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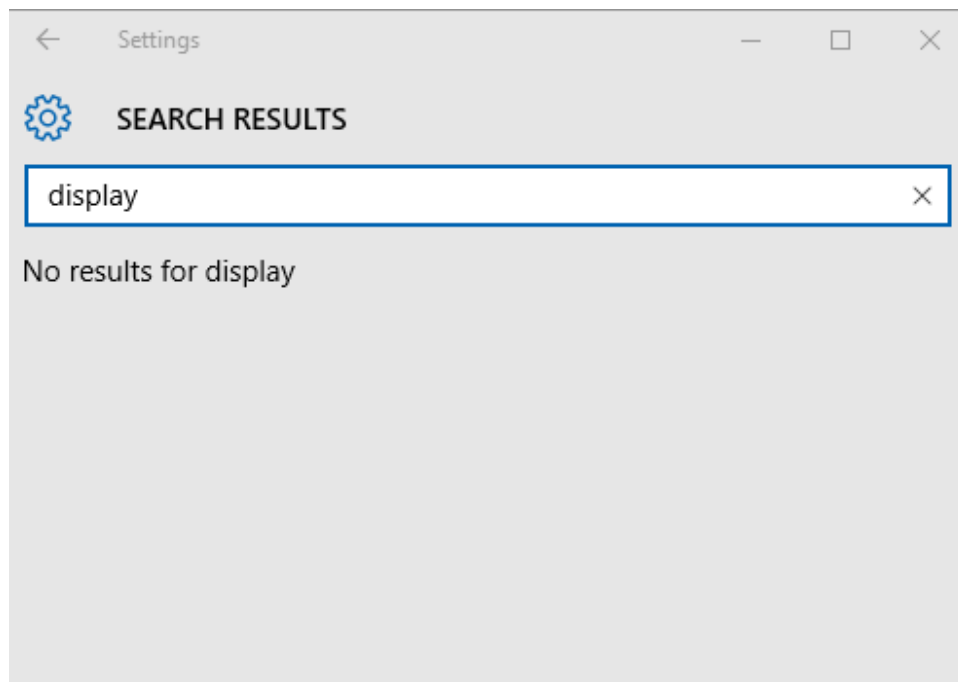
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## Fix search does not work in PC Settings app in Windows 10

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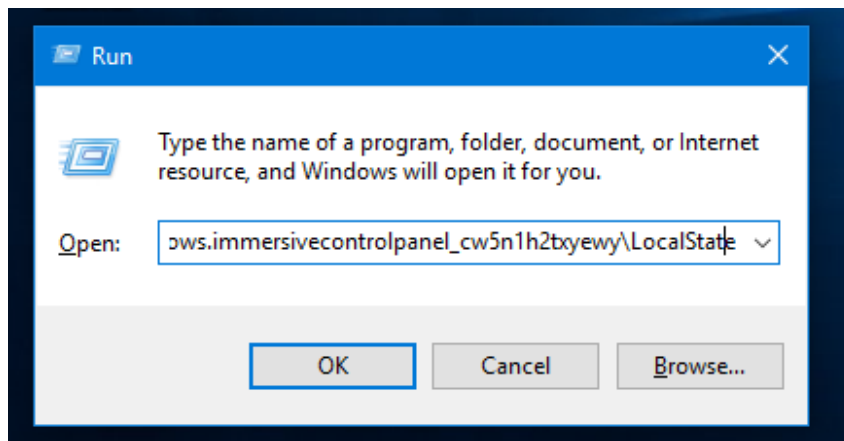
Several Windows 10 users face this unexpected behavior of Windows 10 which is that when searching in the Start Menu or in the Settings app, the search returns no results. If you face this issue, follow the instructions below to fix it.



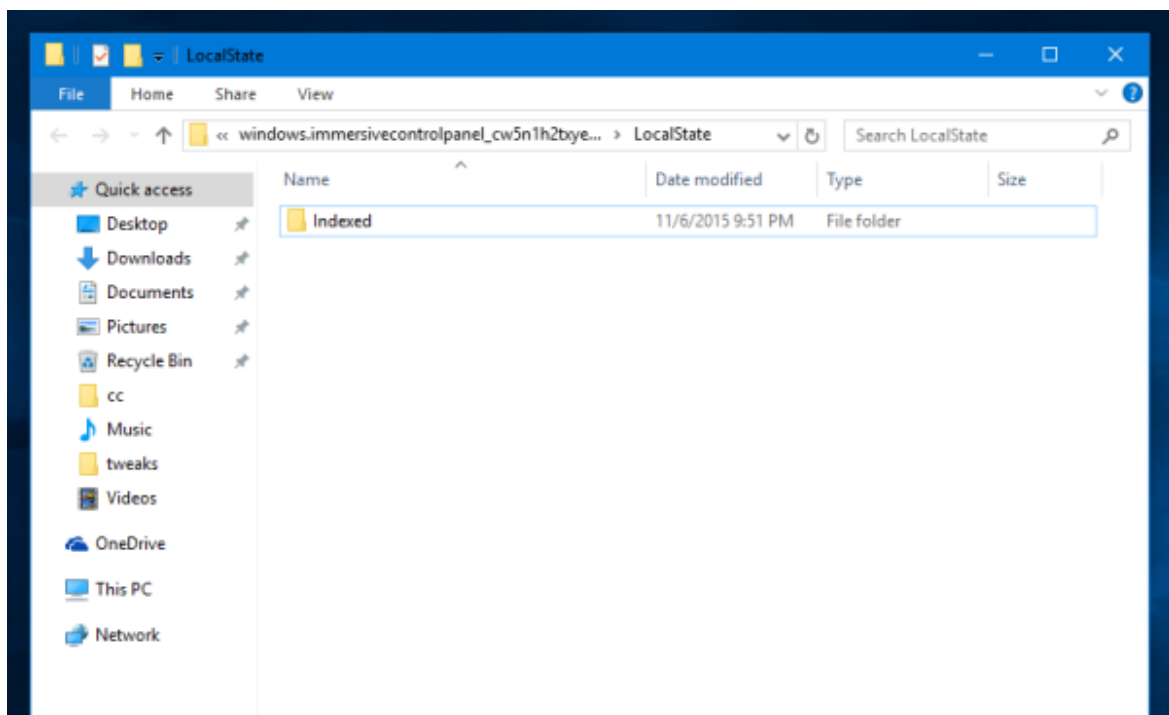
To fix search in the Settings app and Start Menu in Windows 10, you need to do the following:

1. Press **Win** + **R** shortcut keys together on the keyboard to open the Run dialog.  
Tip: see [Shortcuts with Windows \(Win\) key every Windows 10 user should know](#).
2. Paste the following text into the Run box and press Enter:

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%LocalAppData%\Packages\windows.immersivecontrolpanel_cw5n1h2txyewy\LocalState
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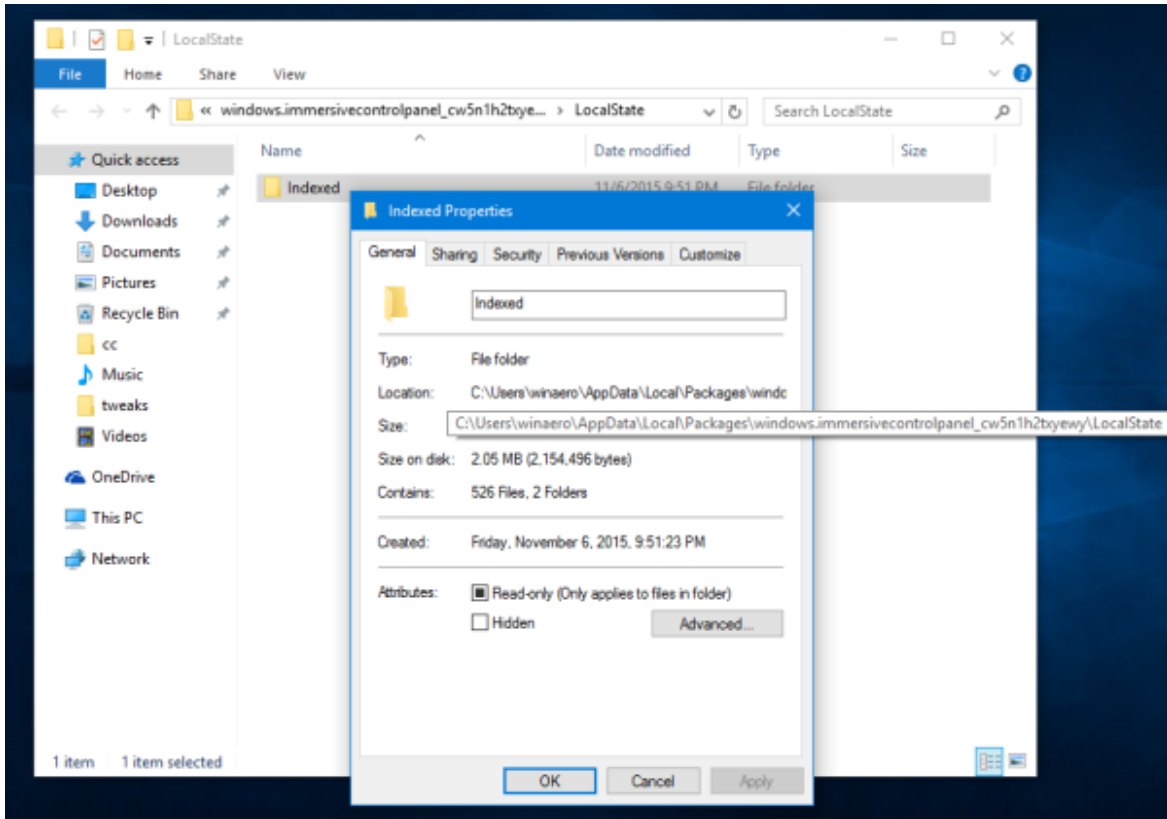


3. A new Explorer window will be opened. You will see the *Indexed* folder.

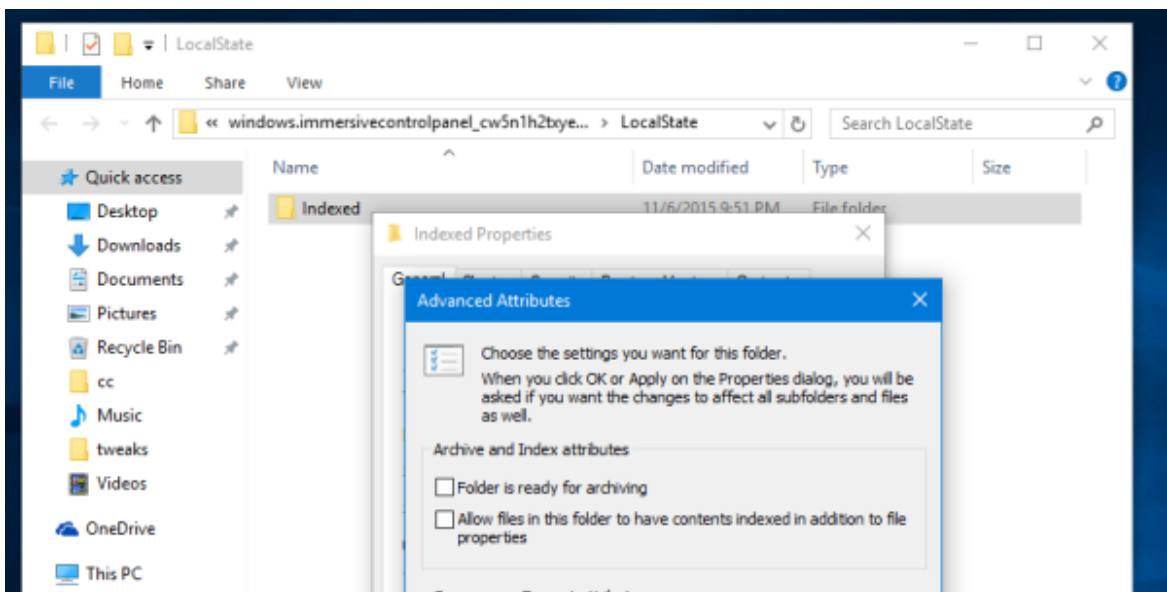


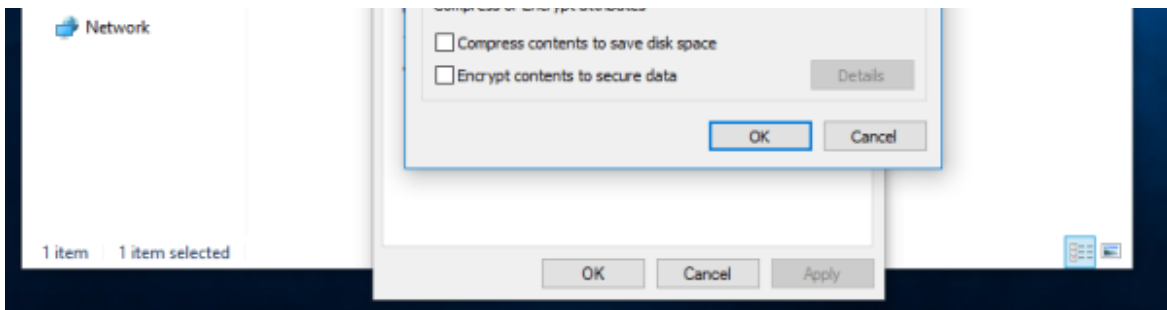


4. Right click it and open its Properties.

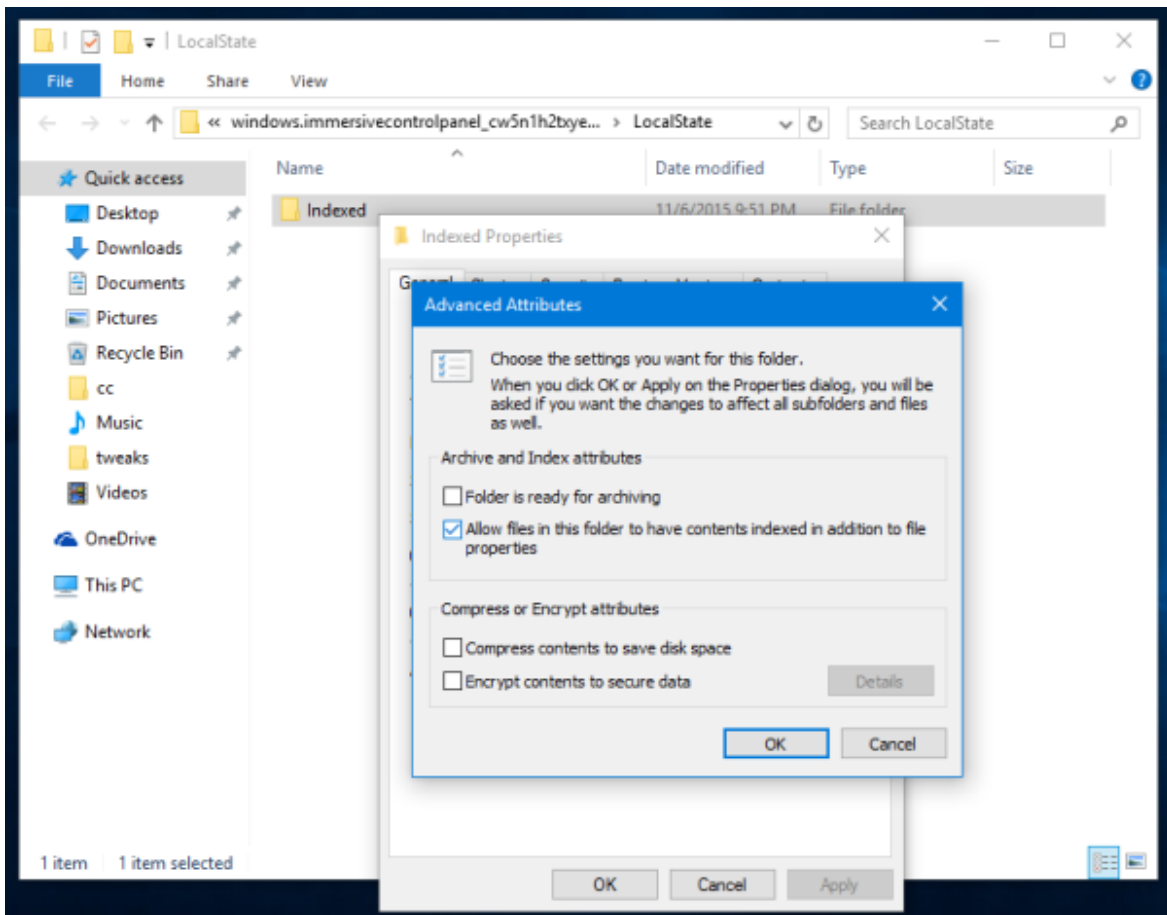


5. In Properties, click the Advanced button on the General tab. The following dialog will appear:





6. There, tick the option named "Allow files in this folder to have contents indexed in addition to file properties" as shown below:



If it is already checked, uncheck it, click Apply and check it again and click Apply again. Finally, click OK and close all dialog windows.

You are done. Wait for a few minutes until the indexing service checks all the files in the folder. After that, the search in the Settings app and in the Start Menu should start working again.

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## 21 thoughts on “Fix search does not work in PC Settings app in Windows 10”

Terry Jones

January 25, 2016 at 9:43 am

Thanks. So simple a solution to a frustrating problem. Worked in seconds.



Well-loved. Like or Dislike:  8  0

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barbara

March 10, 2016 at 6:40 pm

Thanks for solving a very frustrating problem with a simple solution...I would never have found the solution on my own

Well-loved. Like or Dislike:  5  0

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Gabriel

April 7, 2016 at 4:01 pm

Straight forward and easy to follow, will be recommending this page...thanks

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quirt

April 9, 2016 at 5:05 am

thanks SO much! i've been hating on this issue for a LONG time now

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**Sergey Tkachenko** Post author

April 9, 2016 at 10:27 am

you are welcome

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me

April 11, 2016 at 12:26 pm

This actually worked. Also, even though I have windows 10, the search gui looked quite a bit different. This made me worried that I had a slightly different problem. Nevertheless, the steps still were relevant. Must've been a different system version. Thanks!

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**Sergey Tkachenko** Post author

April 11, 2016 at 12:58 pm

you are welcome.

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**James Alward**

April 11, 2016 at 9:19 pm

Really want to try this fix for myself but for some reason I don't have the Indexed folder in that location. The folder where the Indexed folder should be is entirely empty. I have the latest insider preview installed (14316) from a clean install. I am going to maybe try to just create the folder and see what happens.

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**Sue Smith**

April 23, 2016 at 9:39 pm

Worked like a charm. Thanks a lot :)

Like or Dislike:  0  0

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**Sergey Tkachenko** Post author

April 24, 2016 at 4:35 pm

You are welcome.

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ChengHong

May 4, 2016 at 6:55 pm

Can't search for Windows Update. Any idea how to fix it.

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Anatol

May 26, 2016 at 11:58 am

i have the same Problem. Anybody has an idea to fix?

thanks

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Frank

May 24, 2016 at 6:06 pm

Thanks! Finds a lot now, but no content from the "settings" application.

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Curmudgeon

June 1, 2016 at 7:01 am

My major malfunction of the ever-buggy Windows OS is the search never ends while never finding anything.

Previously, you would see the list of search results popping up as the green progress bar moves from zero to done. For months, the green bar stops moving when it gets a bit into the "refresh" box. No results appear. Leaving it overnight makes no difference.

Tried the fix, the folder was already allowed for indexing so I UN-checked it and applied and then re-checked the indexing option. Restarted. No change.



Is there a more advanced option before I just download someone's archived version of the last Google Desktop? I continued to use Google Desktop on to my Windows 7 machine, and found that it OFTEN found things that Windows Search did not.

Thanks!

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Bob

June 1, 2016 at 9:53 pm

For file-name only fast searches, use "Everything Search" by voidtools. For searching inside files, use "FileLocator Lite".

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Christian

July 1, 2016 at 4:34 pm

Thank you for this. I searched for a long time and finally found your description and it is working fine!!!

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**Sergey Tkachenko** Post author

July 1, 2016 at 4:37 pm

you are welcome

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Wolfgang Pfeiffer

July 3, 2016 at 3:23 am

Thanks a lot – it seems it even worked here, on windows 8.1 ... :)

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Daniel

July 5, 2016 at 9:05 pm

Thankyou thankyou thankyou!!! This drove me nuts for weeks now and somehow I never came across this solution, before now. NOW I can finally leave office and go home :-) Really important for my part was the “if checked already, uncheck – apply – check again – apply” bit of information. That indeed fixed it.

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Kyle

July 18, 2016 at 10:03 pm

I’m one step away from trying this fix for my computer, but I was prompted with one more window.

This next window asks “Do you want to apply this change to this folder only, or do you want to apply it to all sub-folders and files as well?”

Which should I pick, and a quick reasoning why would be insightful!

Thanks



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**Sergey Tkachenko** Post author

July 19, 2016 at 12:26 am

Pick “apply to all sub-folder and files”.

Like or Dislike:  1  0

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