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Everything

What is "Everything"?

"Everything" is search engine that locates files and folders by filename instantly for Windows.

Unlike Windows search "Everything" initially displays every file and folder on your computer (hence the name "Everything").

You type in a search filter to limit what files and folders are displayed.

How long will it take to index my files?

"Everything" only indexes file and folder names and generally takes a few seconds to build its database.
A fresh install of Windows 10 (about 120,000 files) will take about 1 second to index.
1,000,000 files will take about 1 minute.

Does Everything search file contents?

Yes, "Everything" can search file content with the content: search function.
File content is not indexed, searching content is slow.

Does "Everything" hog my system resources?

No, "Everything" uses very little system resources.
A fresh install of Windows 10 (about 120,000 files) will use about 14 MB of ram and less than 9 MB of disk space.
1,000,000 files will use about 75 MB of ram and 45 MB of disk space.

Does "Everything" monitor file system changes?

Yes, "Everything" does monitor file system changes.
Your search windows will reflect changes made to the file system.

Is "Everything" free?

Yes, "Everything" is Freeware.
Please consider [donating](#).

Does "Everything" contain any malware, spyware or adware?

No, "Everything" does not contain any malware, spyware or adware.

Does "Everything" miss changes made to the file system if it is not running?

No, "Everything" can be closed and restarted without missing changes made to the file system (even across system restarts).
"Everything" updates the database when it is started.

What are the system requirements for "Everything"?

"Everything" will run on Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 10
NTFS indexing requires the Everything service or running "Everything" as administrator.

How do I convert a volume to NTFS?

Please backup anything important before converting a volume to NTFS.
Once a volume is converted to NTFS it can not be converted back to FAT or FAT32.

Please note that some devices may not be able to read NTFS volumes on USB disks / USB drives.

To convert a volume to NTFS:

- From the **Start** menu, click **Run**.
- Type in the following and press **ENTER**:
cmd
- In the command prompt, type in the following and press **ENTER**:
convert D: /fs:ntfs
where D: is the drive to convert.

Can "Everything" index a mapped network drive?

Yes, please see [Folder indexing](#) for more information.

How do I install "Everything"?

Please see A [basic guide to installing "Everything"](#).

How do I use "Everything"?

Please see A [basic guide to using "Everything"](#).

Why is "Everything" 1.4 using more memory than 1.3?

"Everything" 1.4 indexes file sizes and dates and also stores extra information for faster sorting by default.

Please see [Optimizing for smallest memory foot print](#) to disable these changes.

How do I prevent the UAC prompt when running "Everything"?

"Everything" requires administrative privileges for low level read access to NTFS volumes for NTFS indexing.

The UAC prompt can be avoided by running "Everything" as a standard user and installing the "Everything" service or not using NTFS indexing.

To run "Everything" as a standard user and install the "Everything" service:

- In **"Everything"**, from the **Tools** menu, click **Options**.
- Click the **General** tab.
- Check **Everything Service**.
- Uncheck **Run as administrator**.
- Click **OK**.
- Exit "Everything" (right click the Everything system tray icon and click Exit)
- Restart Everything.

Searching

How do I search for a file or folder?

Type the partial file or folder name into the search edit, the results will appear instantly.

How do I use boolean operators?

AND is the default boolean operator.

For example, to search for abc and 123, search for:

abc 123

To search for either of two search terms, add a | between the terms.

For example, to search for .jpg or .bmp, search for:

.jpg | .bmp

To exclude something from the search include a ! at the front of the term.

For example, to search for everything except abc, search for:

!abc

To show the basic search syntax in Everything:

- In **"Everything"**, from the **Help** menu, click **Search syntax**.

How do I use wildcards?

Using a * in your search will match any number of any type of character.

For example, here is how to search for files and folders that start with e and end with g: e*g

Using a ? in your search will match one character.

For example, here is how to search for files that have a 2 letter file extension: *.??

How do I include spaces in my search?

To include spaces in your search enclose your search in double quotes.

For example, here is how to search for foo<space>bar: "foo bar"

How do I search for a file type?

To search for a file type, type the file extension into the search edit,

eg: to search for the mp3 file type, type *.mp3 into the search edit.

To search for more than one type of file type use a | to separate file types,

eg: *.bmp|.jpg will search for files with the extension bmp or jpg.

How do I search for files and folders in a specific location?

To search for files and folders in a specific location include a \ in your search string.

For example, here is how to search for all your mp3s in a downloads folder: downloads*.mp3

You could alternately enable Match Path in the Search menu and include the location in your search string.

For example, here is how to search for all your avis in a downloads folder with Match Path enabled: downloads *.avi

Advanced searching

See Searching Everything for more information.

Troubleshooting

Search doesn't find what I want

Please make sure the following search options are unchecked:

- In Everything, from the Search menu:
- Uncheck Match Case.
- Uncheck Match Whole Word.
- Uncheck Match Path.
- Uncheck Match Diacritics.
- Uncheck Enable Regex.

Please make sure the Everything filter is selected:

- In Everything, from the Search menu:
- Check Everything.

Settings are not saved

Please make sure Store settings and data in %APPDATA%\Everything is enabled.

To enable Store settings and data in %APPDATA%\Everything:

- In Everything, from the Tools menu, click Options.
- Click the General tab.
- Check Store settings and data in %APPDATA%\Everything.
- Click OK.

Duplicated results

NTFS volumes are automatically indexed by "Everything".

Adding a NTFS volume as a folder index will show duplicated results.

Please remove any NTFS volumes from the folder index:

- In Everything, from the Tools menu, click Options.
- Click the Folders tab.
- Select any NTFS volumes and click Remove.
- Click OK.

To check which NTFS volumes are automatically included:

- In Everything, from the Tools menu, click Options.
- Click the NTFS tab.
- NTFS volumes that have Include in database checked are included in the NTFS index.

The result list is empty or contains only drives

Please make sure the "Everything" service is running or "Everything" is running as administrator.

To install the "Everything" service:

- In Everything, from the Tools menu, click Options.
- Click the General tab.
- Check Everything Service:
- Click OK.

-or-

To run Everything as administrator:

- In Everything, from the Tools menu, click Options.
- Click the General tab.
- Check Run as administrator:
- Click OK.

Make sure you have at least one local NTFS volume.

Please see [How do I convert a volume to NTFS](#).

To manually enable all local NTFS volumes for indexing:

- In Everything, from the Tools menu, click Options.
- Click the NTFS tab.
- For each volume in the Local NTFS volumes list:
 - Check Include in database.
 - Check Enable USN Journal logging.
 - Check Monitor changes.
- Click OK.

Force Everything to rebuild its database:

- In Everything, from the Tools menu, click Options.
- Click the Indexes tab.
- Click Force Rebuild.
- Click OK.

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