

# Steps to fix missing Bluetooth button in Windows 10 Action Center

In Windows 10, you can use Bluetooth to connect to headphones, webcams, and speakers, or send files and folders to other local devices. So it's inconvenient when the Bluetooth button disappears from the Action Center.

Even if Bluetooth is working properly, it may still be missing from Action Center. due to incorrect settings. Another reason why Bluetooth doesn't show up in Action Center is because your system doesn't recognize Bluetooth devices.

Thankfully, there are ways to restore the Bluetooth button to the Windows 10 Action Center when it is lost or damaged.

## 1. Edit Quick Actions menu

The Action Center menu is made up of two parts. At the top, it shows notifications from your installed apps and system.

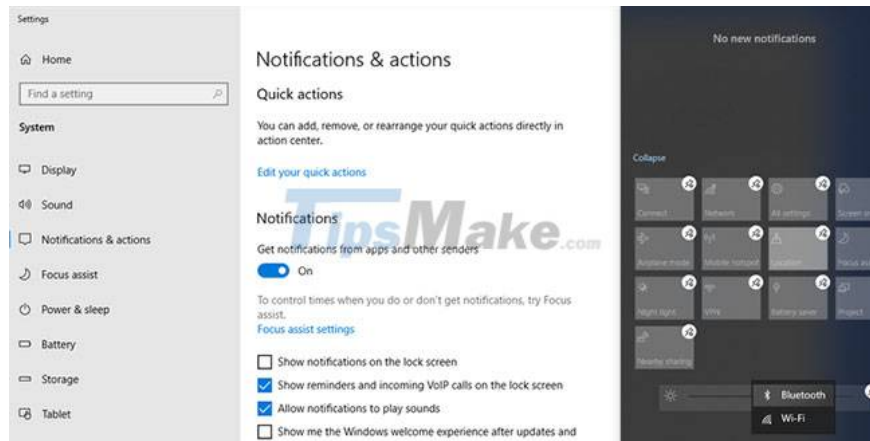
At the bottom is the **Quick Actions** menu , which contains shortcuts to key settings. When there are a lot of notifications that Windows 10 needs to show, it collapses the **Quick Actions** menu to save space. To check all the shortcuts available in the Action Center menu, click **Expand**.

Bluetooth may disappear in Action Center because not all shortcuts are enabled by default, or you may have disabled Bluetooth shortcuts by mistake. Regardless of the cause, here's how you fix it:

**Step 1:** Press **Windows + A** to open Action Center and select **Manage notifications** from the upper right corner.

**Step 2:** Click **Edit your quick actions** . This will open the **Action Center** menu .

**Step 3:** Select **Add > Bluetooth > Done** .



**Note :** When edit mode is on, you can move the tiles around as you like. If you want the Bluetooth tile to be part of the collapse menu, move it to the top row.

## 2. Check if your device supports Bluetooth

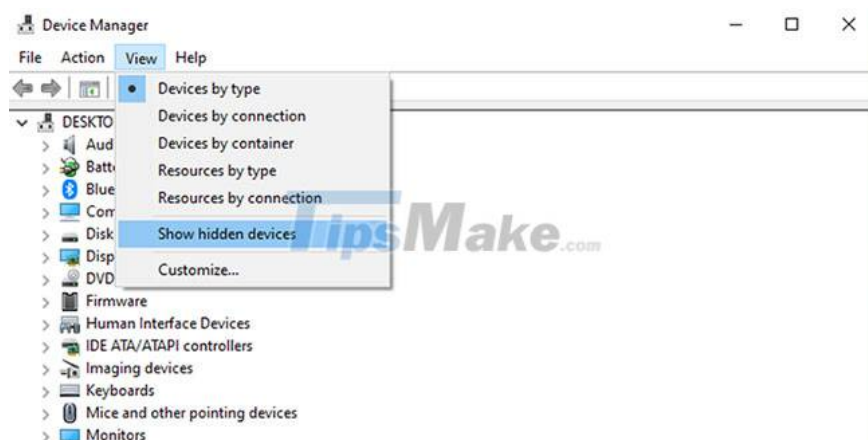
If you don't have the option to add Bluetooth to Action Center's quick list, it's likely that your Bluetooth driver is missing or your device doesn't support Bluetooth. Here's how you can check if Bluetooth is properly supported and configured on your device:

**Step 1:** Press **Windows** key + **I** to open Settings, then go to **Devices**.

**Step 2:** If the **Bluetooth & other apps** menu is displayed, your device supports Bluetooth technology.

**Step 3:** If the menu is not visible, search for device manager in the Start menu search bar and select the best match.

**Step 4:** Check if there is a Bluetooth menu inside the list of available devices.



Bluetooth may be in the list of **Hidden devices** , so click **View > Show hidden devices** and check if Bluetooth is listed.

If there is no Bluetooth in the list, you will have to purchase a Bluetooth adapter. When deciding which adapter to buy, check its compatibility properties.

### 3. Check Bluetooth settings

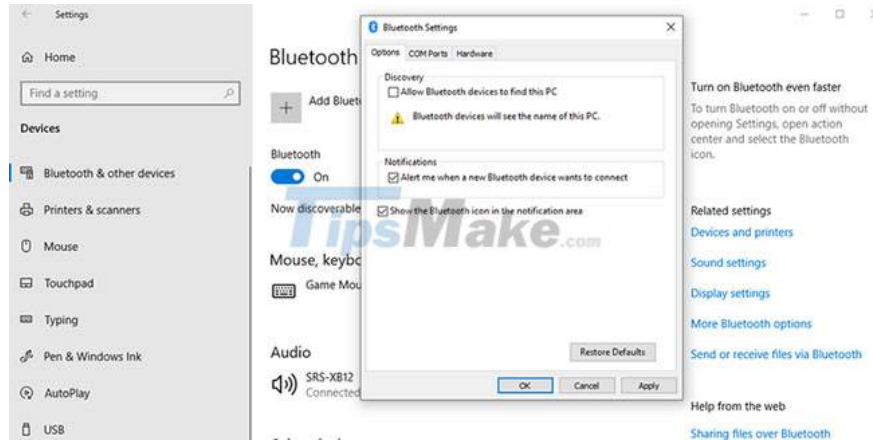
Even if **Notifications & actions** settings are set properly, you still need to check **Bluetooth Settings**.

**Step 1:** Click **Start > Settings > Devices > Bluetooth & other devices** .

**Step 2:** Under **Related settings** , click **More Bluetooth Options** .

**Step 3:** Select the **Options** tab and check **Show the Bluetooth icon in the notification area** .

**Step 4:** Click **Apply > OK** .



### 4. Turn off Fast Startup

Fast Startup speeds up the boot process, so Windows 10 takes less time to launch. However, it can affect programs that are set to run at startup, so you'd better turn it off.

**Step 1:** Click **Start > Settings > System** .

**Step 2:** From the left menu, select **Power & sleep** .

**Step 3:** Click **Additional power settings > Choose what the power button does** .

**Step 4:** Select **Change settings that are currently unavailable** .

**Step 5:** Uncheck **Turn on fast startup (recommended)** .

**Step 6:** Click the **Save changes** button .



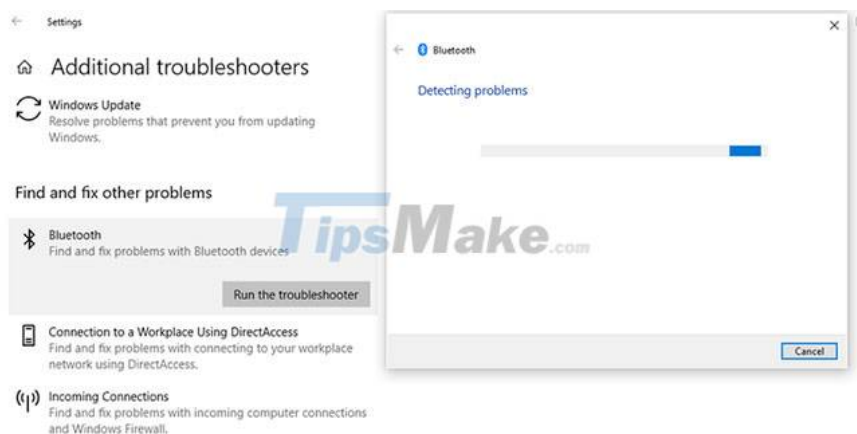
## 5. Run Bluetooth Troubleshooter

Running the troubleshooter may be enough to deal with most problems affecting Bluetooth functionality.

**Step 1:** Go to **Start > Settings > Update & Security** .

**Step 2:** Click **Troubleshoot > Additional troubleshooters**.

**Step 3:** From the **Find and fix other problems** menu , click **Bluetooth > Run the troubleshooter** .



The Bluetooth troubleshooter will automatically fix any problems detected. Once the process is complete, restart your PC or laptop and check if Bluetooth is now available in the Action Center menu.

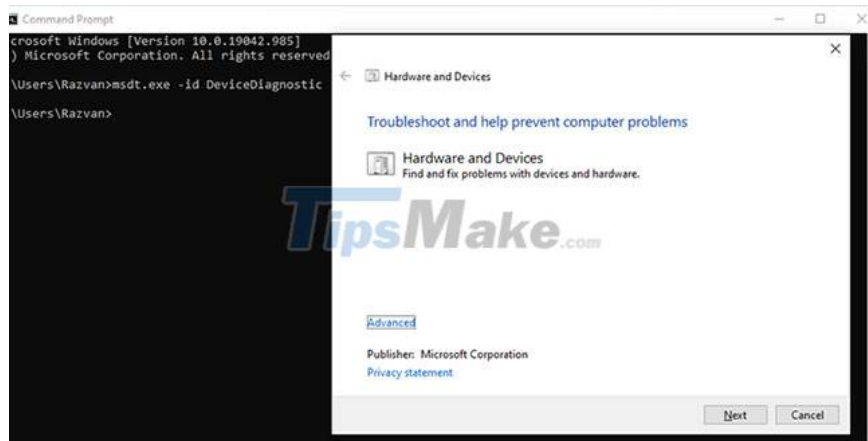
## 6. Use Hardware and Device troubleshooter

**The Hardware and Device troubleshooter** is now "hidden" in Windows 10. However, you can still access it using the Command Prompt. Here's how you can do it:

**Step 1:** In the Start menu search bar, search for **command prompt** and select **Run as administrator** .

**Step 2:** Enter **msdt.exe -id DeviceDiagnostic**. This will open the troubleshooter.

**Step 3:** Click **Next** to start scanning.



The troubleshooter will find and fix problems with your Bluetooth device. If it shows the message **Troubleshooting couldn't identify the problem**, you have to try another solution.

## 7. Check Bluetooth Support service service

A third-party application or manual action by the user may have disabled the Bluetooth Support service, removing the Bluetooth icon from the Action Center. This is how you can check the Action Center service settings:

**Step 1:** In the search bar of the best match menu.

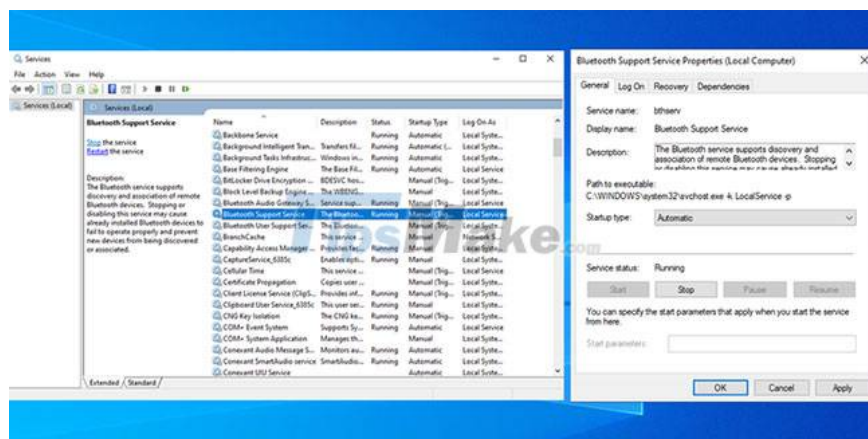
**Step 2:** Double-click **Bluetooth Support Service** to open the **Properties** window .

**Step 3:** Check the **Service status** at the bottom of the window. It will be displayed as **Running**.

**Step 4:** If the status is **Running**, click **Stop** and **Start** for a quick restart.

**Step 5:** If the status is not **Running**, use the drop-down menu next to **Startup Type** and select **Automatic**.

**Step 6:** Click the **Apply** button to save the new settings.



## 8. Use Startup Repair

Startup Repair is one of the tools that you can find in the **Advanced options** menu . If you are experiencing a problem that indicates a broken system, you can fix it by using Windows Startup Repair.

**Step 1:** Press and hold **Shift** on the Windows login screen.

**Step 2:** Click **Power > Restart** . Now you will see the boot screen.

**Step 3:** Click **Troubleshoot > Advanced options > Startup Repair** .

**Step 4:** Select an admin account and enter the password, if required.

**Step 5:** Click **Continue**.

**Step 6:** Restart the PC after the Startup Repair tool has run.

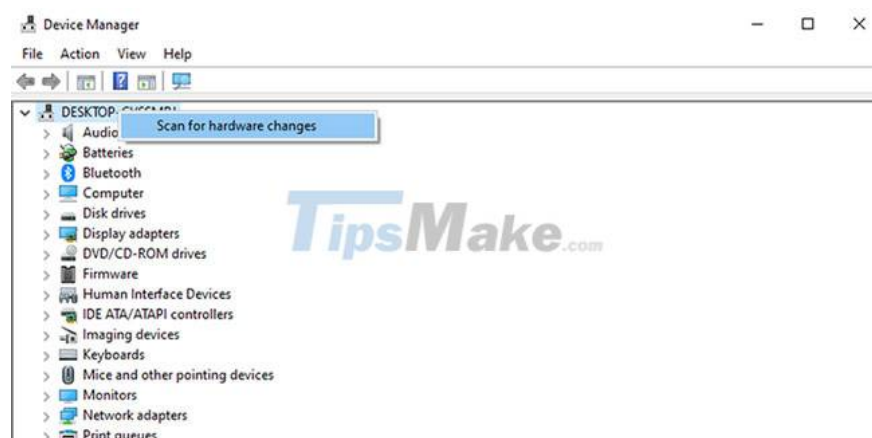


## 9. Look for hardware changes

Besides providing an organized view of all installed hardware, Device Manager can also be used as a troubleshooting tool.

**Step 1:** In the Start menu search bar, search for **device manager** and select the best match.

**Step 2:** Your device should be the first in the list. Right click on it and select **Scan for hardware changes** .



Good luck with your troubleshooting!

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