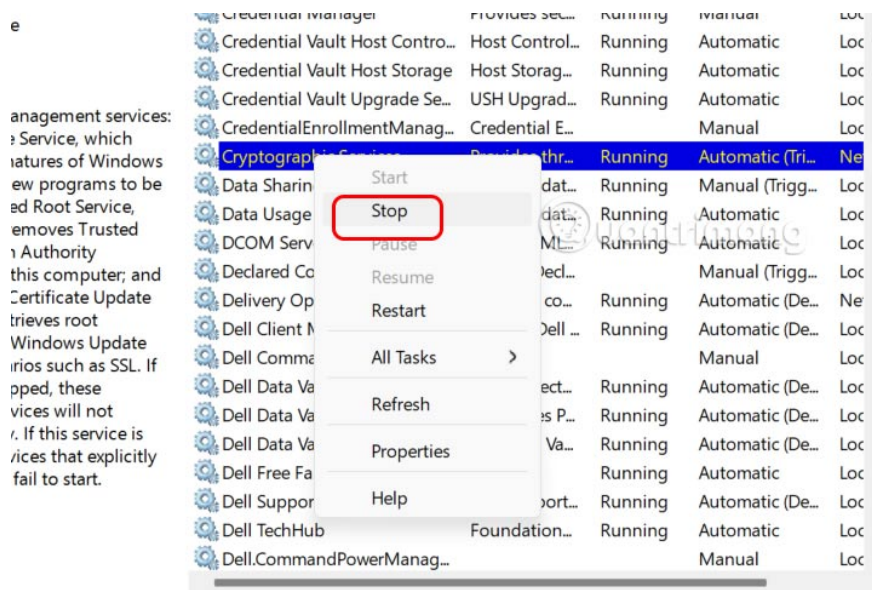
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You open **the Run dialog box** , **type services.msc** and press OK to access.



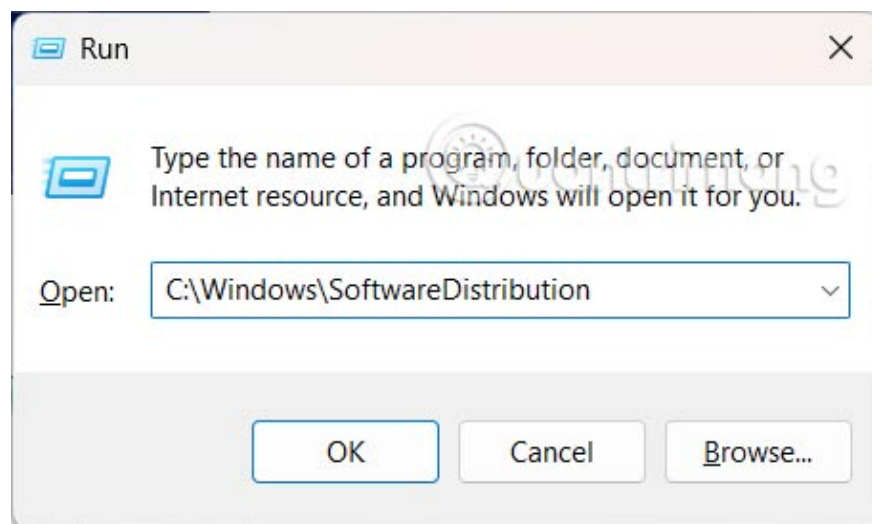
### Step 2:

In the new interface, users will need to **stop all Windows Update, Background Intelligent Transfer Service (BITS), Cryptographic Services, Windows Installer services** .



### Step 3:

Next in the **Run dialog box** type **C:\Windows\SoftwareDistribution** and press **OK**.



In the folder, **select all the files there and delete them** . These files will be automatically recreated by Windows Update.

### Step 4:

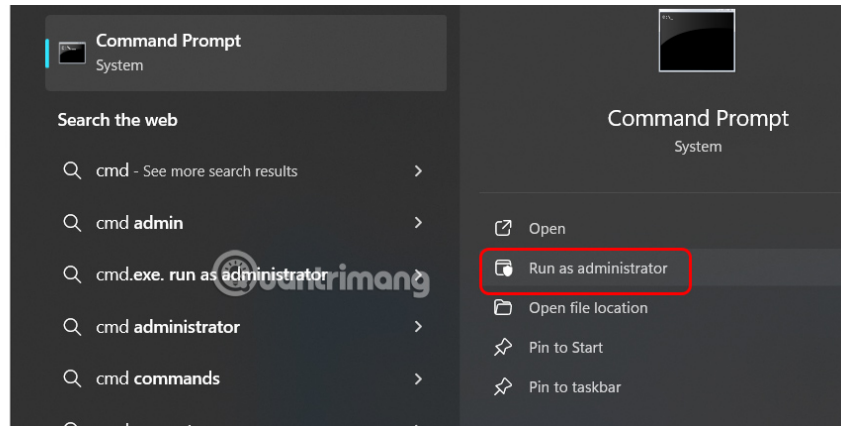
Go back to the **Services interface** and find **all the services you stopped before and click Start to restart** .

## Repair system files with SFC and DISM

Missing or corrupted system files can block updates or cause update files to become corrupted. The System File Checker (SFC) and Deployment Image Servicing and Management (DISM) tools will scan and repair these files.

### Step 1:

You **type cmd** in the search bar and open it with **Run as administrator** .



## Step 2:

We will run the command below to proceed with the fix.

```
DISM /Online /Cleanup-Image /RestoreHealth
```

Once DISM is complete, run SFC with the command below.

```
sfc /scannow
```

Wait for both tools to finish finding and fixing problems on your computer. When finished, restart your computer.

## Temporarily disable antivirus or security software

Third-party antivirus programs or firewalls may block Windows Update downloads or interfere with system files. Temporarily disabling these security tools may allow the update to install successfully.

1. Turn off Windows Defender (Windows Security) on Windows 10, Windows 11

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