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Windows 11 Help on 'CHKDSK' command

C:\>HELP CHKDSK

Checks a disk and displays a status report.

CHKDSK [volume[[path]filename]]] [/F] [/V] [/R] [/X] [/I] [/C] [/L[:size]] [/B] [/scan] [/spotfix]

volume Specifies the drive letter (followed by a colon),

mount point, or volume name.

filename FAT/FAT32 only: Specifies the files to check for

fragmentation.

/F Fixes errors on the disk.

/V On FAT/FAT32: Displays the full path and name of every

file on the disk.

On NTFS: Displays cleanup messages if any.

/R Locates bad sectors and recovers readable information

(implies /F, when /scan not specified).

/L:size NTFS only: Changes the log file size to the specified

number of kilobytes. If size is not specified, displays

current size.

/X Forces the volume to dismount first if necessary.

All opened handles to the volume would then be invalid

(implies /F).

/I NTFS only: Performs a less vigorous check of index

entries.

/C NTFS only: Skips checking of cycles within the folder

structure.

/B NTFS only: Re-evaluates bad clusters on the volume

(implies /R)

/scan NTFS only: Runs an online scan on the volume

/forceofflinefix NTFS only: (Must be used with "/scan")

Bypass all online repair; all defects found

are queued for offline repair (i.e. "chkdsk /spotfix").

/perf NTFS only: (Must be used with "/scan")

Uses more system resources to complete a scan as fast as

possible. This may have a negative performance impact on

other tasks running on the system.

/spotfix NTFS only: Runs spot fixing on the volume

/sdcleanup NTFS only: Garbage collect unneeded security descriptor

data (implies /F).

/offlinescanandfix Runs an offline scan and fix on the volume.

/freeorphanedchains FAT/FAT32/exFAT only: Frees any orphaned cluster chains

instead of recovering their contents.

/markclean FAT/FAT32/exFAT only: Marks the volume clean if no

corruption was detected, even if /F was not specified.

The /I or /C switch reduces the amount of time required to run Chkdsk by skipping certain checks of the volume.