# Ryan's Tech Tips
How to speed up a slow computer: Windows 10

Nobody likes a slow computer! We know how frustrating it can be to try and do a task such as opening an email, only to be met with the dreaded "spinning circle" icon. Here are a couple of helpful tips you can try at home that could give your computer a boost in speed!

CHECK HARD DRIVE STORAGE + CLEANUP

Your computer may start to run slow if your hard drive is getting full. To check how much storage you have left:

1. Left click the "Explorer" yellow folder icon on your bottom taskbar
2. In this new window, find your computer name on the left hand side and left click – this may be called "My-PC" "This-PC" or something similar if not custom named. It should have a little monitor and keyboard icon.
3. Check how much free space you have left on your main drive - usually under C:, the higher the blue bar, the more storage is being used!
4. If you would like to run a disk cleanup, right click this drive then select "properties". You will find the disk cleanup option in here under the "general" tab.
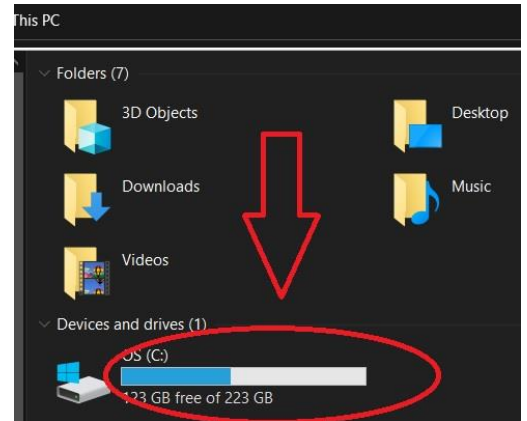
DELETE OLD APPS AND PROGRAMS

Following on from above, a great way of freeing up space on your hard drive is to uninstall/delete old programs and applications that you don't need or use. To do this:

Example application
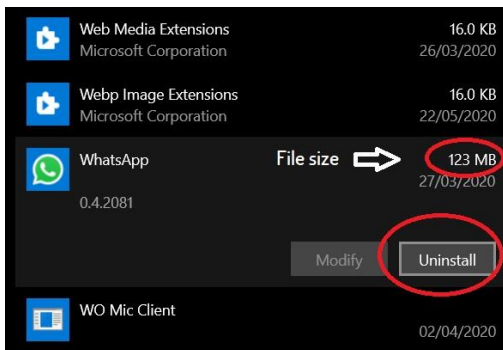
1. Right click on the "Windows flag" icon at the very bottom left of your screen
2. Left click the "Apps and Features" text – This will open up a list of everything you currently have installed on your computer in alphabetical order. Next to each app will have the file size so you can see from a glance how much space each one is taking up!
3. Find the app/apps you want to uninstall – then left click on its name and press the "uninstall" button

RUNNING AN ANTI-VIRUS SCAN

If your PC has become infect with viruses it can tend to slow down it's overall performance and cause issues. If you have one already installed it is recommended you run a scan at least once per week and ensure it is up to date. If you don't have one, a good program I recommend is Malwarebytes which you can download a free version of from their website: **www.malwarebytes.com**

Look out for more tips coming soon such as: Task Manager, Start-Up programs, checking your internet connection strength and more!

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