

How to install CAB files for updates and drivers on Windows 10

On Windows 10, you can install the .cab file using the Deployment Image Servicing and Management (DISM) command-line tool available in the Command Prompt, and here's how.

The .cab file extension refers to the local archive file format, providing an efficient way to package and compress multiple files in a file library.

Developers often use CAB files to build application installers and Microsoft, for example, sometimes uses this format to distribute stand-alone updates to Windows 10, as well as other packages.

If you happen to have a Windows 10 update in CAB format, you can use the DISM command line tool to quickly install packages on your device.

In this tutorial, you will learn the steps to install a CAB file on Windows 10.

Install the CAB file with the DISM command

To install the .cab file using Command Prompt, follow these steps:

Step 1. Open **Start** on Windows 10.

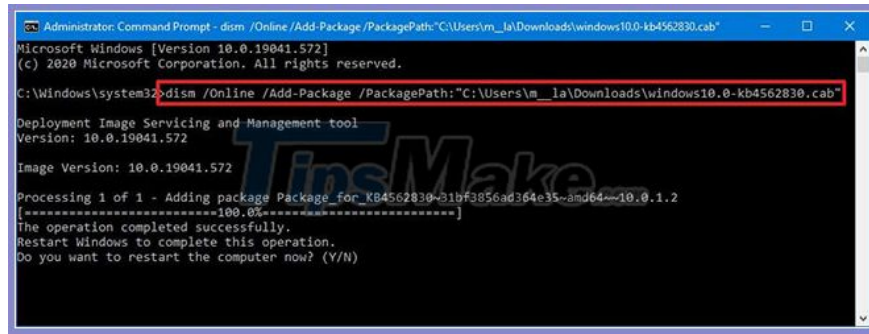
Step 2. Search for **Command Prompt** , right-click on the top result and select the option **Run as administrator** .

Step 3. Type the following command to install the CAB file and press **Enter** :

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dism /Online /Add-Package /PackagePath:"PATHTOCAB"
```

For example, the following command installs update KB4562830 on Windows 10:

```
dism /Online /Add-Package /PackagePath:"C:UsersusernameDownloadswindows10.0-kb4562830-x64.msu"
```



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Administrator: Command Prompt - dism /Online /Add-Package /PackagePath:"C:\Users\m_la\Downloads\windows10.0-kb4562830.cab"
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19041.572]
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C:\Windows\system32>dism /Online /Add-Package /PackagePath:"C:\Users\m_la\Downloads\windows10.0-kb4562830.cab"

Deployment Image Servicing and Management tool
Version: 10.0.19041.572
Image Version: 10.0.19041.572

Processing 1 of 1 - Adding package Package_for_KB4562830-31bf3856ad364e35-~amd64-10.0.1.2
[-----100.0%-----]
The operation completed successfully.
Restart Windows to complete this operation.
Do you want to restart the computer now? (Y/N)
```

After you complete the steps, the package will be installed on your computer. If this is an update, you may also need to restart your computer to complete the installation.

Extract the CAB file on Windows 10

Although you may have received a .cab file, that doesn't mean you have to install it. Some developers may just use this format as a compressed folder to deliver specific content.

To unzip the .cab file, follow these steps:

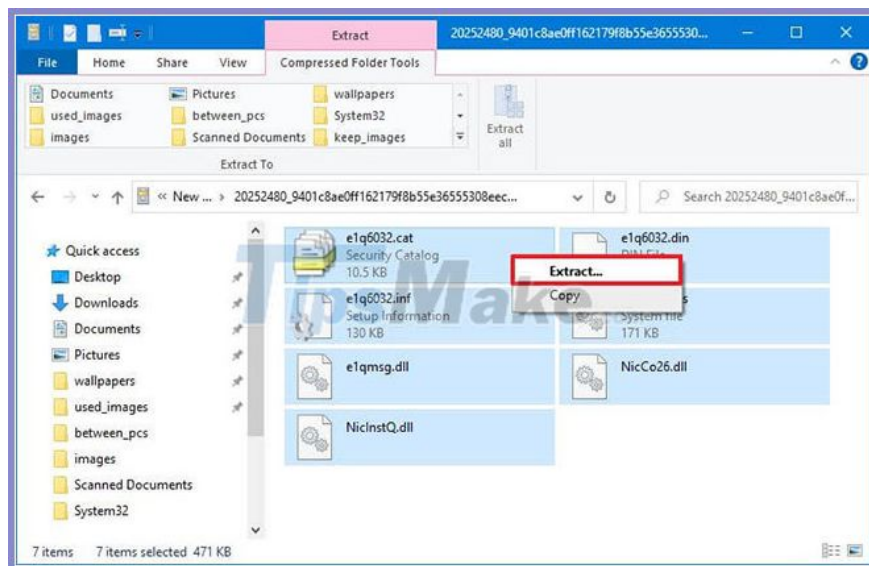
Step 1. Open File Explorer.

Step 2. Browse to the folder with the file cabinet.

Step 3. Double-click the .cab file.

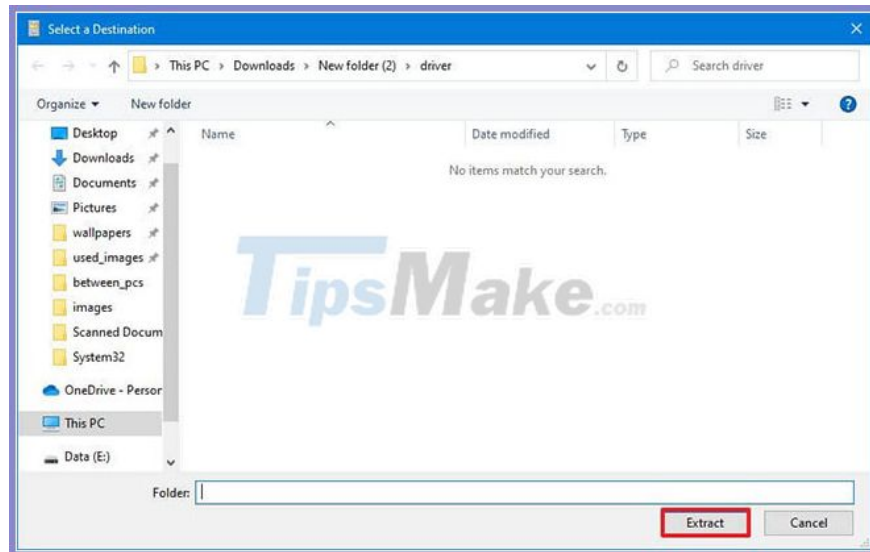
Step 4. Select all contents (**Ctrl + A**).

Step 5. Right-click on the selection and select the **Extract** option .



Step 6. Select a destination folder to extract the file.

Step 7. Click the **Extract** button .



After completing the steps above, you can use the files to install applications, drivers or updates on your computer.

Install the CAB file to update the driver

In case you are installing the driver and the package cannot be installed using the DISM tool, you can extract the contents of the CAB file to install the driver manually.

To update the driver using the .cab file on Windows 10, follow these steps:

Step 1. Open File Explorer.

Step 2. Navigate to the folder containing the file.

Step 3. Double-click the CAB file to open it.

Step 4. Select all contents (**Ctrl + A**).

Step 5. Right-click on the selection and select the **Extract** option .

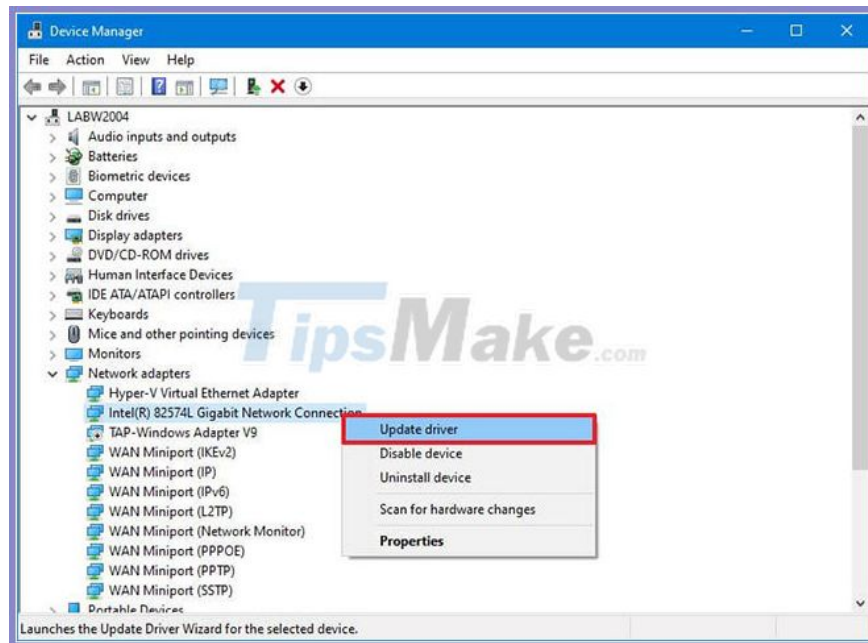
Step 6. Select a destination folder to extract the file.

Step 7. Click the **Extract** button .

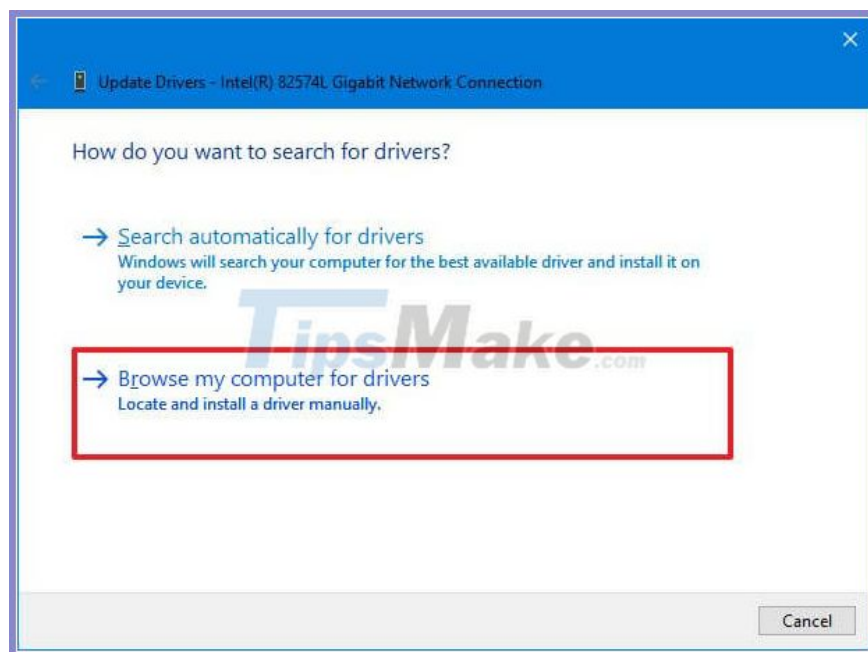
Step 8. Open **Start**.

Step 9. Search for **Device Manager** and select the first result.

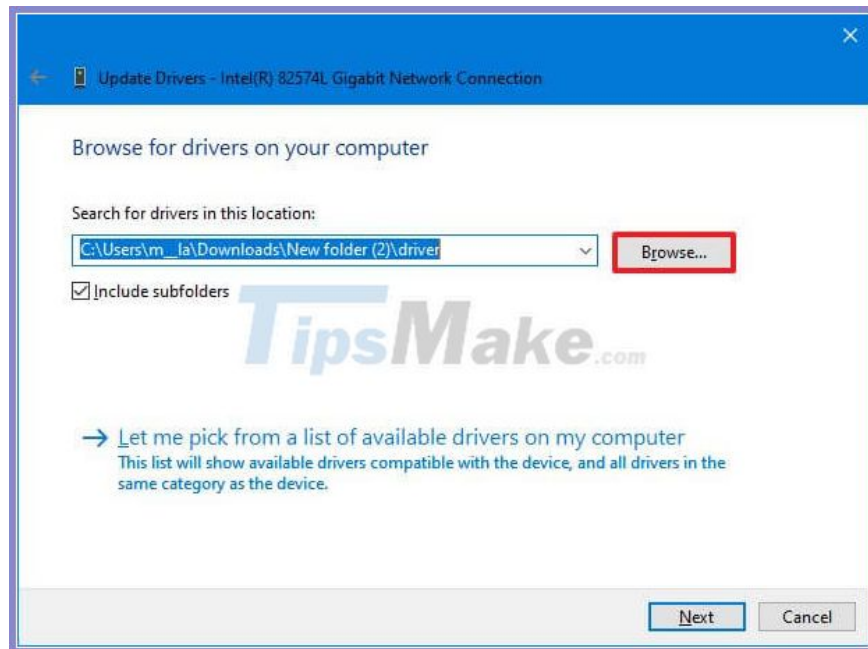
Step 10. Right-click on the device driver to update and select the option **Update driver** .



Step 11. Click the **Browse my computer for drivers** option .



Step 12. Click the **Browse** button .



Step 13. Select the folder where the files are extracted from the CAB file.

Step 14. Click the **OK** button .

Step 15. Click the **Next** button .

Step 16. Click the **Close** button .

After you complete the steps, Device Manager will detect and install the driver components for device setup.

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