

How to use headphones and external speakers in parallel on Windows 10 April Update

Customizing the sound of different applications to different devices is an interesting feature for Windows 10. The article guides how to set up.

Since the Windows 10 April Update, users have been able to use the simultaneous playback of speakers and headphones, a very unique feature. You can play games and stream music to your family at the same time without any problems. The article will show you how to do it very simply, follow along!

1. How to use speakers and headphones to play 2 different sound sources

As a tip, this **App volume and device preferences feature** is only available for **Windows 10 April 2018 version** and later. Audio from different sources will be played on different devices.

This feature can be used for headphone jack 3.5 mm, USB speakers, headsets and Bluetooth speakers.



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Using Change System sounds

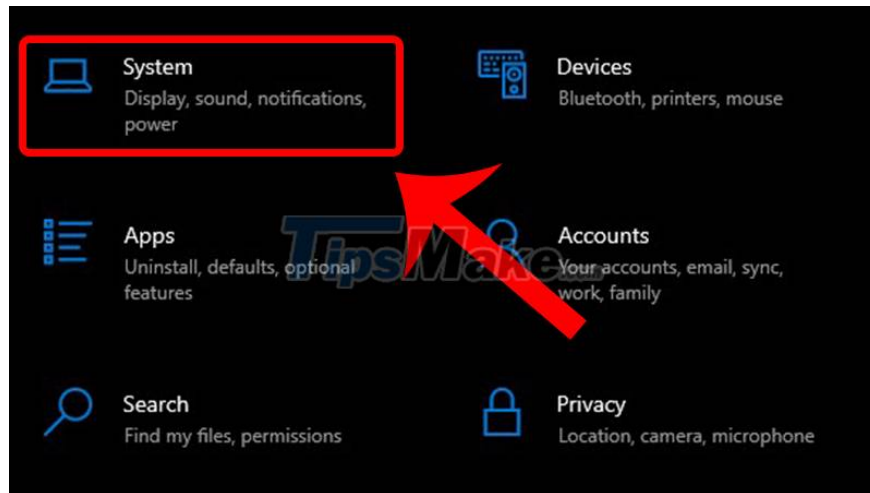
This is a feature that uses speakers and headphones to play 2 different audio sources. Simply put, you can use this feature to play music via YouTube on Chrome, and watch movies with sound on speakers using Netflix .

Advantages :

This is a convenient and safe feature available on Windows, the steps are simple, not through any 3rd party software.

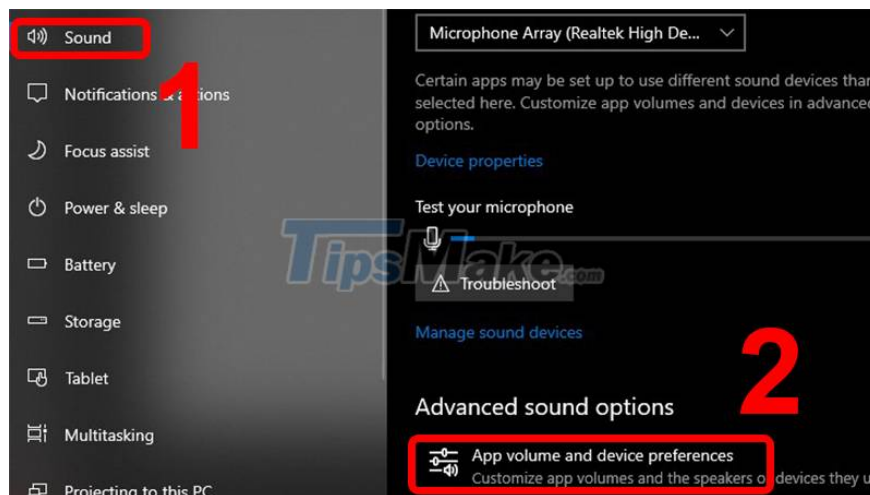
To perform the installation in this way, please follow the instructions below!

Step 1: Press the **Windows + I** key combination to open **the Settings Panel** > Select **System** .



Adjust this feature in System

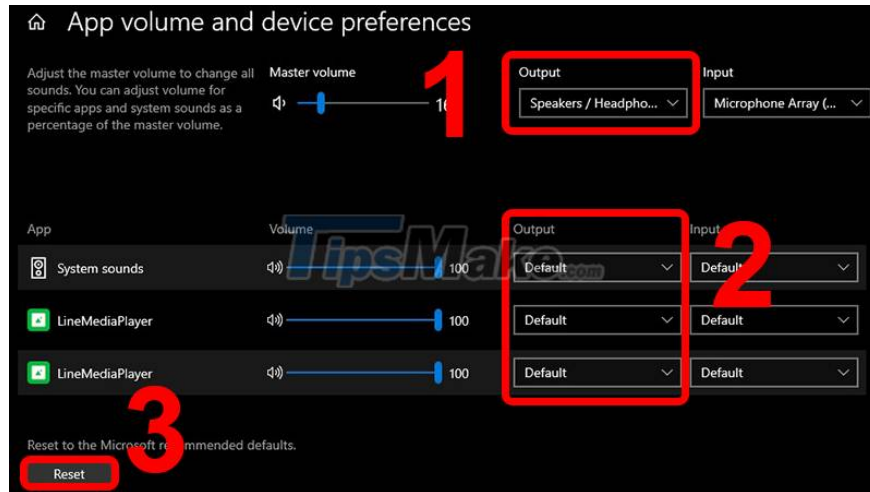
Step 2: Select **Sound** > Scroll down to find and select **App volume device preferences** in the **Advanced sound options section** .



Go to App volume and device preferences

Step 3: According to the sequence number marked in the picture, follow the instructions in **item 1** to enable this feature.

1. To switch different playback devices, you set in **Output** by selecting the corresponding audio source.
2. **App** and **Volume** columns to adjust the in-app volume of each audio device. In the **Output** section, you can adjust **the** specific **sound output** in the application to the corresponding speaker device.
3. Select **Reset** when you want to reset the settings.



Adjust the feature in item 1

2. How to use headphones and speakers with the same sound source

Using VoiceMeeter software

VoiceMeeter is a free software for computers with **Windows 10, 8, 8.1 and 7** versions installed. This software supports users to use multiple output audio devices, namely with 3.5 jack headphones, USB speakers, Bluetooth headsets and speakers.



The VoiceMeeter app also supports this feature

Advantages :

This is a free software, supports all audio interfaces, optimizes audio features, gives the best user experience.

Cons :

Since this is a third-party software, not available on Windows, errors may occur in some cases.

To use VoiceMeeter to set up the headset and speakers to play the same audio source, please follow the instructions below.

Download and install VoiceMeeter software

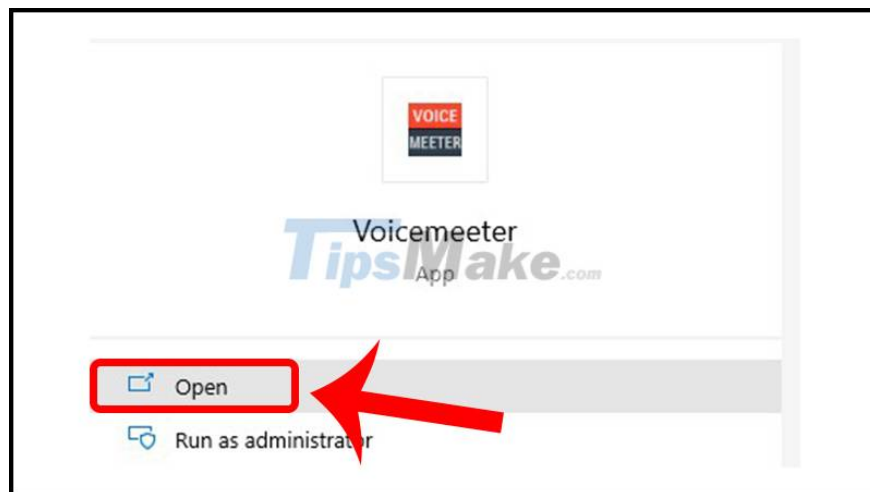
Step 1: Download VoiceMeeter software [HERE](#) .

Step 2: Double-click the downloaded item > Select **Yes** > Select **Install** .



Complete application installation

Step 3: After completing the installation, find **VoiceMeeter** in the search bar > Select the first display **result** .



Access VoiceMeeter to proceed with setup

Use Voicemeeter to play audio from headphones and speakers at the same time

Step 1: In column **A1** on the left corner of the screen, select **WDM** or **MME** for your first transmitter.



Adjust the side of column A1 first

Step 2: In column A2 right next to it, select **WDM** or **MME** for the remaining transmitter.



Next adjustment in column A2

Using the converter

This method is convenient in that you do not need to download a lot of software or tinker with how to install third-party software to play sound from speakers and headphones from the same source.

However, if you choose the transfer, you will be costly to invest in a USB hub (USB hub) to synchronize headphone jack 3.5 and USB speakers. Another limitation is that this method only works with **wired** headphones and speakers .



You can also use the adapter to use this feature

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