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O&O SpeedCheck Documentation

Review performance findings, inspect recommendations and choose the changes that suit your Windows PC.

This English user guide explains how to get started, use the main features and interpret the results. Choose a chapter from the sidebar, or follow one of the links below.

- [First Steps](#): complete your first session.
- [Feature Overview](#): find the right workflow.
- [System Requirements](#): check access and prerequisites.
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#): resolve common questions.
- [Support](#): prepare a support request.

Menu names and buttons in this manual use their English labels. If your application uses another language, the controls remain in the corresponding places.

Feature Overview

Review performance findings, inspect recommendations and choose the changes that suit your Windows PC.

Feature	Learn how to use it
Understanding Results	Read the guide
Performance Checks	Read the guide
Actions and Windows Settings	Read the guide
Update Checks and Reports	Read the guide

Start with First Steps for a complete first session. See System requirements for access and operating requirements.

The chapters describe the controls available in the current application. A feature may be unavailable when its required Windows service, device information or permissions are missing.

System Requirements

Windows and the application package

Use the Windows application package supplied for your computer by O&O Software or by the O&O product that includes this tool. The current application targets Windows 10 and Windows 11. Individual features depend on the operating-system version, services, permissions and hardware available.

The application requires administrator rights at startup. Individual checks depend on the Windows version and available services. Online update queries need network access; application-update queries need winget.

Before starting

Keep the application in a writable, stable location when using a portable distribution. Use the complete O&O-supplied package for your architecture; copying one file out of a development build may omit required runtime components.

A browser is sufficient to read this online manual. The manual itself does not install the Windows application. Network access is needed to open online help and support pages or check for application updates.

First Steps

1. Start **OOSpeedCheck.exe** and approve the Windows administrator prompt.
2. Allow the initial checks to finish. Use **Refresh** for a new snapshot later.
3. Review the **Performance index** and the findings below it. Start with recommendations that have a higher **Impact**.
4. Open a finding's details to read its explanation and suggested action.
5. Run an action only after reading what it changes. Some actions open a Windows settings page; others ask you to confirm a change.
6. Refresh after making changes to see the new findings.
7. Use **Copy findings** or **Export findings...** if you want to keep a record or request help.

Some update checks are started on demand rather than during every refresh. A finding that has not been checked is not the same as a finding reporting no pending updates.

The index helps prioritize investigation. It does not measure how quickly every application will run. See [Understanding results](#).

Understanding Results

The **Performance index** summarizes the check results on a scale whose optimal value is **10.0**. Recommendations and warnings lower the score according to their estimated performance impact.

Read a finding

Field	Meaning
Check	The area being examined.
Finding and Value	The observed state and any measurement available.
Impact	Estimated importance for system performance, from no influence to five points.
Recommendation	How the result is classified for follow-up.
Action	The available next step, if one is provided.

Use **Group by recommendation** to organize the list into **Recommended**, **Optional** and **Completed**. Turn grouping off for a flat list with a sortable Recommendation column. Open details to understand a finding before acting on it.

Compare like with like

Memory, CPU and process findings reflect current activity. Running a game, backup or update can change the result. Close unrelated workloads if you want to compare two sessions under similar conditions.

The index is a weighted diagnostic summary, not a hardware benchmark or a guarantee of a specific speed gain. An unavailable measurement, a compatibility limitation and a measured problem require different responses.

Performance Checks

SpeedCheck brings together measurements and Windows settings that can affect responsiveness.

Essential checks

- **System drive type:** identifies whether Windows is on SSD or HDD storage.
- **Free disk space:** assesses available space on volumes; the check uses a 20% or 50 GB free-space threshold.
- **Available memory:** looks for at least 20% available RAM in the current snapshot.
- **Startup programs:** counts startup entries, including disabled ones, and can open Task Manager for review.
- **Windows patch status:** examines the installed Windows state; checking for pending updates is available on demand.

System and resources

The tool examines the power plan, busy processes, memory-slot information, uptime, pending restart indications and Fast Startup. Process information is a snapshot: review an unfamiliar process before deciding what to do in Windows.

Boot measurements come from Windows' Diagnostics-Performance event log. If no suitable events are available, a boot time cannot be inferred from that absence.

Storage and Windows options

Additional checks cover TRIM, the drive-optimization schedule, temporary files, Storage Sense, visual effects, graphics options, core isolation, search indexing and background applications. Many are informational and lead to the relevant Windows settings page.

The temporary-files finding measures candidates; SpeedCheck does not clean them itself. Likewise, an app-update finding does not mean SpeedCheck has installed those updates.

Actions and Windows Settings

Most checks read settings or measurements. A button may open Windows settings, run an additional query, or offer an explicit change. Read the detail text before choosing it.

Power plan

The performance action can change the Windows power configuration to favor performance. On a portable PC, consider the effect on battery use, fan noise and heat. Review the resulting plan in Windows if you want to select a different balance later.

Visual effects

The performance option reduces visual effects while retaining font smoothing and thumbnails. The confirmation explains the change. Use Windows' visual-effects settings if you later want to restore or customize the appearance.

Restart

The restart action performs a Windows restart. Save open work first. Refreshing SpeedCheck is different from restarting Windows and does not satisfy a pending-restart requirement.

Low Latency Profile

SpeedCheck checks Windows build and feature state and observes CPU clock behavior. Activation and reversion of its Low Latency Profile switches are expert actions guarded by a confirmation. Their applicability depends on the detected Windows version and state.

Do not treat a profile suggestion as a guaranteed speed improvement. Read the details, use the offered revert action if you need to reverse the change, and compare results under similar workloads. A brief clock observation alone is not a full performance benchmark.

Informational links

Options such as graphics settings, core isolation and indexing open Windows controls for your review. SpeedCheck does not automatically disable security features or stop processes when it runs its checks.

Update Checks and Reports

Windows and application updates

Pending Windows updates are queried on demand through Windows Update. Pending application updates are queried on demand through **winget**. These checks can take longer than local measurements and may need network access and a working update source.

If winget is unavailable or a query fails, read the finding as an unavailable check, not as proof that every app is current. Use Windows Update or your application's update mechanism to install updates, then refresh the findings.

Updating Windows or another application is separate from updating SpeedCheck itself. See Settings and updates.

Copy findings

Choose **Copy findings** to place a text report on the clipboard. Paste it into your own notes or a support request. Review it before sharing because reports can include machine and process details.

Export findings

Choose **Export findings...**, select a location and save the HTML report. Open that file in a browser to read or print it. Export preserves the current findings; it does not run a fresh check first.

If saving fails, choose a writable folder and check available disk space. Use the application version and the date of the check when comparing reports.

Settings and Updates

Choose **Settings** in the toolbar.

Language and appearance

The General settings let you choose a language and display mode. Light and dark modes control the application's appearance; a system-based choice follows Windows. A changed language can require an application restart; follow the message in the dialog and finish active work first.

When this tool runs as part of an O&O product, it can offer an option to follow that product's language and appearance.

Application updates

The **Updates** page controls automatic update checks and shows the last check and its result. Use **Check now** to check manually. A newer version is announced in the main window's status bar; choosing it asks before downloading and applying an update.

The normal automatic check runs at most once per day when the application starts. An available update is not downloaded merely because a background check found it. The update process validates the downloaded application and restarts the tool to replace it.

Finish active work before updating. If the package cannot replace itself, the update action opens the download page instead. Checks are suppressed in a Windows recovery environment.

An application update changes the tool itself. It is separate from the Windows or file-system operations described in the feature chapters.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the Performance index a benchmark score?

It is a weighted summary of the diagnostic checks. It is not a measurement of application throughput or a promised percentage speed improvement.

Does Refresh change Windows settings?

Refresh reruns checks. Changes such as the power plan, visual effects, Low Latency Profile switches and a restart require their own actions.

Why are update results missing?

Some update queries run only on demand. They also depend on Windows Update or winget and their network sources. An unavailable query does not mean there are no updates.

Can SpeedCheck remove temporary files or startup programs?

It reports relevant findings and offers links to management tools. Cleanup and startup-entry management are performed in those tools.

Why does the score change between runs?

Free memory and process load change during normal use. Updates, settings and disk-space changes also affect findings. Compare reports collected under similar conditions.

Can I send the results to support?

Use **Copy findings** for text or **Export findings...** for an HTML report. Review the content for private information before sending it.

Support and More from O&O

Get help

Press **F1** or use the help button to open online help for the current window.

For assistance, visit O&O Software Support. Include:

- The O&O SpeedCheck version and your Windows version.
- The steps that led to the problem.
- The exact message and any error code.
- Relevant findings or log excerpts, if available.

Review reports and logs before sharing them: they can include file paths, process names or other machine details.

Product information

See the O&O product catalog for downloads, product descriptions and licensing information for the package you use. If this tool was supplied with another O&O product, include that product's name and version in your support request.

O&O Software also offers tools for backup, recovery, storage optimization and Windows administration. Choose a tool according to the task you need to perform; reading this manual does not install or activate another product.