

How to increase maximum volume in Windows 10

Sometimes turning the volume up to 100 is all you need. However, when the Windows volume is maximized and everything is still too low, here are some things you can try to increase the maximum volume.

1. Increase volume with Equalizer APO

Equalizer APO is a free and open source software that gives you extremely good control over your PC's audio tuning settings. There are many things you can do with this software, but for now we will only focus on increasing that maximum volume.

Download and install Equalizer APO. Once you've done that, in the **Configurator** window of the installer, select the device you want to use with APO (e.g. headphones).

Next, go to the Equalizer APO installation directory, the configuration folder, then open the '**config**' file in Notepad.

Here, change to **Preamp: +10 dB** and delete the rest of the text in the file so it looks like the following image.

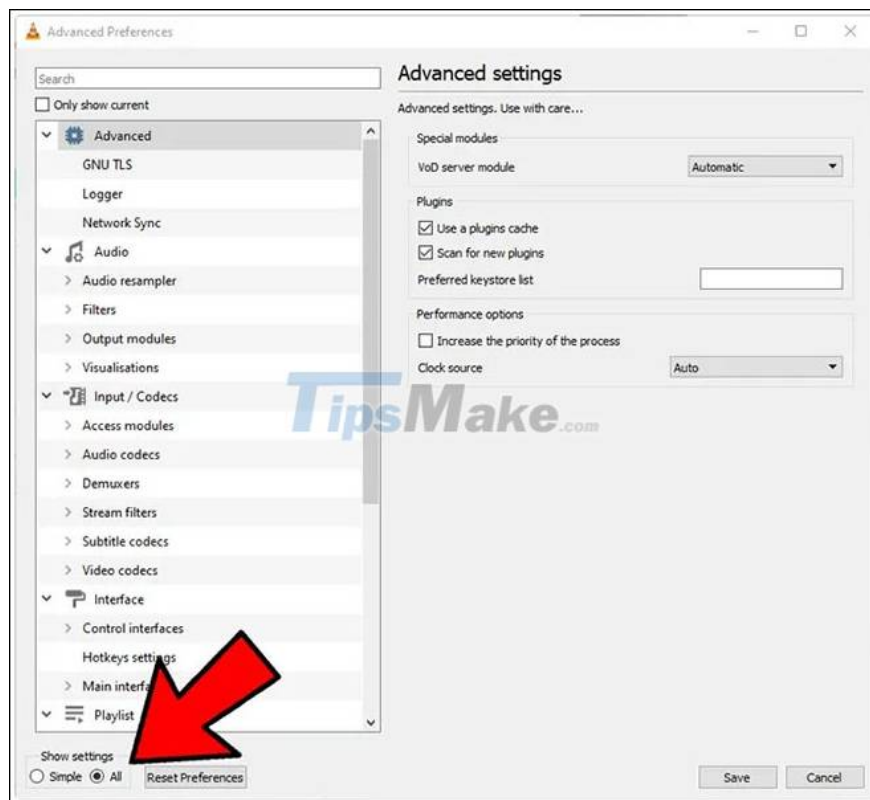


Save the file, reboot your PC!

2. Check video playback software

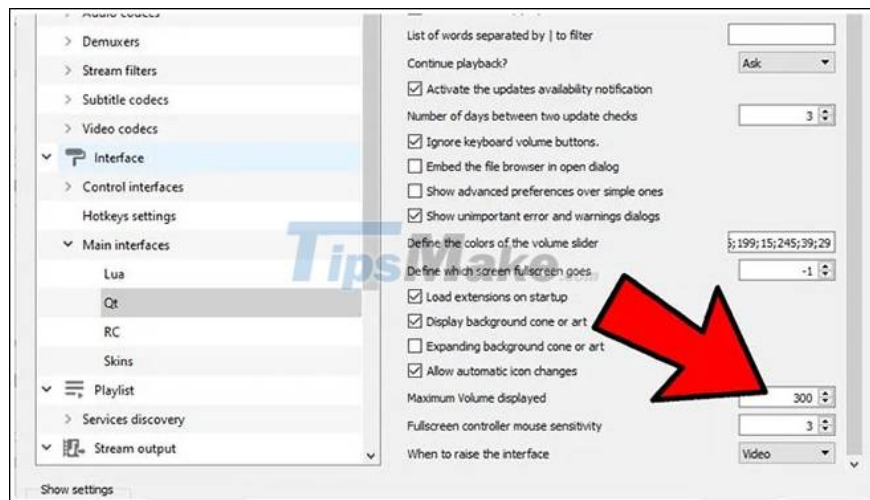
Some video players may have an option to increase the volume. For example, if you find the VLC a bit small, you can increase its volume up to 300% in the player itself. Note that the higher you increase the volume, the more distorted the sound will be. It is a quick method, but not the best option.

By default, VLC only reaches 125% volume in the slider in the bottom right corner. To increase this level, go to **Tools > Preferences**, then click **All** in the bottom left corner of the window.



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In the panel that appears, under 'Main interfaces', click 'Qt', then scroll down and increase the 'Maximum Volume displayed' box to 200 or 300.



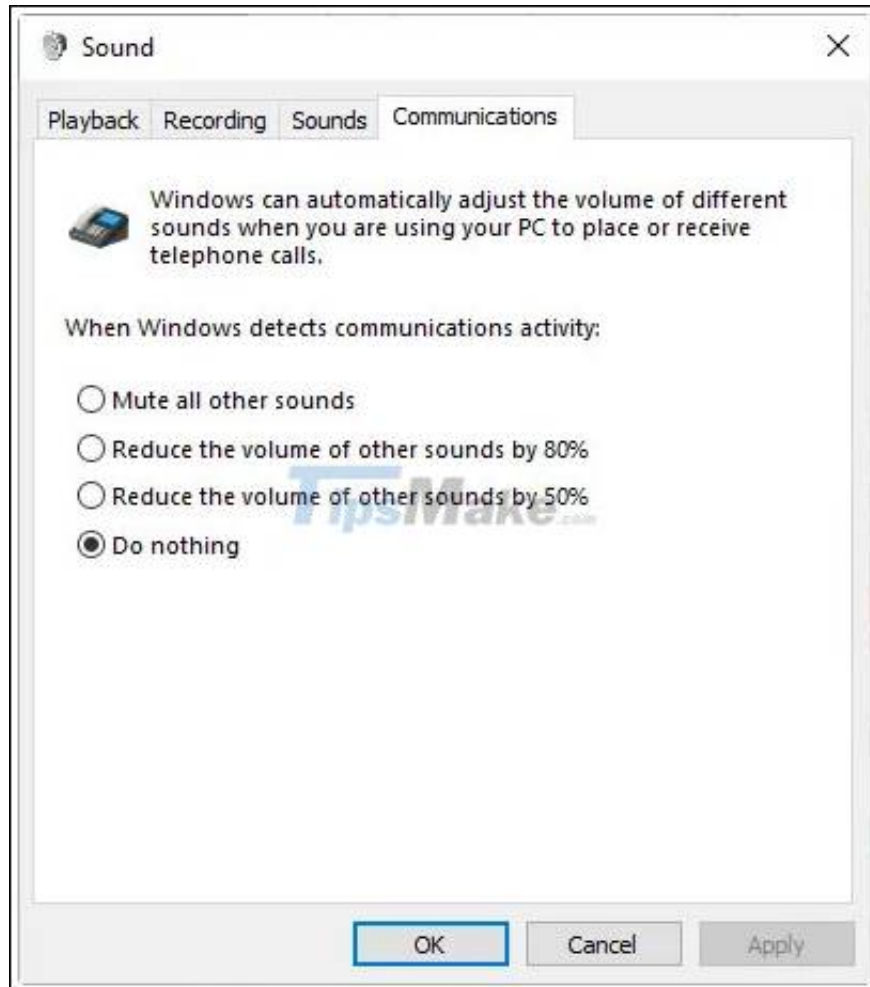
3. Adjust the volume down option if the voice call is causing the problem

If everything sounds completely fine during regular use but abruptly drops when you're on a voice call, you probably have the communication option set to volume down during the call.

To fix this, click the **Start** button , then type **Control Panel** and press **Enter**.

When in small or large icon view, click **Sound**.

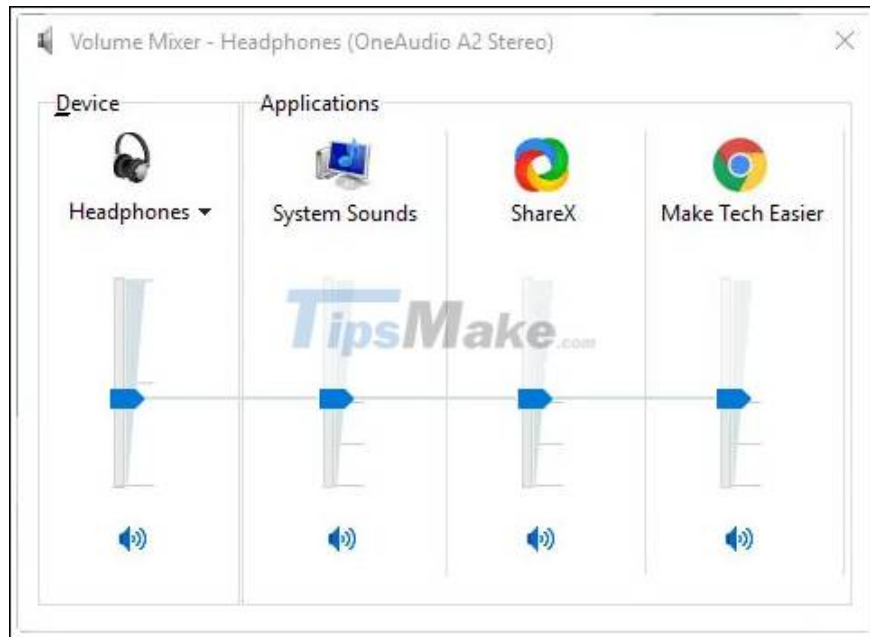
In the window that appears, click the **Communications** tab . Make sure the '**Do Nothing**' option is **checked** , then click **OK**. Now the volume will not decrease during a call anymore!



4. Check individual software levels

If every app's soundbar is at a good volume level, the level for that particular app might be low. You can double-check individual volume levels by right-clicking the volume icon on the taskbar, then clicking '**Open Volume Mixer**' .

You will see all the software you have open with their own volume scales. Make sure the app has a low noise without losing volume for some reason. If this bar is lower than the other bars, raise it to the level as shown below.



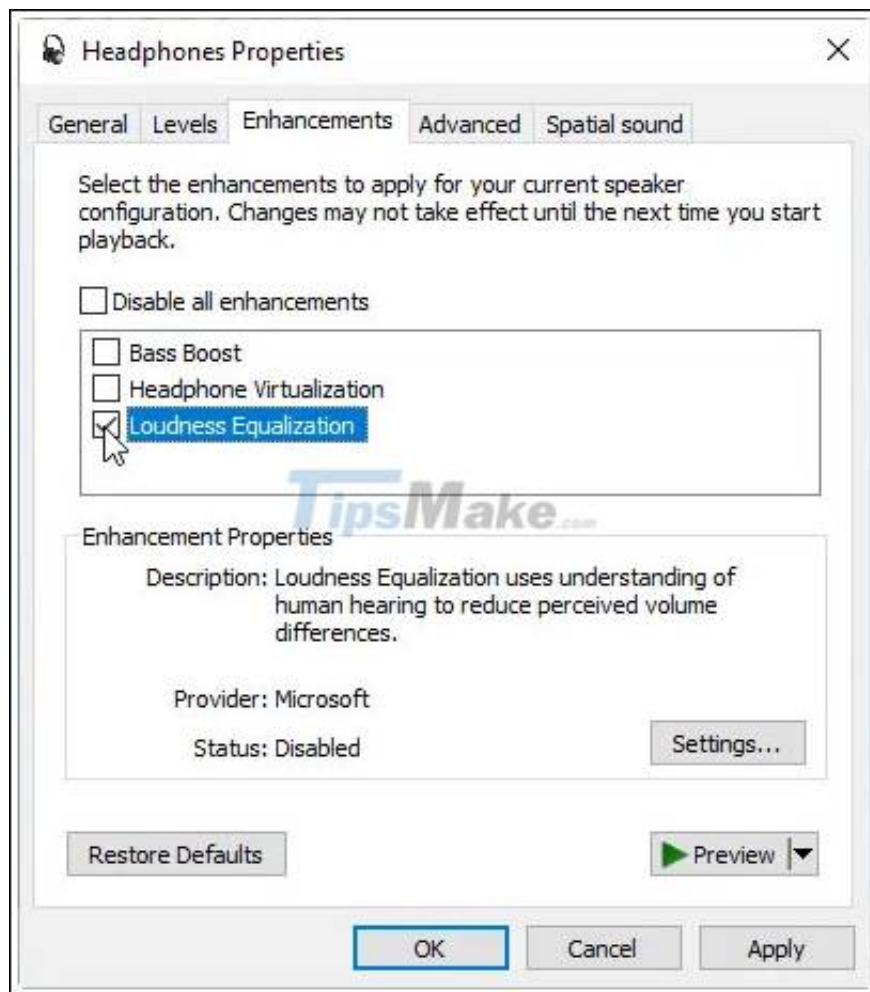
5. Use audio enhancements

If things are generally too small, you can use the audio enhancements in Windows 10 to boost your sound levels.

To do this, right-click on the audio controls in the toolbar, then click '**Open Volume Mixer**' .

Click the icon of the device you are currently listening to.

Go to the **Enhancement** tab , then check the '**Loudness Equalization**' box . Click **Apply**.



This will strengthen the sound even further, hopefully loud enough for you to hear!

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