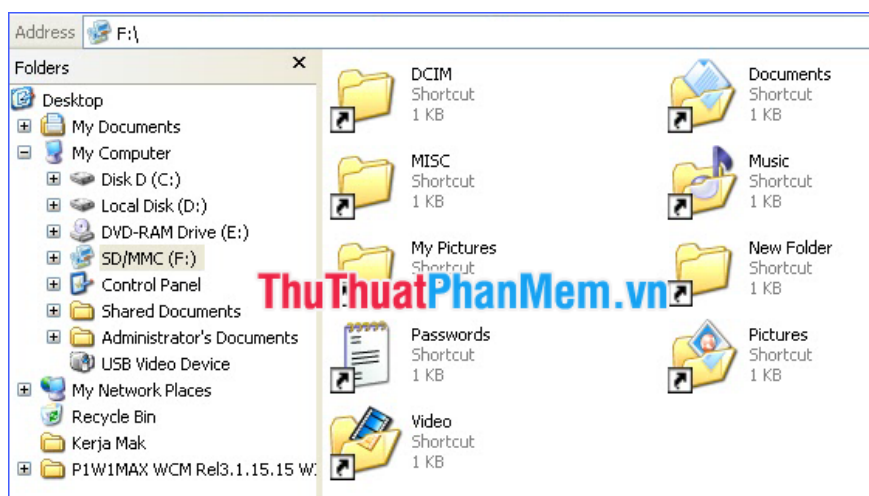


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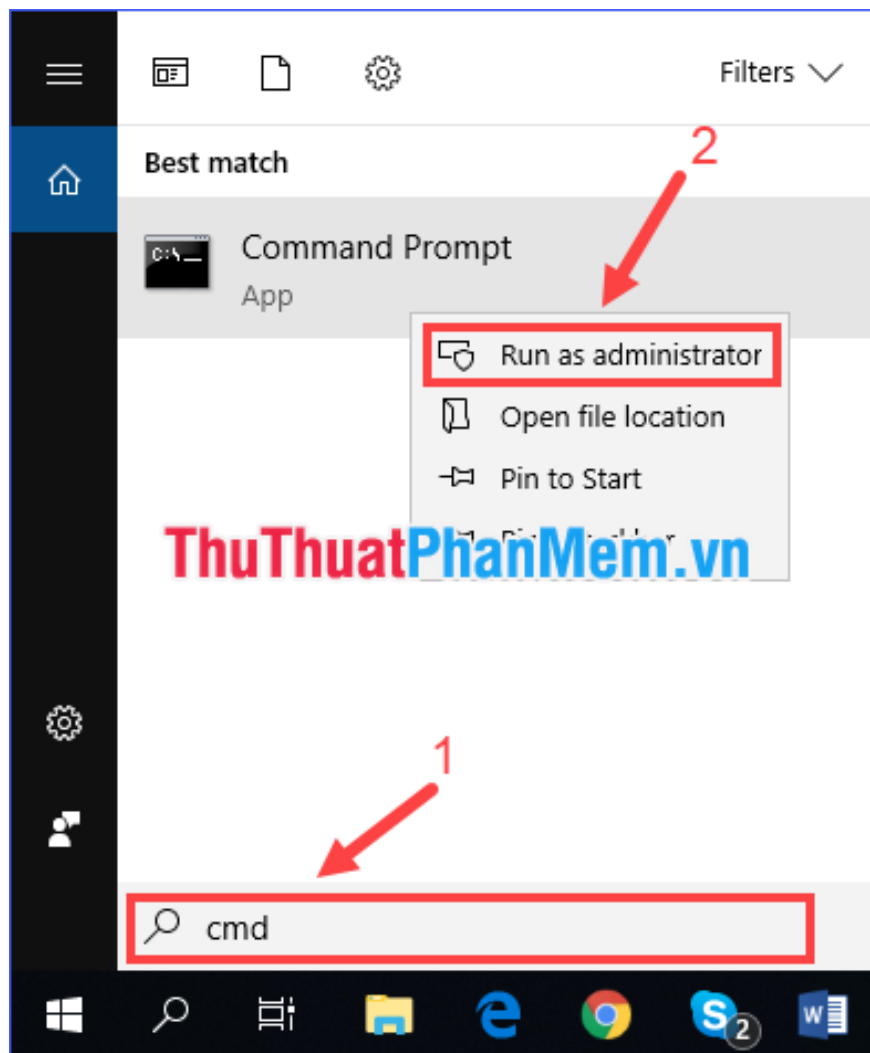
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There must have been a lot of people when opening USB suddenly no longer see their data, instead only see one or more links (shortcuts). To find the desired data, it takes a lot of time. Adjusting the display of hidden files and folders will help you find them, but this won't solve the root of the problem. Instead, follow one of these two methods:

## 1. Use the cmd command

**Step 1:** Search for the keyword *cmd* on your computer, right-click on the found result and select **Run as administrator**.



**Step 2:** In the Command Prompt window, enter `:` (where is the letter representing the USB drive you need to remove the hidden virus, such as I). Then press **Enter** .

**Step 3:** Type `del *.lnk` and press **Enter** .

**Step 4:** Type `attrib -s -r -h *.* /s /d /l` and press **Enter** .



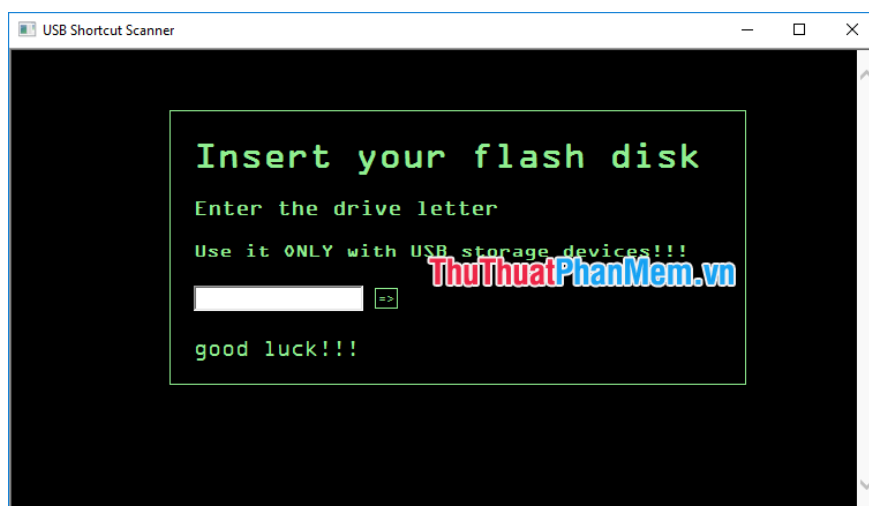
It takes a while to recover all your files.

\* **Note:** Any error when entering the above commands can cause data disappear completely, so be careful when entering commands. Can copy the commands and paste them into the Command Prompt window to ensure accuracy.

## 2. Using the software

Use this method if you want to find an anti-virus software to bring more radical effects. Windows Defender Windows 10 also has the ability to detect and remove viruses very well, but if your computer does not run this version of Windows, you can download another software. Here I would like to introduce two simple but very effective applications, *USB Shortcut VIRUS Remover* and *USBFix Free* .

### USB Shortcut VIRUS Remover



This is a simple and lightweight tool, which helps you remove shortcut viruses quickly.

1. Download link: [USB Shortcut VIRUS Remover](#).
2. Instructions for use:

All you need to do is enter the USB drive letter and then click the => button . However, note that this application can only scan USB drives, and this is not an anti-virus program to be able to kill other viruses.

### UsbFix Free

Provided by SoSVirus, this is another tool to remove shortcut virus. It not only removes viruses from the Flash drive but also prevents any future infection to your Flash drive.

UsbFix completely removes all traces of malicious programs and helps rebuild damaged functions such as accessing the Registry, Task Manager or displaying hidden files and folders.

1. Download link: [UsbFix](#)

## 2. User manual:

- After installation, open UsbFix, click on **Run an Analysis** .



- Click **Scan USB Disks** . The software will automatically detect and remove shortcut viruses as well as some other types of malicious programs on your USB drive.



Through this article, I have introduced ways to remove hidden viruses on USB devices. Of course, using an anti-virus to scan the entire computer is still recommended, but if you need USB access right away, do one of the two simple methods above to quickly solve it. immediate problem. Good luck!

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