

Your Computer is Running Slow: Use ReadyBoost

If Windows is installed on a solid state drive (SSD), ReadyBoost can't be used because the SSD drive is already fast and you won't get better performance by using ReadyBoost.

Like earlier versions of Windows, Windows 10 has ReadyBoost. ReadyBoost lets you use a removable drive, like a USB flash drive, to improve your computer's performance without opening your computer and adding more memory (RAM).

To use ReadyBoost, you'll need a USB flash drive or a memory card that has at least 500 MB free and a high data transfer rate.

To use ReadyBoost:

1. Insert the USB flash drive into a USB port on your computer.
2. On the taskbar, select File Explorer (or press Windows key + E).
3. Right-click on the USB flash drive (or SD card if you used one instead), then select Properties.
4. Select the ReadyBoost tab, then select Use this device. Windows determines if the device can use ReadyBoost. If it can't, a message appears to let you know.
5. After Windows determines how much free space to use to optimize memory, select OK to reserve this space, so ReadyBoost can use it.

When you look at the contents of the USB flash drive in File Explorer, you'll see a file named *ReadyBoost.sfcache* on the flash drive. This file shows how much space is reserved for ReadyBoost.