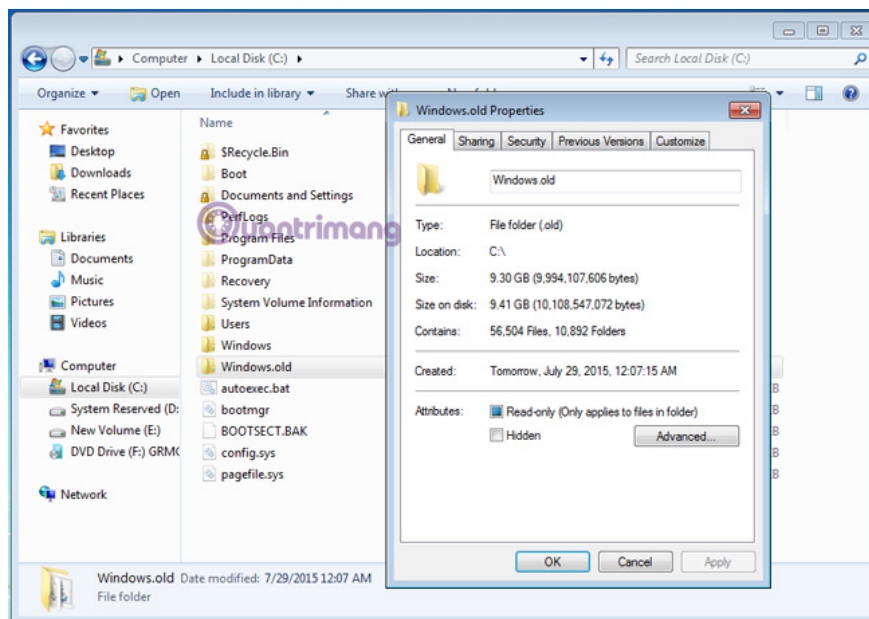


# Instructions to delete Windows.old folder on Windows 7/8 / 8.1?

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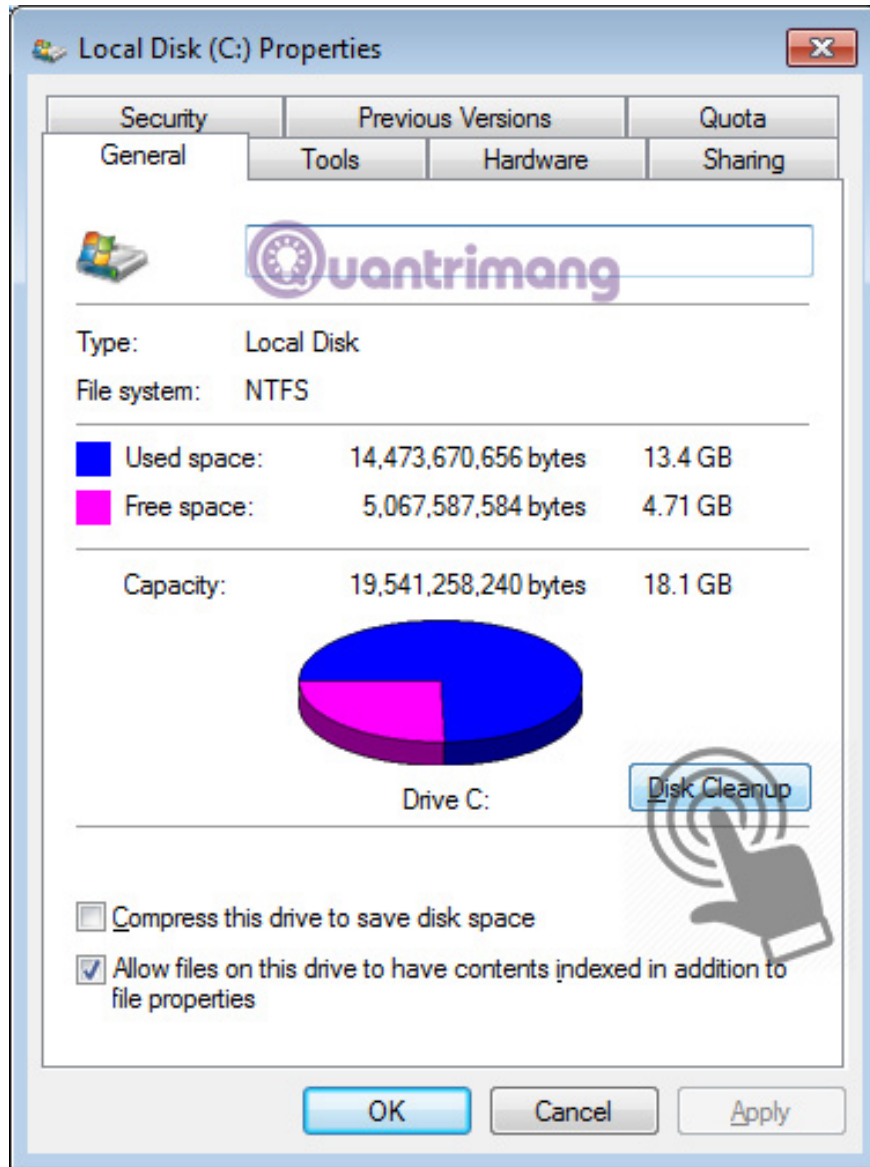
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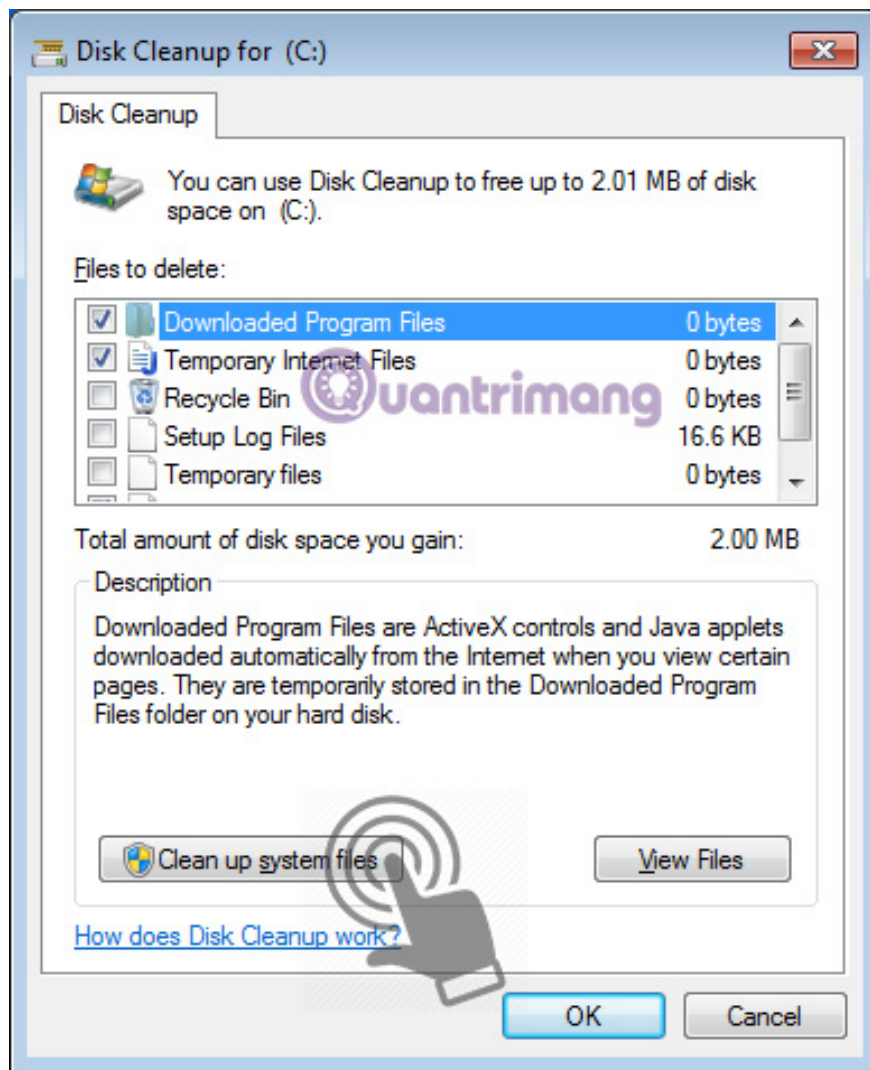
## 1. Delete the Windows.old folder with the available Disk Cleanup tool:

This is the simplest and easiest way to do it, without having to use the Command or external support software. First, open **My Computer** , right-click on drive C (the partition containing the **Windows.old** folder)>

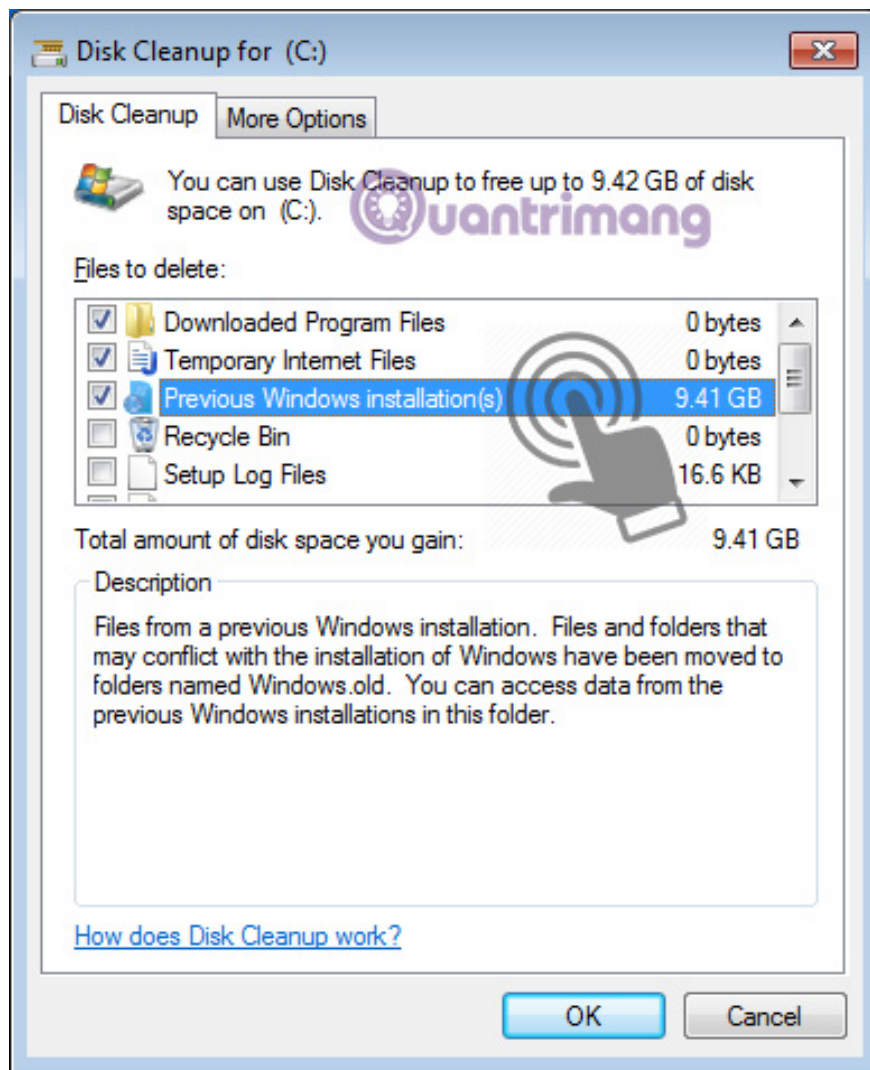
## Properties :



Here, you will see the **Disk Cleanup** tool just below the drive capacity parameter. Click Disk Cleanup, the system will calculate to delete unnecessary Windows files, select Next **Clean system system** as shown below:



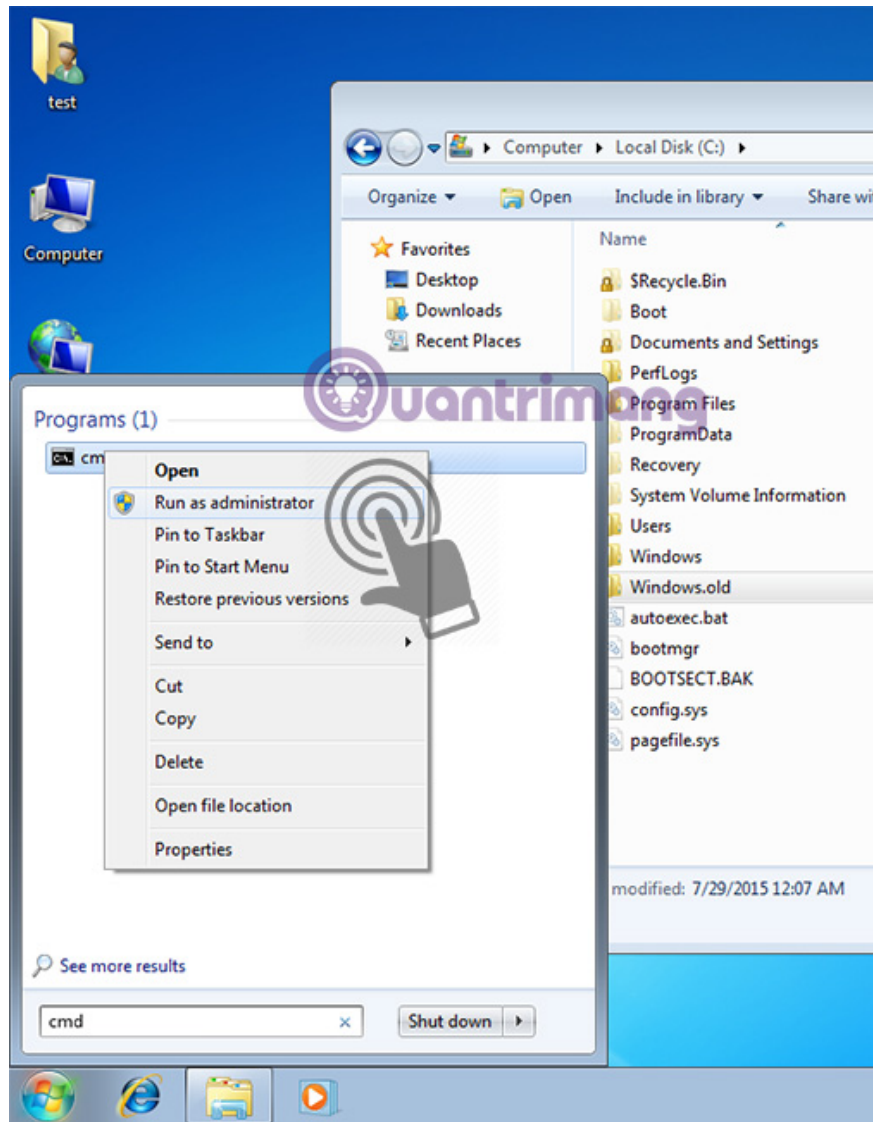
The next options panel displays, and you will see a line of Previous Windows Installations appear. Check the box (preferably check all) and click OK:



Wait a while for Windows to delete the file, then open the drive C and the Windows.old folder are gone!

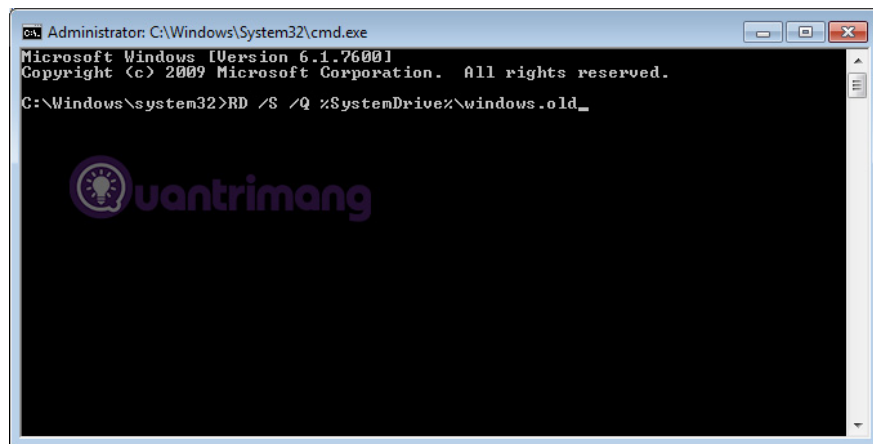
## 2. Delete the Windows.old directory with the command - Command:

This is the second option if you do not want to use Windows **Disk Cleanup** (or simply want to "like a pro"). Open **Command** as **Administrator** (select **Run** > type **cmd** > **right click cmd.exe** and select **Run as Administrator**):

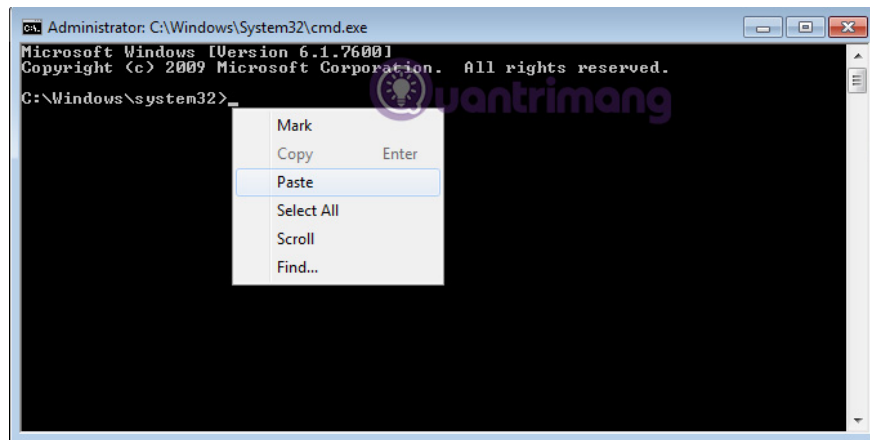


The Command window displays, we type the command:

RD / S / Q % SystemDrive% windows.old



Or if you don't want to type, you copy the above command, at the command window > right click > select Paste (because you cannot press Ctrl + V in the command line window):



Press Enter, open the C drive and check that the Windows.old folder has been completely deleted. ***Good luck!***

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