

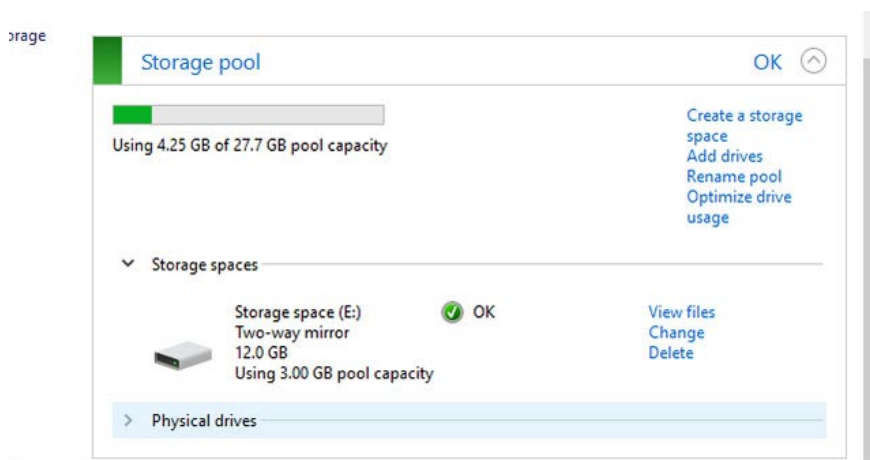
Microsoft confirms the problem of accessing Storage Spaces in Windows 10 May 2020 Update

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Microsoft has officially released the Windows 10 May 2020 Update (Windows 10 Version 2004) in late May. This is the most anticipated major feature update this year, bringing a host of improvements and a number of new features that enhance the overall experience. However, there are a number of system compatibility issues.

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If you don't already know, Storage Spaces is a feature that helps protect data from hard drive errors and expand memory over time, when you add the drive to your PC. You can use Storage Spaces to group two or more drives together in a storage pool and then use that pool's capacity to create virtual drives called storage space. Basically, Storage Space usually stores 2 copies of data, so if one of the drives on the system crashes, you still have 1 intact copy of the data. If you run out of space, simply add more drives to the Storage Pool. When using some configuration settings, the partition for Storage Spaces will be displayed as RAW in Disk Manager.



Storage Space

About Storage Spaces inaccessible in Windows 10 May 2020 Update, this is a new issue reported and Microsoft is currently unable to find a solution. However, to protect data from being deleted or lost, you can follow these steps to convert them to 'read only':

Step 1: Access the Start menu and type 'powershell' in the search box.

Step 2: Right-click on Windows PowerShell and select Run as administrator.

Step 3: If the User Access Control dialog box for Windows Powershell appears, select Yes.

Step 4: In the PowerShell dialog box, enter the following command and press enter:

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get-virtualdisk | ? WriteCacheSize -gt 0 | get-disk | set-disk -IsReadOnly $ true
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Step 5: Your Storage Spaces will now be set to 'read only'.

Note: *Microsoft strongly recommends that users do not run the chkdsk command on any device affected by this issue.*

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