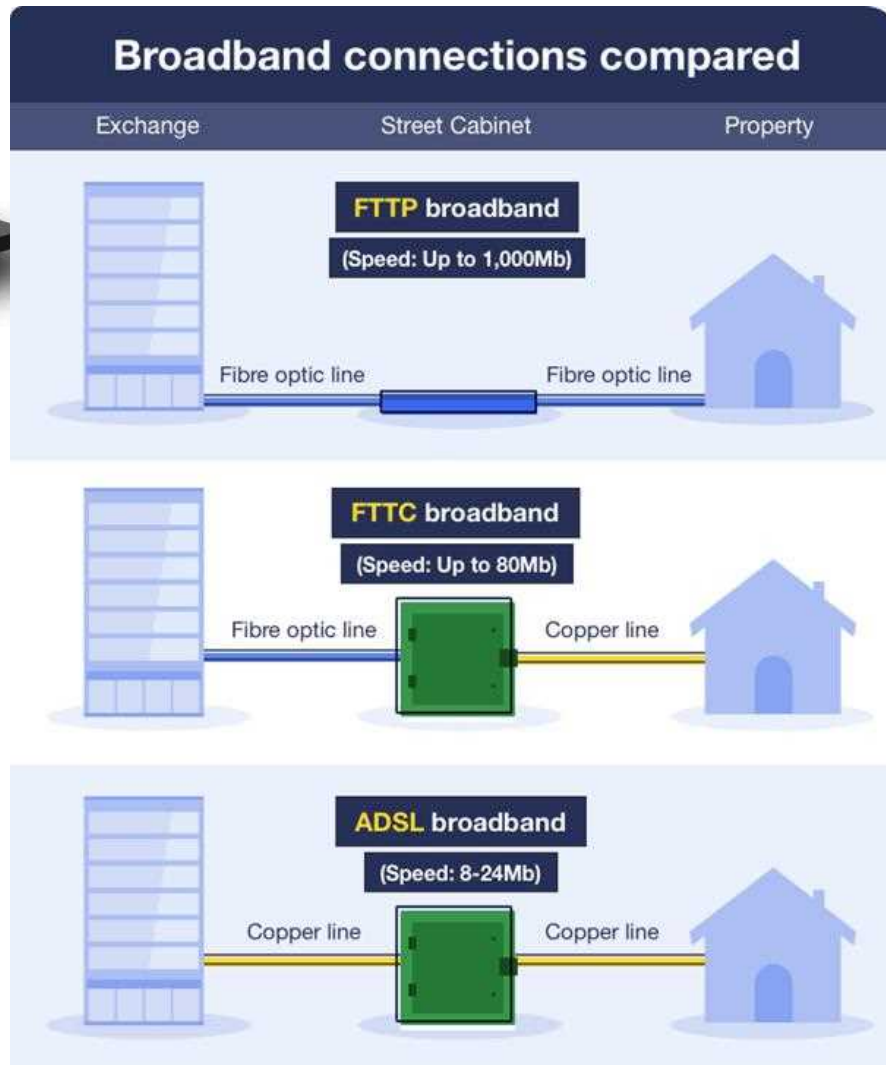
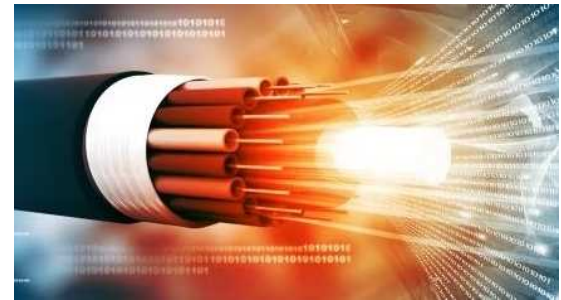


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Fibre Explained



Want a quick Edit of a PDF file – Use Firefox



Firefox®

Firefox is one of the few browsers that lets you edit PDFs as well as view them – providing options to add text, insert images and annotate on a document in different-coloured pens.

Version 121, which was released in December, also makes it easier to delete elements you've added to PDFs, before you save the result.

Simply click an element & a border appears around it to enable editing

Want to change your desktop image



1. You can change your desktop image using the Settings>Personalisation>Background menu, then use a standard image or one of your own or build a Slideshow
2. Or you can use Bing Wallpaper Images or the Microsoft's Bing Wallpaper Tool
3. <https://bing.gifposter.com/uk>
4. <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/bing/bing-wallpaper>

Or use NASA's Stunning Photos

2. <https://www.nasa.gov/image-galleries/>

Want a Shortcut on your Desktop



Windows allows you to create Shortcuts which you can put on the Desktop or in folders.

Right click on a blank area of the Desktop and select New, then Shortcut. Add the location of an executable and a label.

Windows also allows you to create Shortcuts to your Settings Panel items e.g. Printers

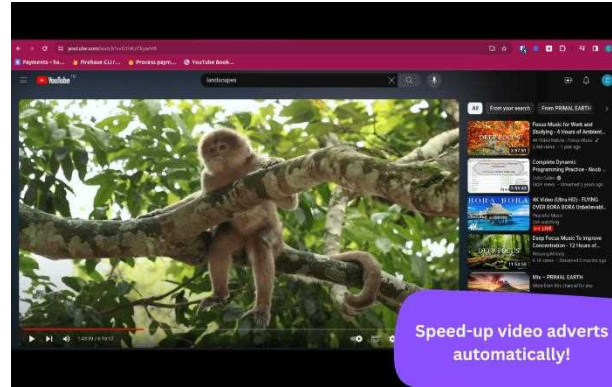
Want a Settings Shortcut on your Desktop



- **ms-settings: URI scheme reference**
- The following sections describe different categories of ms-settings URIs used to open various pages of the Settings app:

- [Accounts](#)
- [Apps](#)
- [Control Center](#)
- [Cortana](#)
- [Devices](#)
- [Ease of access](#)
- [Extras](#)
- [Family Group](#)
- [Gaming](#)
- [Mixed reality](#)
- [Network and internet](#)
- [Personalization](#)
- [Phone](#)
- [Privacy](#)
- [Search](#)
- [Surface Hub](#)
- [System](#)
- [Time and language](#)
- [Update and security](#)
- [User accounts](#)
- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/uwp/launch-resume/launch-settings-app>

Annoying Ads in YouTube



YouTube's war on Ad Blockers has spurred developers to be creative. The latest is an app as an extension that to speed up the Ads (x16 faster) with audio muted to get to the video before you even notice.

- There are a couple but the latest is “Ad Speedup” and is installed as an extension to all the main browsers.

Need to upscale a Photo?



Want to increase the size of your photos and not loose any quality. AI is here to help with a free app called “Upscayl”

- Upscayl anywhere, anytime, any device
- No GPU or hardware required
- Face Enhancement
- 10+ models to choose from
- 5x faster than Upscayl Desktop
- Video Upscaling
- Commercial Usage



Upscayl

Upscayl 2.7.5
AI Image Upscaler

Introducing Upscayl Cloud

Upscayl Settings

☐ Batch Upscayl

Step 1

Select Image

Step 2

Select Upscayling Type

GENERAL PHOTO (...)

☐ Double Upscayl 1

Step 3

Defaults to image's path

Set Output Folder

Step 4

Upscayl from 500x500 to 2000x2000

Upscayl

From Science Fiction to Reality

Supercharging your images with AI



Have a look at their website and Download from here... <https://www.upscayl.org/>

Manage your Email archive & Backup



MailStore Home

This app keeps all your emails safe and sound in a central archive, even if they come from different computers, programs or mailboxes.

You'll be able to browse your entire email communications quickly and simply via the archive.

You can also open archived emails to reply to them or forward them with just a single mouse click, all in your usual email program.

<https://www.mailstore.com/en/products/mailstore-home/>



Quick Search Archive

- My Archive
 - Outlook (IMAP)
 - Outlook Outlook
 - Outlook Personal Folders

 Archive E-mail

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109,683 messages archived
Version 22.4



Administrative Tools

Version 22.4.0.21151 (Build Date 11/11/2022)

Update available 23.4.0.22136 (Build Date 24/11/2023)

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Tell Others About MailStore

Total Size 109,683 messages / 12,185 MB

Location D:\! Mailstore Archive

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Available Disk Space 31.29 GB free of 59.38 GB

 The last execution of one or more archiving profiles has failed.

MailStore Home is free for non-commercial usage.

- ▶ MailStore Home Help
- ▶ MailStore Home Website
- ▶ MailStore Home Support Community
- ▶ MailStore on Facebook
- ▶ MailStore Business Products

Tips, tricks and HowTos

Register
for free

Join the
MailStore Home
Community



Backups



EaseUS



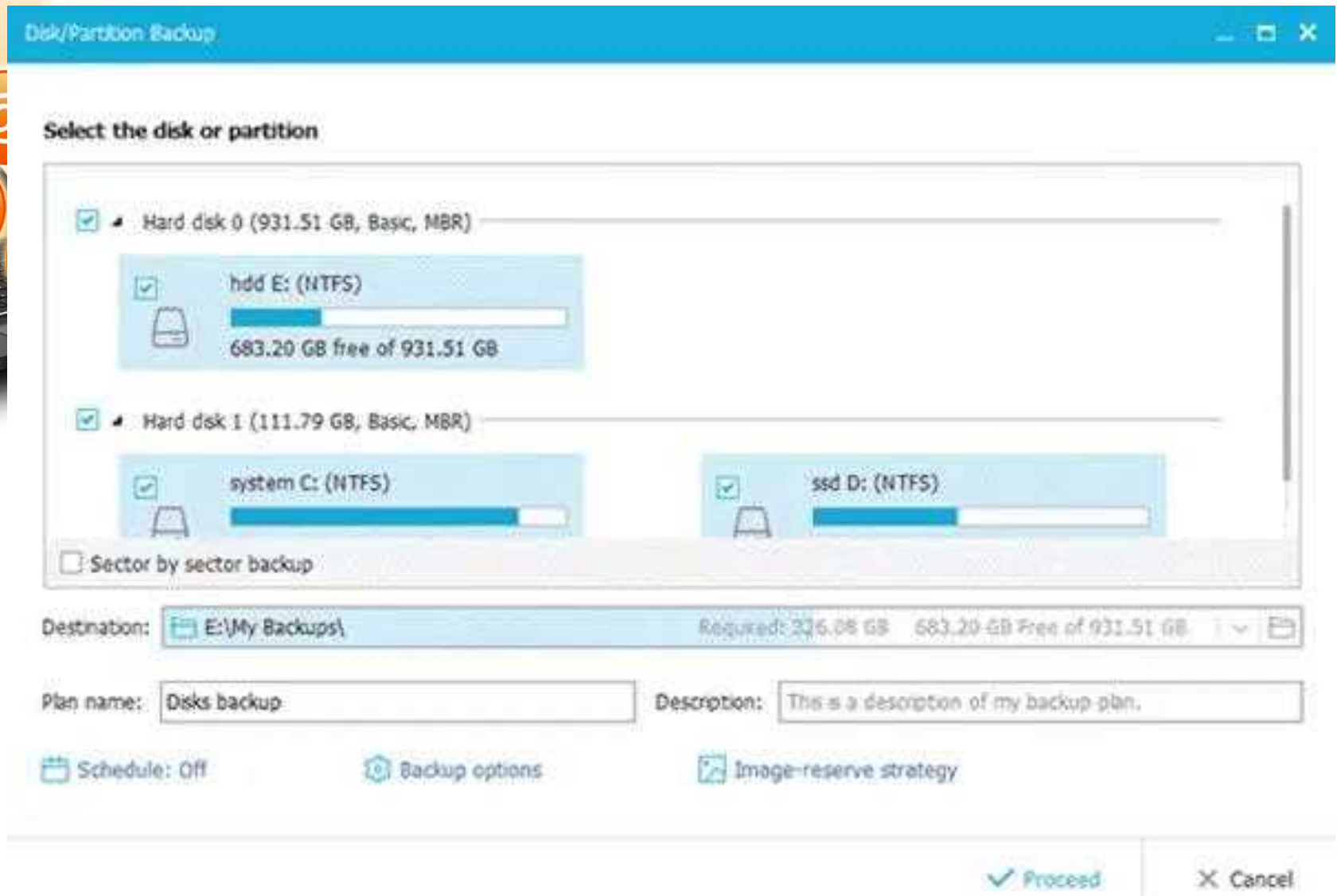
Todo Backup Free

Regularly Backing-up your PC/Laptop is an important task to keep your data safe.

A free Backup application I have suggested in the past as being a good option for basic Backups is EaseUS Todo Backup. It has a simple UI and is still a good option to have a look at.

- Disk/Partition Backup
- File Backup
- System image recovery
- Disaster recovery
- System Backup
- Cloud Backup
- Right-click recovery
- Bootable recovery

Backups



Backups



- IDrive's backup software is free to download, letting you archive files to an external hard drive or SSD at no cost.
- Download the Windows IDrive Full Client version via the Download button.
- Install and launch it, create an account and then plug in your drive and click the button beside 'Backup files to Local, Wi-Fi or Express device' on the Backup screen.
- You can change the settings by clicking the 'Change...' button at the bottom

Backups

The screenshot shows the IDrive application window. On the left is a blue sidebar with navigation options: Backup, Restore, Scheduler, Cloud Drive, Server Backup, and Settings. Below these are sections for 'Clone/Computer Backup', 'Google Workspace', and 'Microsoft 365'. The main area has a search bar and buttons for 'Upgrade' and 'View Logs'. Two radio buttons allow selecting the backup destination: 'Backup files to my IDrive account' (unselected) and 'Backup files to Local, Wi-Fi or Express device' (selected). Below this, a table lists 'Files / folders for local backup' with columns for the file path and size. Two files are listed: 'P:\Art\...' (32.41 GB) and 'P:\Freelance\...' (15.32 GB). A 'Backup location' dropdown is set to 'D:' with a '...' button next to it. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Change ...', 'Backup Now', and 'Schedule'. Red callout boxes with numbers 1 through 4 point to these buttons and the '...' button in the backup location dropdown.

1 Change ...

2 ...

3 Backup Now

4 Schedule

Files / folders for local backup	Size
P:\Art\...	32.41 GB
P:\Freelance\...	15.32 GB

Backup location: D: ... Space used: 0.00 B

Size: 47.73 GB

<https://www.idrive.com/online-backup-download>



AntiVirus

PCMag Uk's Best Antivirus Apps for 2024



Avast

Avast One Essential

Best for Comprehensive Free Security



AVG

AVG AntiVirus Free

Best for Useful Bonuses

Bitdefender

Bitdefender Antivirus Free for Windows

Best for No-Frills Protection



Avira

Avira Free Security

Best for Many Security Components



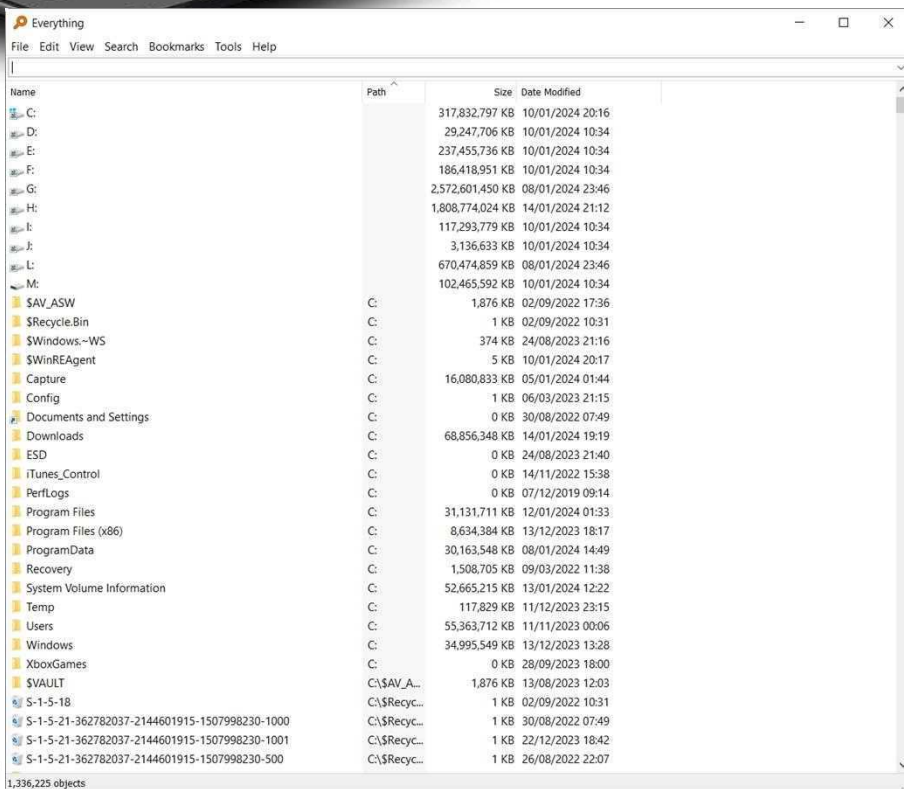
Microsoft Defender Antivirus

Best for Windows Die-Hards

Everything

- **Everything** is a free, lightning-fast file-searching tool for Windows that displays every file and folder on your computer instantly. It simplifies finding files by filename and consumes minimal system resources, making it ideal for user managing large volumes of data or needing quick file access.

<https://everything.en.softonic.com/download>



Free Programmes to Consider



- **FixWin** – Got a windows problem, this will scan and try and fix your Win 10 or 11 problems.
- **uBlock Origin** – Browser Extension as a wide-spectrum content blocker e.g. ads, ackers, coin miners, popups, etc
- **PDFGear** – A free Editor that has an extensive list of features. It does editing and converting. All you'd want.
- **Microsoft's PC Manager** – A new Disk Cleanup tool for win 10 & 11. Provides a "fast and effective way to remove junk files and space hogs.
- **Ucheck** – A tool to check and update all your - compatible- software with bulk selection.
- **Driver Booster 11** – A free driver updater. Automatically scans and updates 6,500,000+ device drivers for a smoother PC.

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