

How to fix Windows Update error 0x8e5e03fa on Windows 10

If you've ever encountered the error code 0x8e5e03fa while updating your system on Windows 10, the instructions below can help you fix this error.

Windows Update errors are one of the serious problems that users face quite often. This is because some errors can be easily fixed while others need a whole process. If you've ever encountered the error code 0x8e5e03fa while updating your system, the instructions below can help you fix this error.

Error 0x8e5e03fa appears when there are corrupted system files or processes in the Windows Component Store or in Component-Based Servicing (CBS).

Methods for debugging code 0x8e5e03fa

1. 1. Open the Windows Update Troubleshooter
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3. 3. Start the System File Checker and the DISM tool
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Before you begin, create a system restore point first. This will help you undo the changes as needed.

Details are in the methods below

1. Open the Windows Update Troubleshooter

Windows 10 has a built-in troubleshooter tool that can effectively fix common Windows Update-related errors. It often solves the problem or at least indicates where the error is actually located. Therefore, try this method before applying other ways.

To run the **Windows Update Troubleshooter** , first select **Start> Settings> Updates and Security> Troubleshoot** .

On the right hand side, scroll down and select **Windows Update** .

Click on **Run the troubleshooter** and let it fix automatically.

It may take a while for the device to identify the problem, so be patient.

When the process is complete, close the window and restart your device.

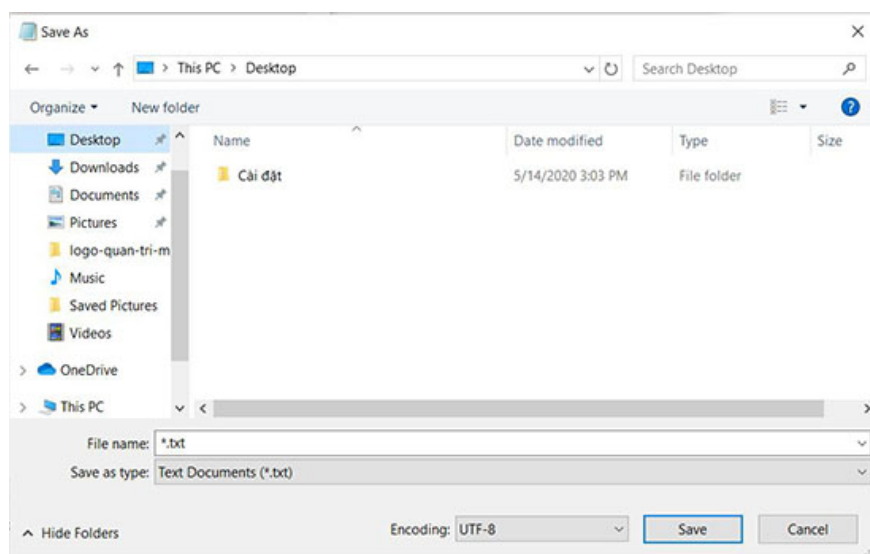
Check to see if the problem is resolved. If it is still there, we can do it in the following second way.

2. Reinstall the SoftwareDistribution and Catroot2 folders

To do this, open Notepad and copy and paste the following line

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net stop wuauclt net stop cryptSvc net stop bits net stop msiserver ren C:Window
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Click **File** and select **Save as** to open the window as follows.



Save as window

Select the appropriate location, press **All Files** in the **Save as type** fields below.

Then type **WindowsUpdate.bat** into the **File name** box .

Click **Save** and close the Notepad window.

Go to the last item, select the newly created file, right click and select **Run as administrator** .

If the UAC dialog box appears on the screen, select **Yes** to grant admin rights.

The command prompt will be turned on and running Windows Update again.

3. Start the System File Checker and the DISM tool

If the 0x8e5e03fa error persists, open the System File Checker and the DISM tool. They will scan your entire hard drive for missing or damaged files. Then these two programs will repair or replace the files automatically.

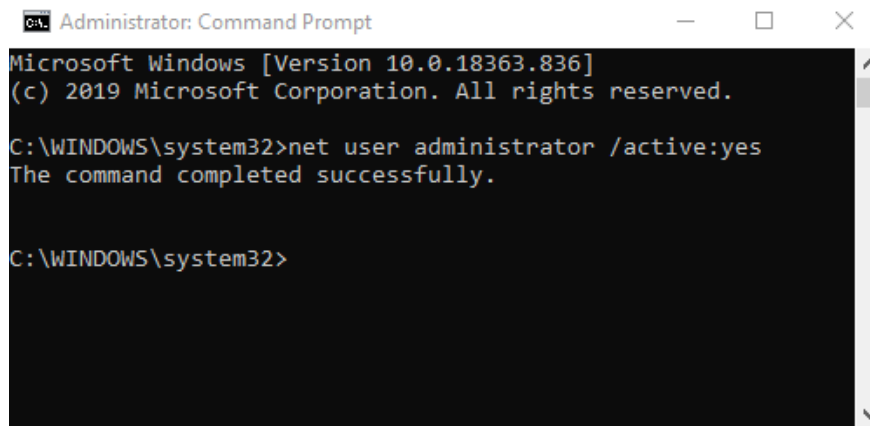
4. Reinstall Windows Update Components

Reinstall the Windows Update Components to see if the error is resolved.

5. Install update using super admin account

Another way to fix this problem is to use a super admin account to download and install new updates without interruption. All you need to do is create a new user account on your Windows device and then log in and use that account. Follow the steps below to fix error 0x8e5e03fa.

Press **Win + R** to open the Run dialog box. Type `cmd` and press **Ctrl + Shift + Enter** . The command prompt will be opened with admin privileges.



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Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.836]
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C:\WINDOWS\system32>net user administrator /active:yes
The command completed successfully.

C:\WINDOWS\system32>
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Command Prompt window

Type the following command into the command prompt

```
net user administrator /active:yes
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Press **Enter** to open an admin account available in the operating system.

When the command activation is successful, close the command prompt window.

Now you need to log out on the device. Press **Ctrl + Alt + Del** , select **Sign out** .

Then log back in with the new admin account.

Now check to see if your bug has been fixed.

6. Manual update installation

Another way to help you fix this is to download and install the required updates manually via the Microsoft Update Catalog.

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