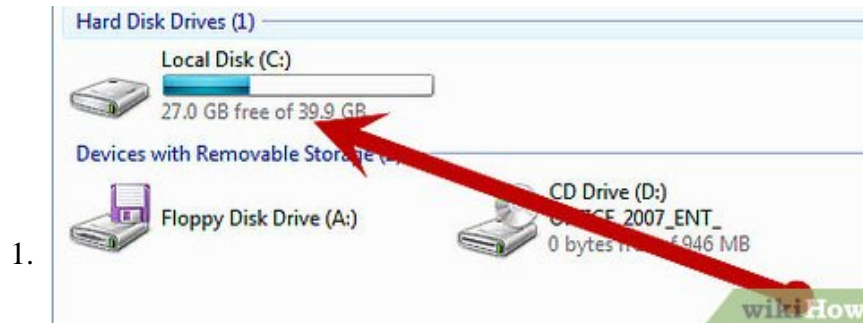


How to Reduce Shadow Copy on Windows Vista

Shadow Copy, or Volume Snapshot Device is an application interdependent with System Restore that is unique to Windows Vista and Windows 7. The Shadow Copy is the disk space used by System Restore (up to 15% of of disk volume) which makes...

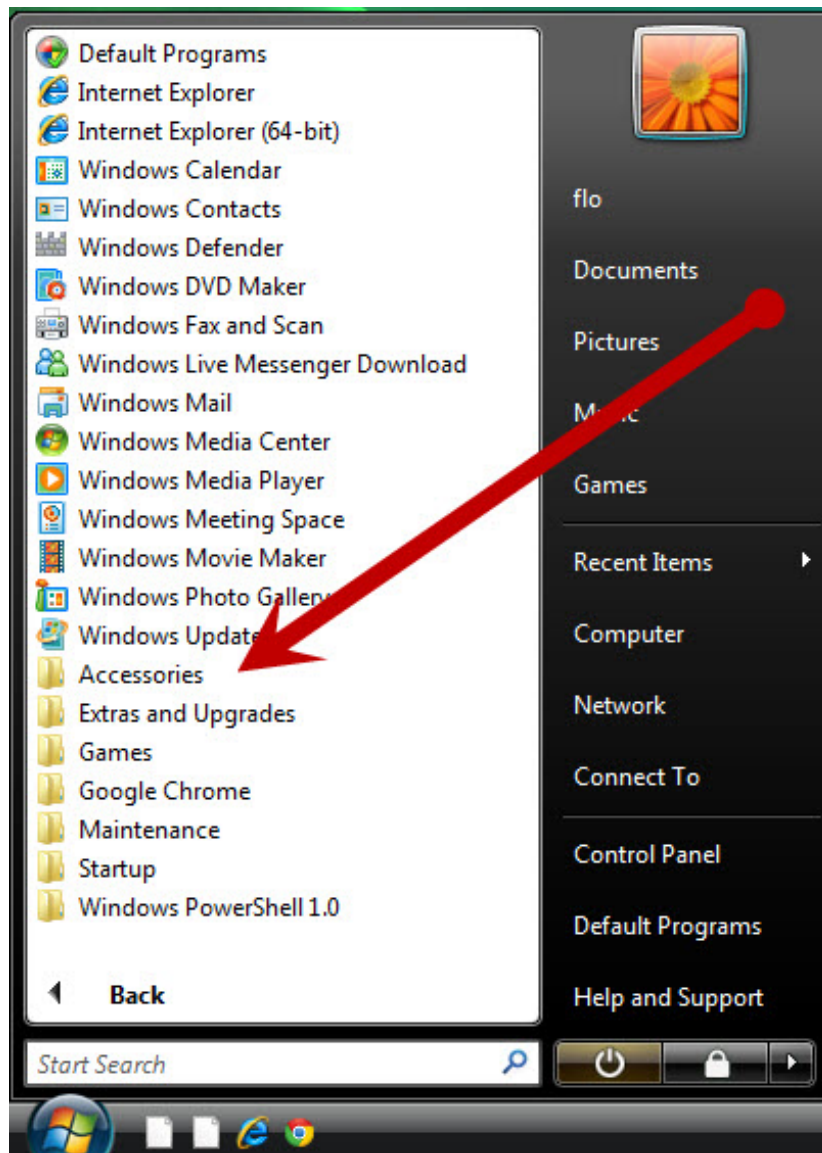
Method 1 of 2:

Reviewing Shadow Copy

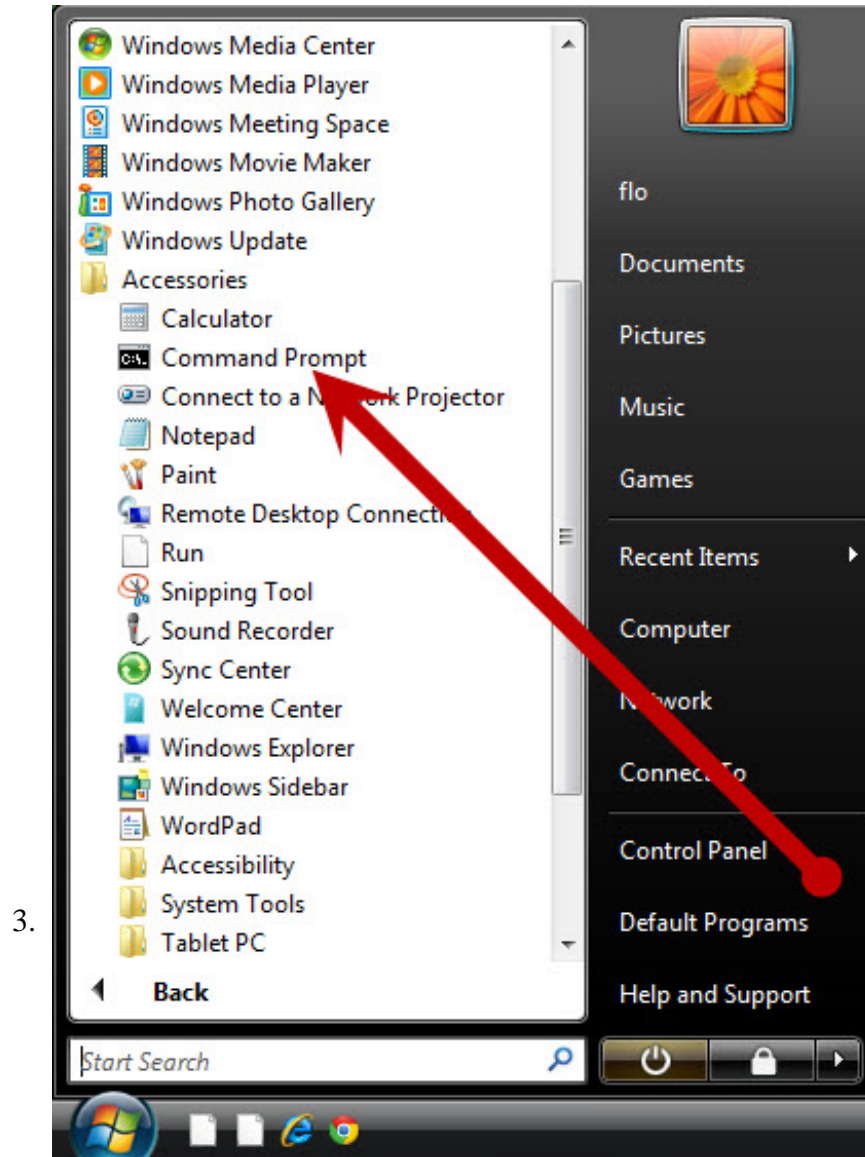


Click Start>Computer and on Local Disk (C:) you'll see the available disk space you have left on the hard drive of your Windows Vista desktop/notebook computer.

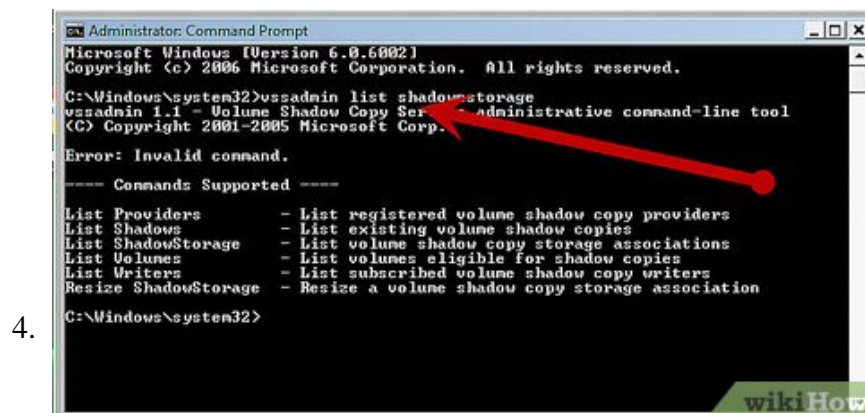
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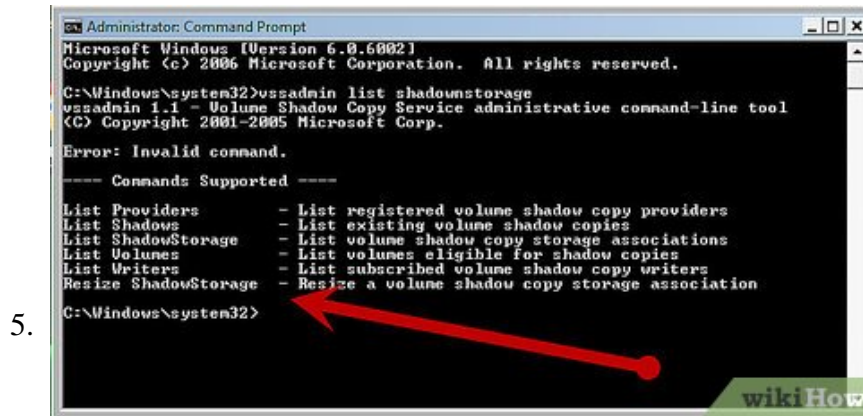
Click *Start>All Programs>Accessories*.



Select *Command Prompt* (make sure you right click on *Command Prompt* first, and select *Run as administrator*).



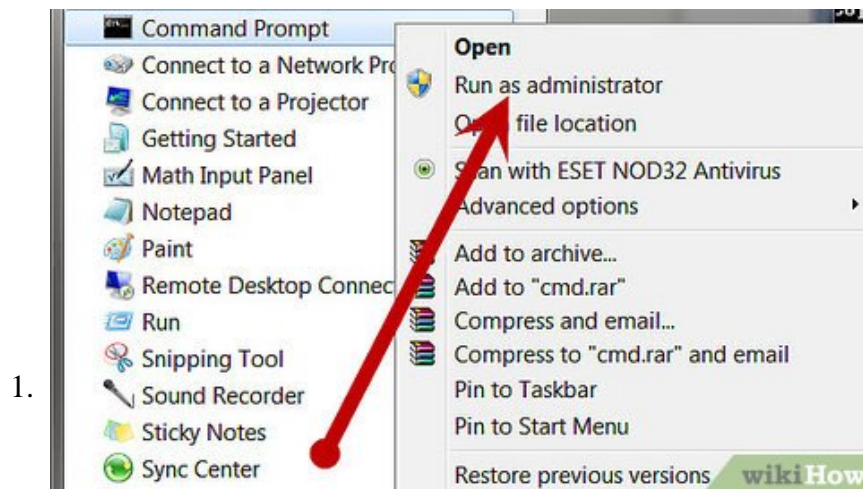
Type in *vssadmin list shadowstorage*.



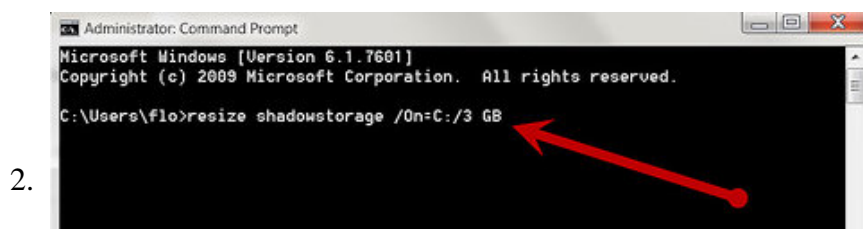
Press **Enter/Return**. Command Prompt will show the allocated space towards Shadow Copy. This can be reduced to allow more free hard drive space.

Method 2 of 2:

Reducing Hard Disk Space Allocated for Shadow Copy



Exit Command Prompt and backtrack to Step 3 in *Reviewing Shadow Copy*. Open Command Prompt, again selecting the *Run as administrator* option when right-clicking.



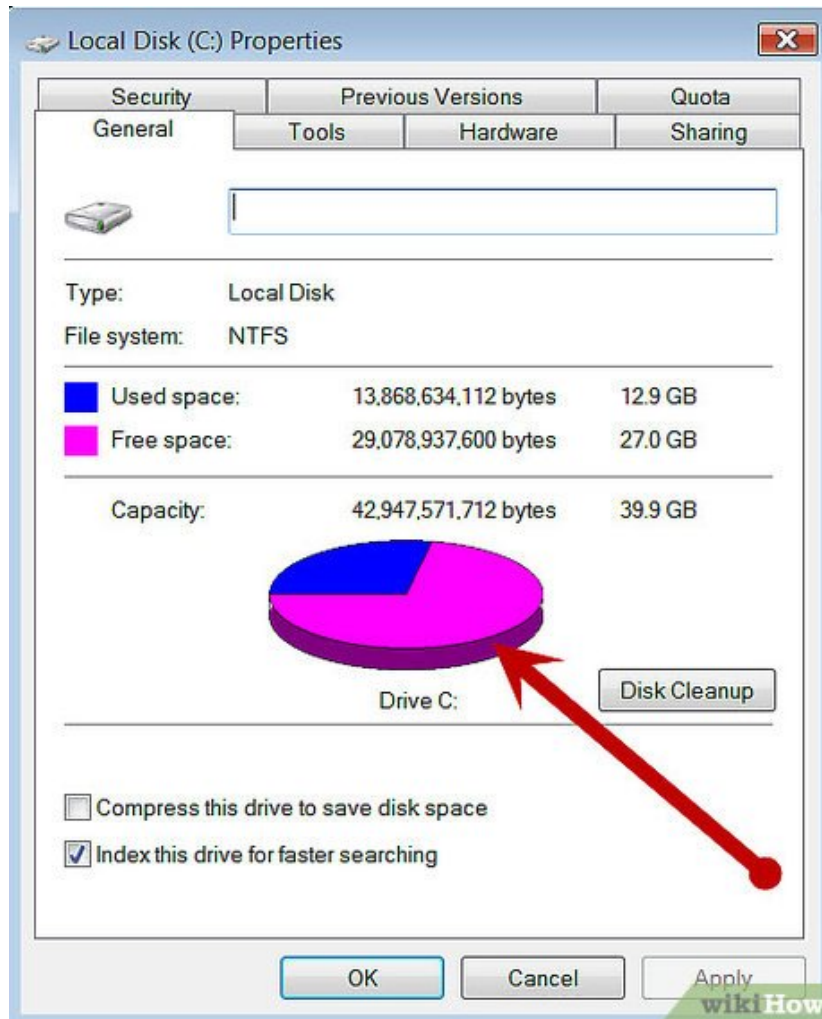
Type in **vssadmin resize shadowstorage /On=C: /For=C: /Maxsize=[here add the maximum space you will allow for Shadow Storage, e.g. 3GB]**.

3.

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Successfully resized the shadow copy storage association
C:\Windows\system32>
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Press **Enter/Return**. The results will be displayed in Command Prompt.

4.



Click *Start>Computer* and once again review the available disk space for Local Disk (C:).

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