

[<< Back](#)

# Windows



Make Windows snappy -> Turn off “animate controls and elements inside windows”



Every once in a while, run the “Disk Cleanup” tool that comes with Windows



In File Explorer, on the View ribbon, click Options.  
On the resulting dialog in the Privacy section at the bottom of the General tab, turn off the option to show recently used folders to Quick Access Save that setting.



Never download software from the Microsoft Store, you won't be able to create a shortcut from your .exe

## Shortcuts

### General

Action	Shortcut
Display desktop	Windows d
Open file explorer	Windows e
Delete whole word	Ctrl Backspace
Select characters	Shift arrow
Select words	Ctrl Shift arrow
Show symbols	Windows .
Always on top	Windows Ctrl t
Enable clipboard history	Windows v
Sticky notes	Windows Alt s
Task switcher	Alt tab
Task view	Windows tab
Move Desktop	Ctrl windows ← or →

### File Explorer

Action	Shortcut
Create new folder	Ctrl Shift n
Copy file path	Ctrl Shift c

## fman

Action	Shortcut
GoTo	Ctrl p
Explorer	f10
Switch side	Tab
Command Palette	Ctrl Shift p

## Windows Run Commands

%appdata%  
shell:startup  
taskschd.msc

## Codecs

<a href="#">K-Lite</a>	For all common audio and video file formats
------------------------	---

## Drivers

<a href="#">Novation Components</a>	Novation Components
<a href="#">Wacom</a>	Wacom

[Clean install windows](#)

## Command Prompt

### Show folder structure

Move to the folder by using CD  
Put this behind the file path



```
tree /a /f > output.doc
```

Output.doc is the document file where the entire directory tree is saved.  
Open it to check out the tree!

### Delete all “.\_Thumbs.db” files



Open a Command Prompt or Terminal: On Windows, press Win + R, type cmd, and hit

Enter. On macOS or Linux, open the Terminal. Navigate to the Directory: Use the `cd` command to navigate to the directory where your files are located. For example:

```
cd /path/to/your/directory
```

Delete the Files: Run the following command to delete all “.\_Thumbs.db” files in the directory and its subdirectories:

```
del /s /q ._Thumbs.db
```



/s searches for files in subdirectories. /q suppresses confirmation prompts. If you're on macOS or Linux, use the `rm` command instead:

```
find . -type f -name "._Thumbs.db" -exec rm {} \;
```

Confirm Deletion: Verify that the files have been deleted by checking the directory. Remember to replace `/path/to/your/directory` with the actual path to your file structure. Be cautious when deleting files, especially system files, to avoid unintended consequences.

## Automated tasks

Windows has a built-in Task Scheduler that you can use in combination with scripts. This gives you an easy way to create a backup or any other task that needs to happen periodically. Usually you can use a `.bat` script for the execution and a `.vbs` script to keep the terminal in the background



Use [Robocopy](#) to automate backups

## Emergency

Name	Description
<a href="#">Display Driver Uninstaller</a>	For when you are having display issues

From:  
<http://floriandheer.com/wiki/> - Brain II

Permanent link:  
[http://floriandheer.com/wiki/doku.php?id=start:knowledge:software:windows\\_knowledge&rev=1743206221](http://floriandheer.com/wiki/doku.php?id=start:knowledge:software:windows_knowledge&rev=1743206221)

Last update: 2025/03/29 00:57

