

FREE UP RAM IF THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TO GO AROUND

The easiest way to free up RAM that's in current use is to open **Task Manager** (Winkey + X, then T). Navigate to the **Processes tab** and then sort the list of open programs by *memory*. This will reveal any process that's consuming an unusually large volume of RAM.

You can see even more information by going to the **Performance tab**, opening **Resource Monitor**, and then navigating to its **Memory tab**. In this view, you'll see the information found in Windows Task Manager and a graph that breaks down how your system is currently allocating RAM.

Don't be alarmed if you see some significant RAM allocation. You *should*, if you're running Windows 10. Memory management in Windows 10 is more aggressive, which means the OS eagerly retains data in memory that may be useful in the future. You should only be concerned if Resource Monitor (see small tab near the bottom of the chart) consistently shows more than three-quarters of your RAM as "In Use," as that's an indication there's not enough to go around.