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O&O DiskCommander 5

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Welcome to O&O DiskCommander

O&O DiskCommander (formerly O&O DiskStat) is a comprehensive disk space analysis and management tool designed for Windows 10 and Windows 11. This professional-grade application helps you efficiently monitor, analyze, and manage disk space across your systems, making it an essential tool for both home users and IT professionals.

Key Features for Windows Users

Intuitive Disk Space Analysis

Quickly identify which files and folders are consuming space on your drives. O&O DiskCommander provides detailed insights into your storage usage, helping you optimize and reclaim valuable disk space.

Easy Cleanup Tools

Remove unnecessary files and manage disk content effortlessly with integrated file operations and management capabilities.

Real-Time Monitoring

Keep an eye on changes in disk usage to avoid unexpected space shortages. The application provides live statistics during analysis and supports incremental updates.

Visual File Structure Representation

Understand your storage layout at a glance with multiple visualization options: - Tree map visualization for hierarchical space usage - Pie charts for drive overview - Multiple view modes (Details, Tiles, Icons) similar to Windows Explorer

Multi-Drive Support

Manage multiple drives with ease from a single interface. O&O DiskCommander supports: - Local drives (HDD, SSD) - Network drives - Virtual disk formats (VHD, VHDX) - O&O DiskImage files

Export and Reporting

Generate reports for documentation or further analysis in various formats including CSV and text files.

Who Should Use O&O DiskCommander?

Home Users: - Find and remove large files consuming disk space - Identify and eliminate duplicate files - Visualize disk usage patterns - Track storage changes over time

IT Professionals: - Analyze disk usage across multiple systems - Perform historical tracking and auditing - Generate professional reports - Automate disk space management tasks

Small Businesses: - Optimize storage on business servers - Track disk usage trends - Identify storage waste - Reduce costs through efficient space usage

System Requirements

- **Operating System:** Windows 10 or Windows 11
 - **Framework:** .NET 8 Runtime (included with installation)
 - **Processor:** Modern x86/x64 processor
 - **Memory:** 2 GB RAM minimum, 4 GB recommended
 - **Disk Space:** 100 MB for installation
 - **Display:** 1280×720 minimum resolution
 - **Permissions:** Standard user permissions (administrator rights are not required for most operations)
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Installation

System Preparation

Before installing O&O DiskCommander, ensure your system meets the minimum requirements listed above. Close any applications that might interfere with the installation process.

Installation Steps

1. **Download the Installer**
 - Download the latest version of O&O DiskCommander from the official O&O Software website
 - Verify the digital signature to ensure authenticity
2. **Run the Installer**
 - Double-click the downloaded installer file (OODiskStat.exe or setup.exe)
 - If prompted by User Account Control (UAC), click **Yes** to allow the installation
3. **Follow the Installation Wizard**
 - Choose your preferred language (English, German, or French)
 - Read and accept the license agreement
 - Select the installation directory (default: C:\Program Files\OO Software\OO DiskCommander)
 - Choose additional options:
 - Desktop shortcut
 - Start menu entry
 - Shell context menu integration
4. **Complete Installation**
 - Click **Install** to begin the installation process
 - Wait for the installation to complete
 - Click **Finish** to exit the installer

First Launch

When you launch O&O DiskCommander for the first time:

1. **Welcome Screen**
 - You'll be greeted with a welcome screen introducing key features
 - You can choose to show or hide this screen on future launches
2. **License Activation** (if applicable)
 - Enter your license key if you have purchased the Professional Edition
 - Click **Activate** to validate your license
 - The Free Edition launches without requiring a license key
3. **Initial Configuration**
 - Choose your preferred settings:
 - Interface language
 - Default analysis options
 - Thumbnail preview preferences
 - Update check settings

Updates

O&O DiskCommander can check for updates automatically:

- **Automatic Updates:** Enable in Settings to receive notifications about new versions
- **Manual Updates:** Check for updates via **Help > Check for Updates**
- **Update Installation:** Download and run the latest installer to upgrade

Uninstallation

To remove O&O DiskCommander from your system:

1. Open **Windows Settings > Apps > Installed Apps**
 2. Find **O&O DiskCommander** in the list
 3. Click the three-dot menu and select **Uninstall**
 4. Follow the uninstallation wizard prompts
 5. Choose whether to remove user settings and data
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Quick Start Guide

Understanding the Interface

When you first open O&O DiskCommander, you'll see the main window divided into several key areas:

Main Navigation Panel (left)

- **Drives Tree View:** Shows all available drives and their folder structure
- **Quick Actions:** Common operations like Analyze, Stop, and Refresh
- **Drive Information:** Quick overview of selected drive status

Main Content Area (center/right)

- **Analysis Results:** Displays files, folders, and statistics
- **View Tabs:** Switch between different analysis views
- **Toolbar:** Quick access to common functions

Status Bar (bottom)

- **Progress Indicator:** Shows current operation status
- **Statistics:** Quick stats like file count, total size
- **Analysis Queue:** Indicates queued analysis operations

Your First Analysis

Follow these steps to perform your first disk analysis:

Step 1: Select a Drive 1. In the left navigation panel, you'll see a list of all available drives 2. Click on the drive you want to analyze (e.g., C:, D:, etc.) 3. The drive information panel will update to show basic drive details

Step 2: Start the Analysis 1. Click **Analyze** in the toolbar (or press **F5**) 2. The analysis will begin immediately 3. A progress indicator shows: - Folders scanned - Files processed - Current file being analyzed - Estimated time remaining

Step 3: View Results As the analysis progresses, results appear in real time:

1. **File List View:** Largest files become visible immediately
2. **Folder View:** Identify which folders consume the most space
3. **Statistics:** File type distribution and category breakdowns
4. **Tree Map:** Visual representation of space usage (available after analysis completes)

Step 4: Take Action Once you've identified files or folders to manage:

1. **Right-click** any file or folder to access options:
 - Open in Windows Explorer
 - Open file with default application
 - Copy path to clipboard
 - Delete (move to Recycle Bin)
 - Properties
2. Use the **View** menu to change how data is displayed:
 - Details view for comprehensive information
 - Tiles view for visual browsing

- Icons view with thumbnail previews (for images)

Navigating Analysis Results

Switching Between Views

O&O DiskCommander offers multiple specialized views, accessible via tabs:

- **Largest Files:** Sorted list of the biggest files on the drive
- **Largest Folders:** Folders consuming the most space
- **File Types:** Group files by extension (e.g., .docx, .mp4, .jpg)
- **File Categories:** Organize by content type (Documents, Images, Videos, etc.)
- **Used Space:** Detailed breakdown of space allocation
- **Disk Statistics:** Comprehensive metrics and charts
- **Tree Map:** Interactive hierarchical visualization
- **Duplicates:** Find and manage duplicate files

Sorting and Filtering - Click column headers to sort by that criterion (size, name, date, etc.) - Click again to reverse the sort order - Right-click column headers to choose which columns to display - Use the search box to filter results by name or path

Common Tasks

Finding Large Files 1. After analysis, go to the **Largest Files** tab 2. The list is automatically sorted by size (largest first) 3. Review files and identify candidates for deletion or archival

Identifying Space-Consuming Folders 1. Go to the **Largest Folders** tab 2. Expand folders to see their contents 3. Use the tree view to drill down into subfolder structures

Analyzing File Types 1. Open the **File Types** tab 2. See which file extensions are using the most space 3. Click a file type to see all files of that type

Viewing Visual Representation 1. Switch to the **Tree Map** tab 2. Each rectangle represents a file or folder 3. Rectangle size = amount of space used 4. Hover over rectangles to see details 5. Click to navigate into folders