

Guide to configuring Windows 11 search indexing

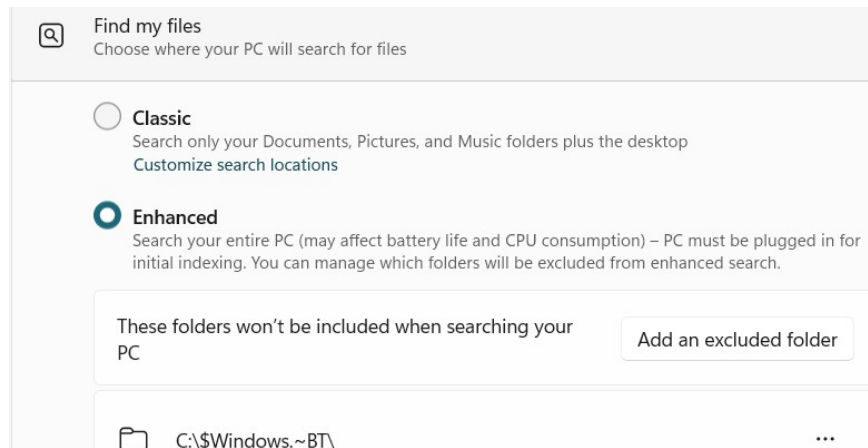
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How to configure Windows 11 search indexing

Go to **Settings > Privacy & security > Search** . Then, in the **Find my files** section , select **Classic** and then tap **Customize search locations** to adjust the search location.

Alternatively, you can click **Add an excluded folder** to restrict the use of Enhanced mode.

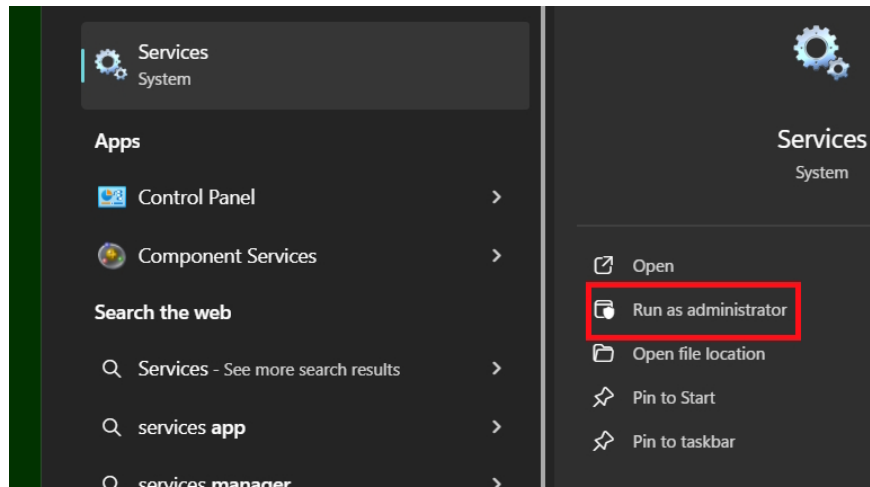


How to disable indexing via Windows Services

Enabling advanced indexing consumes a significant amount of system resources. If you don't need it, you can disable it.

Step 1:

Type "**Services**" into the search bar and select "**Run as administrator**" to open it with administrator privileges.

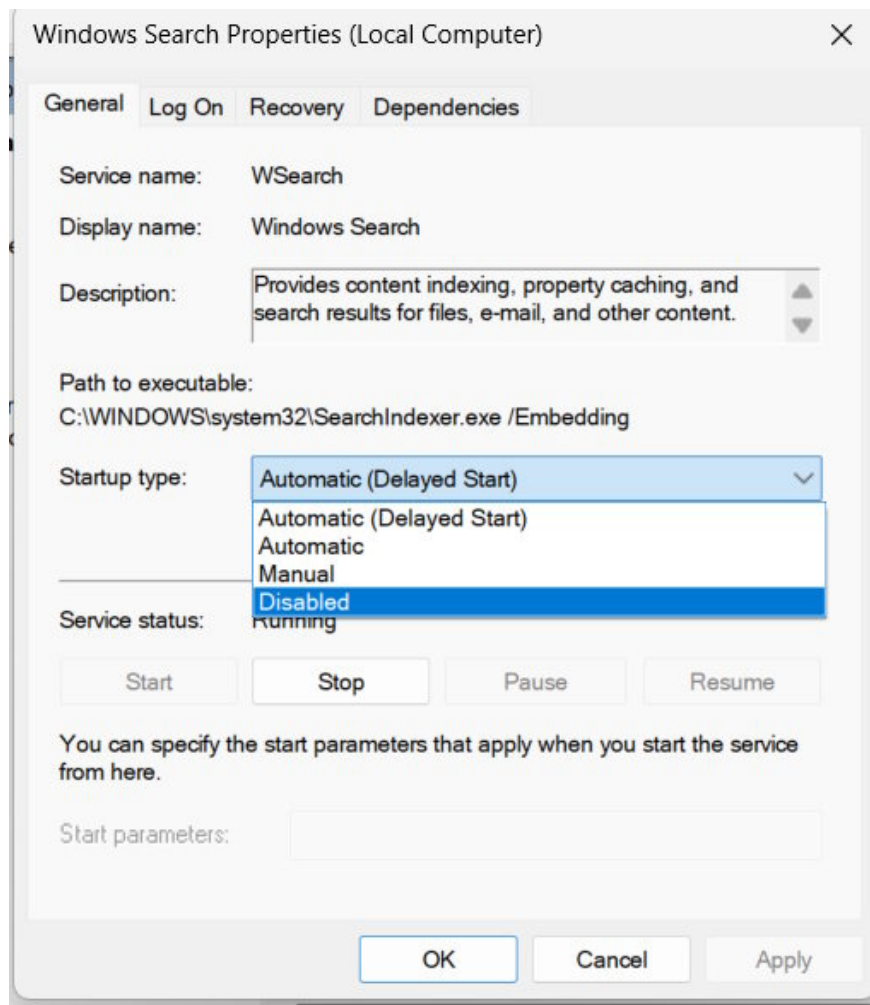


Step 2:

In the interface, find **the Windows Search service** and double-click to adjust its settings.

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Here, **click on Disabled in Startup type**, then select Apply. Finally, click Stop to apply. If you want to restart, click Automatic (Delayed Start).



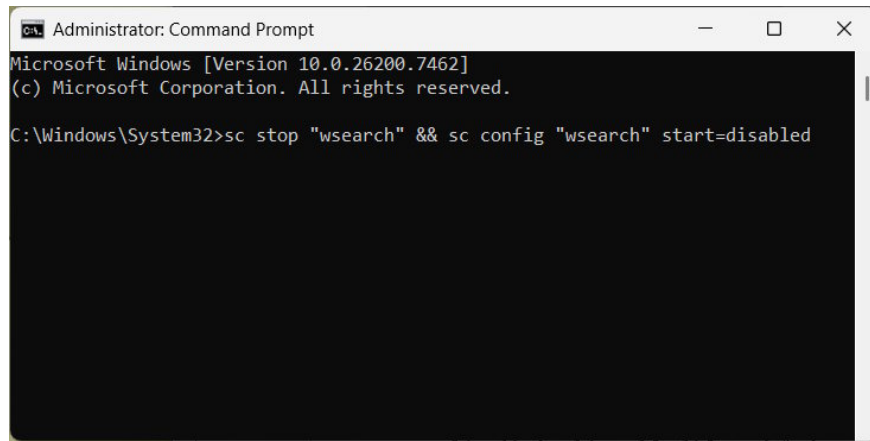
How to disable search indexing via Command Prompt

You also need to **open cmd with administrator privileges** , then enter the command below to proceed with disabling it.

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sc stop "wsearch" && sc config "wsearch" start=disabled
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To enable this feature, use the following command:

```
`sc config "wsearch" start=delayed-auto && sc start "wsearch"`
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Administrator: Command Prompt
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C:\Windows\System32>sc stop "wsearch" && sc config "wsearch" start=disabled
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