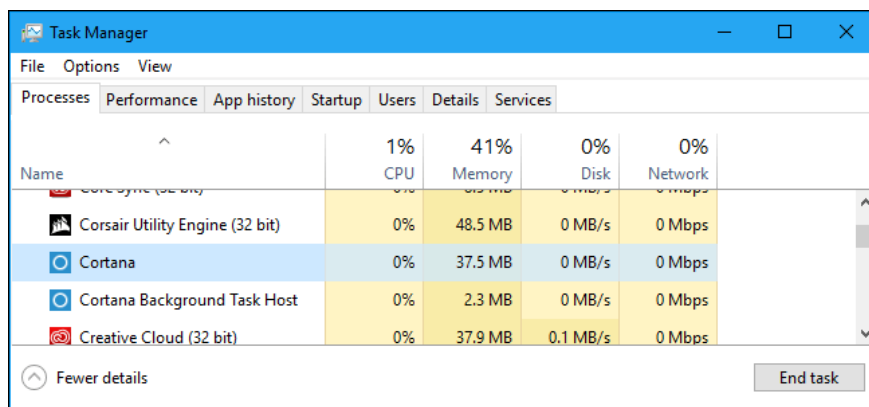


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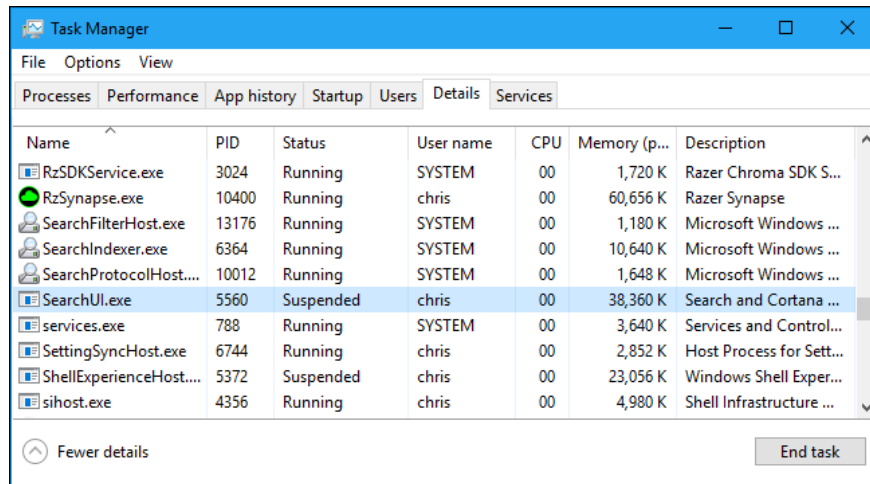
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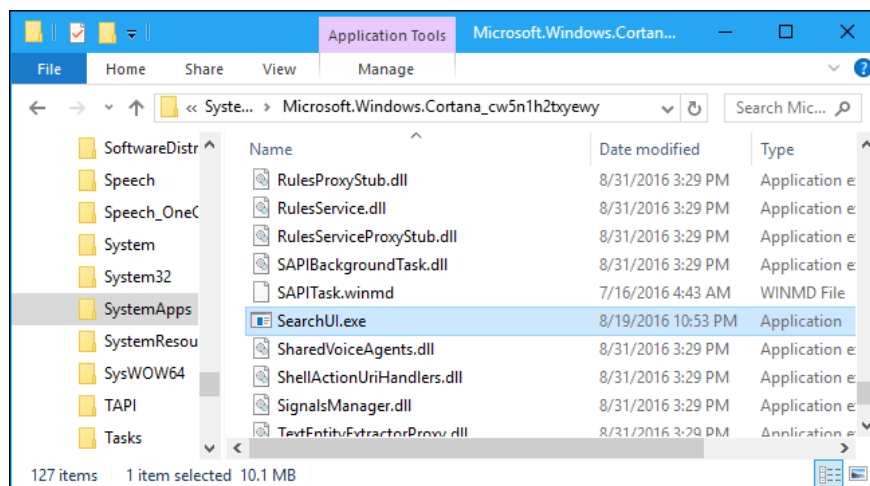
1. Is Cortana really just 'SearchUI.exe'

Whether or not Cortana is enabled, when you open Task Manager, you will see Process Cortana.

If you right-click **Cortana** on Task Manager and select **Go to Details** , you will see a program called 'SearchUI.exe' running.



And if you right-click 'SearchUI.exe' select "**Open File Location**", you will see the location of SearchUI.exe. It is part of the 'Microsoft.Windows.Cortana_cw5n1h2txyewy' application directory on Windows.

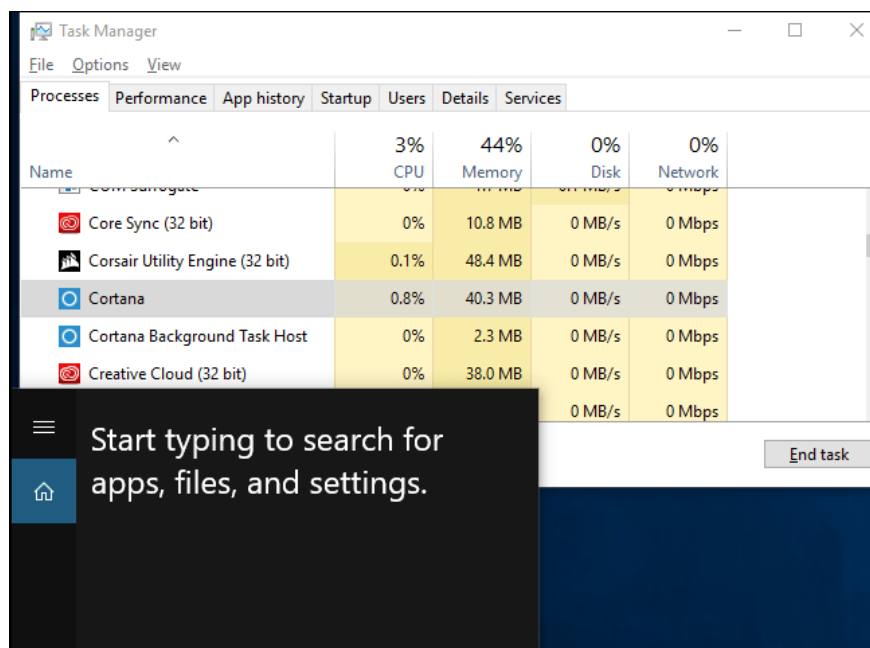


This application appears on the list of processes running as "Cortana" but in fact it is a small tool called SearchUI.exe.

2. 'SearchUI.exe' is a Windows Search feature

First we proceed to disable SearchUI.exe access, then end Cortana's task on Task Manager and rename the 'Microsoft.Windows.Cortana_cw5n1h2txyewy' folder to another name. Now Cortana no longer runs in the background, but the Windows Search feature is completely "broken".





The process of Cortana doesn't even process the index file. Windows index files are checked from within, so you can quickly search them from search engines.

When Windows indexes your files, you will see processes like "Microsoft Windows Search Filter Host", "Microsoft Windows Search Indexer", and "Microsoft Windows Search Protocol Host" CPU usage on Task Manager.

To control the index, open Start Menu or Control Panel and search for Indexing Options. Start the Indexing Options shortcuts that appear. This control panel allows you to select the location of the Windows index file, select the correct files, and not include the files that you do not want to index.

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. How to use Cortana to turn off or restart Windows 10?
1. Completely disabling virtual assistant Cortana on Windows 10
1. 10 animations illustrate the most outstanding features on Windows 10

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