

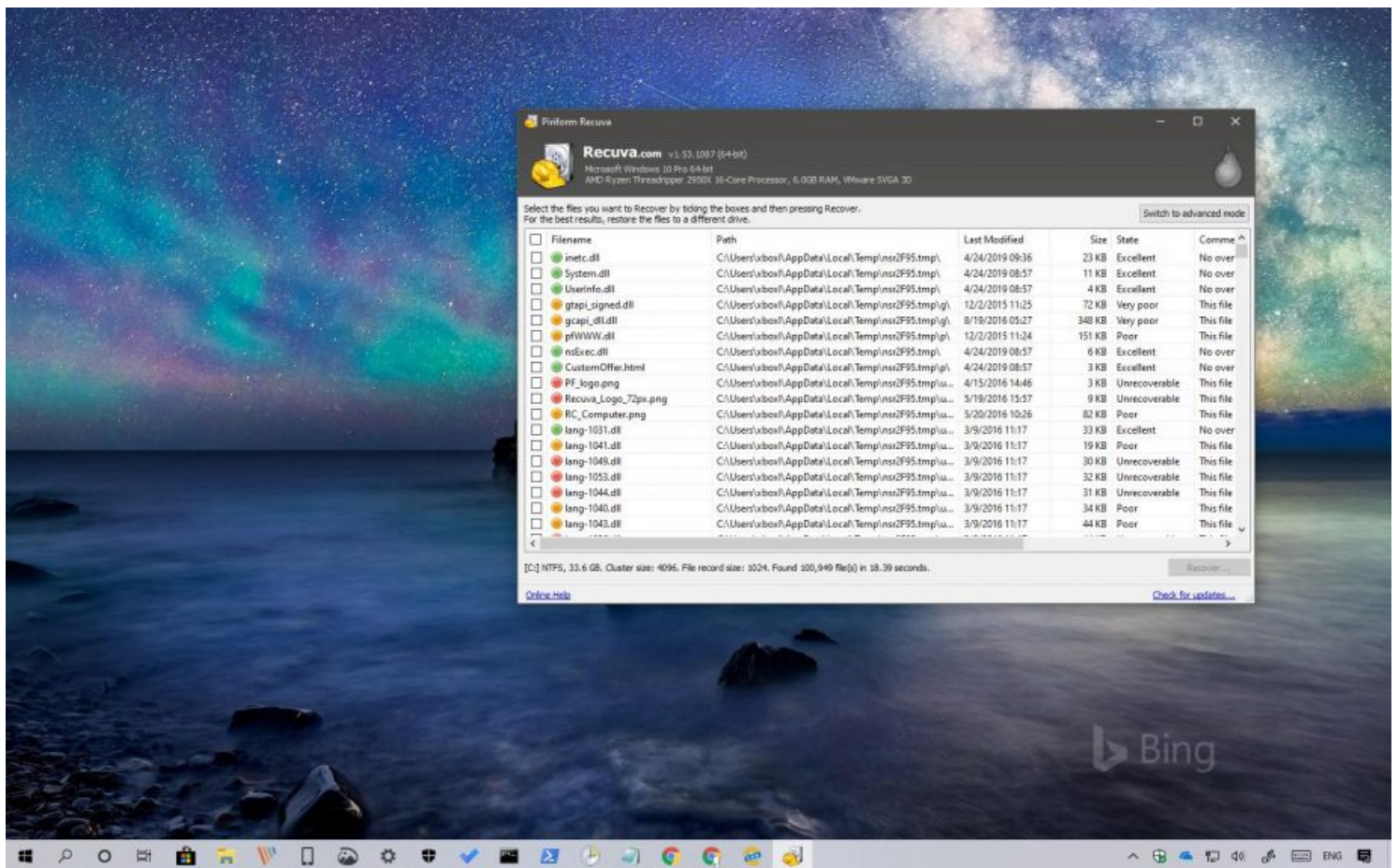
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How to recover deleted files on Windows 10 using Recuva

Did you accidentally delete files from the hard drive or external storage? Don't worry, you can recover the files quiet easily with Recuva on Windows 10.



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On Windows 10, if you accidentally deleted one or multiple files, typically, they're marked for deletion and moved to the Recycle Bin. However, if you deleted large size files or data from a USB flash drive, they'll be deleted automatically without passing through the Recycle Bin, and you'll have to restore them from backup.

If you don't have a backup of your data, it's still possible to recover the deleted files with third-party tools like the Recuva, which are able to scan and find data on a drive marked for deletion before they're overwritten with new data.

In this [guide](#), you'll learn the steps to recover accidentally deleted files on [Windows 10](#).

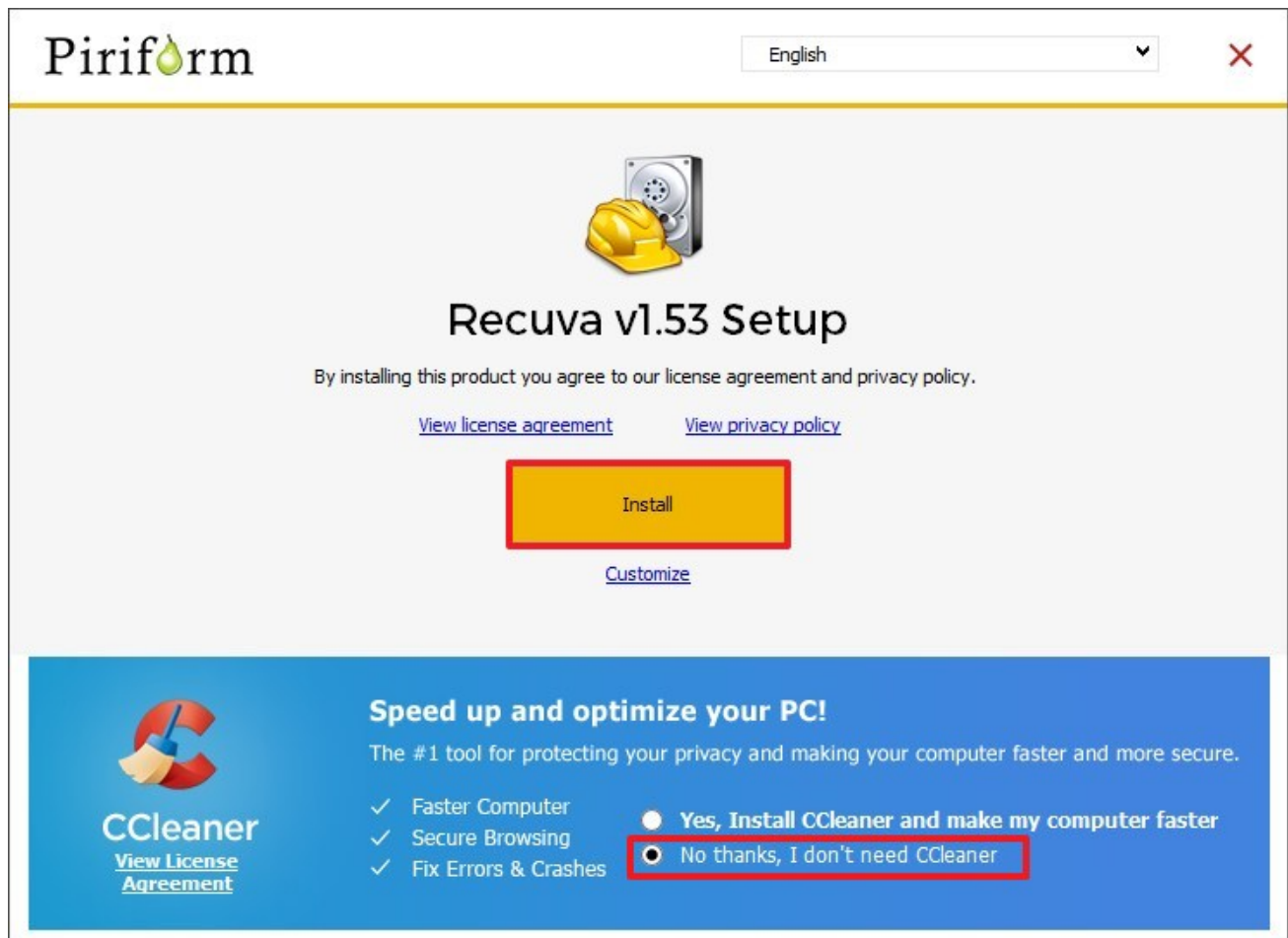
How to recover deleted files using Recuva

If one or multiple files were deleted by accident, the first thing you need to do is to stop using the drive immediately to prevent getting them overwritten, and then use the Recuva app to get the files back.

Installing Recuva

Use these steps to install Recuva on your Windows 10 device:

- 1 Open the [Recuva website](#).
- 2 Click the [CCleaner.com](#) link to begin the download.
- 3 Double-click the `rcsetupxxx.exe` installer.
- 4 Select the **No thanks, I don't need CCleaner** option.
- 5 Click the **Install** button.



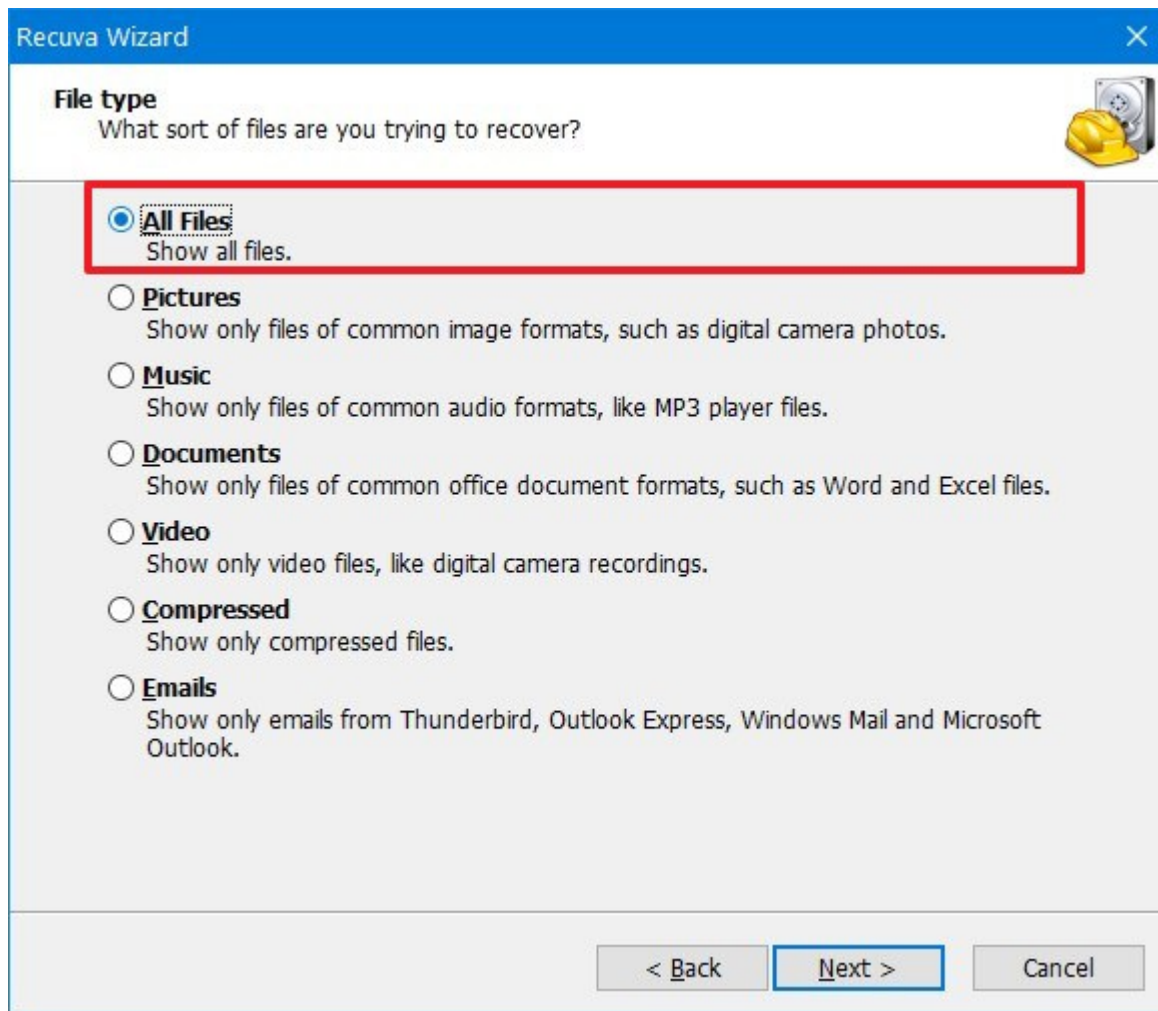
Install Recuva on Windows 10

Once you complete the steps, the tool will install on your device, and you can proceed with the recovery process.

Recovering deleted files using Recuva

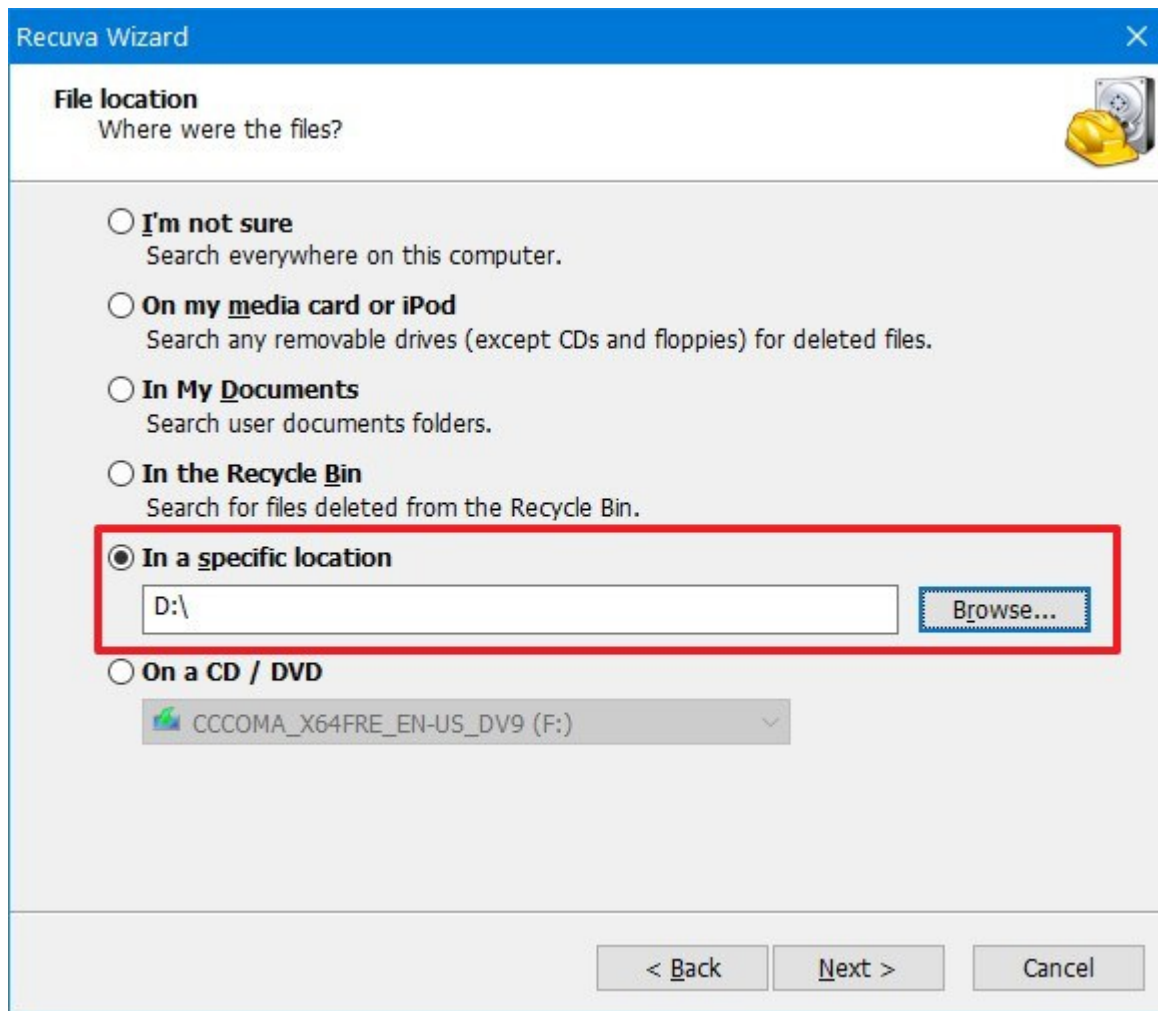
Use these steps to recover deleted files on external or internal storage using Recuva:

- 1 Open Recuva.
- 2 Click the **Next** button.
- 3 Select the type of files you want to recover. (If you don't know, select the All Files option.)



File recovery type using Recuva

- 4 Click the **Next** button.
- 5 Select the drive that has the deleted files. Recuva can scan and find deleted files on virtually any drive, including hard drives, Solid-State Drives (SSD), USB flash drives, external hard drives, SD cards, and others. For the purpose of this guide, select the In a specific location, and select a USB flash drive location.



The image shows the 'Recuva Wizard' window, specifically the 'File location' step. The title bar is blue with the text 'Recuva Wizard' and a close button. Below the title bar, the text 'File location' is followed by the question 'Where were the files?'. To the right of this text is an icon of a hard drive with a yellow caution tape. There are five radio button options: 'I'm not sure' (Search everywhere on this computer.), 'On my media card or iPod' (Search any removable drives (except CDs and floppies) for deleted files.), 'In My Documents' (Search user documents folders.), 'In the Recycle Bin' (Search for files deleted from the Recycle Bin.), and 'In a specific location' (which is selected). The 'In a specific location' option is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Below this option is a text input field containing 'D:\' and a 'Browse...' button. At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: '< Back', 'Next >', and 'Cancel'.

File location
Where were the files?

☐ **I'm not sure**
Search everywhere on this computer.

☐ **On my media card or iPod**
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☐ **In the Recycle Bin**
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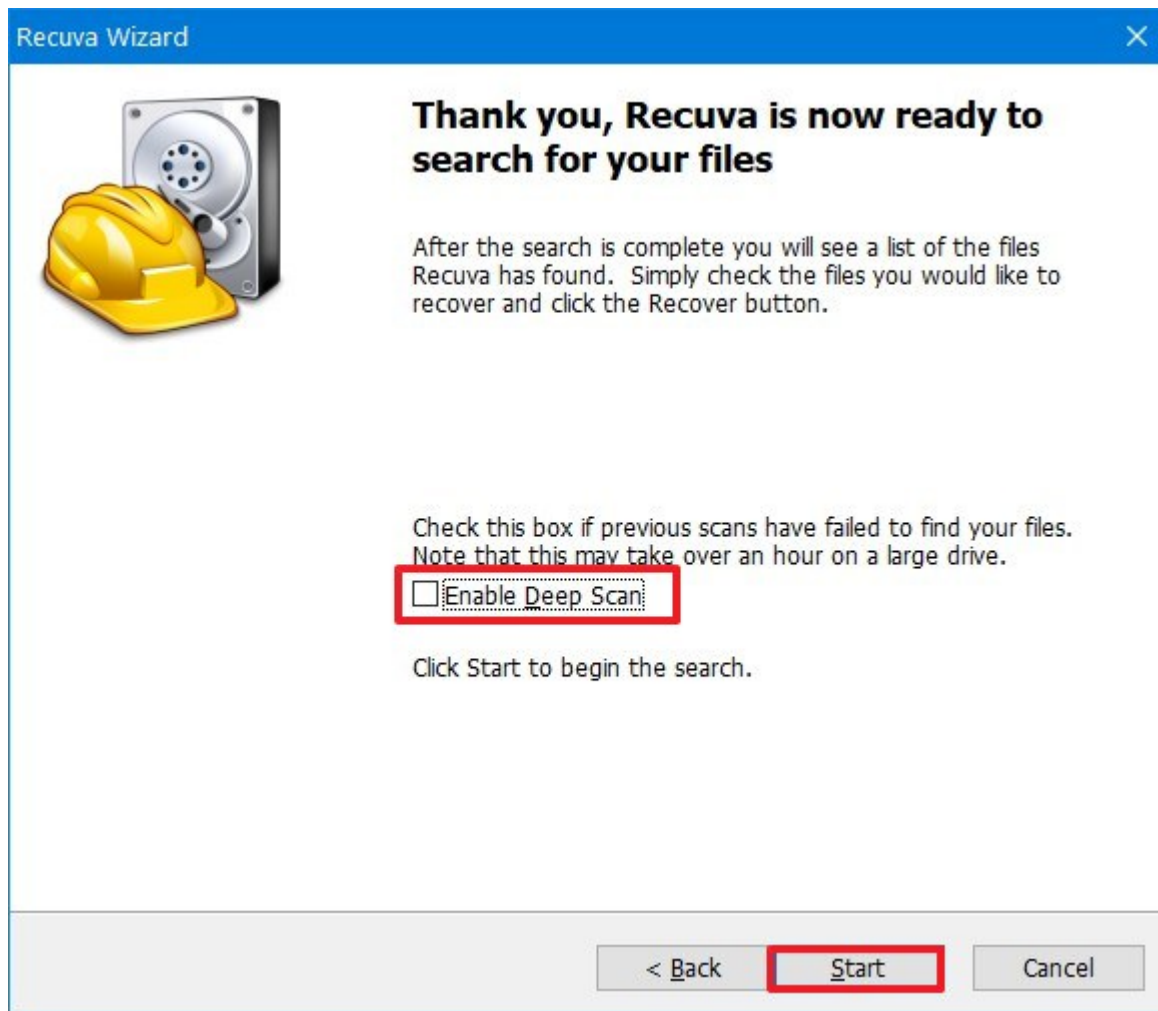
☒ **In a specific location**
D:\ Browse...

☐ **On a CD / DVD**
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< Back Next > Cancel

Recuva drive type recovery

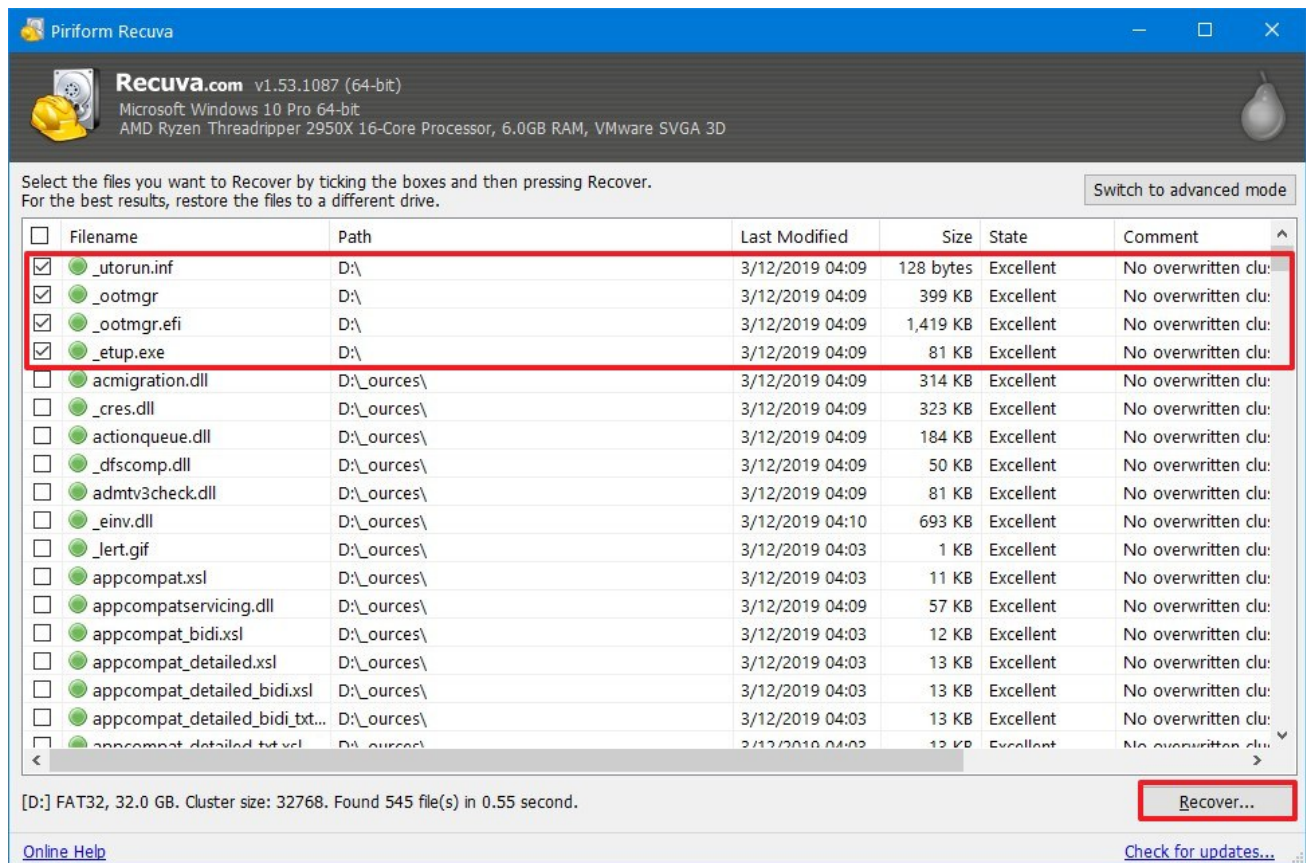
- 6 Click the **Next** button.
- 7 (Optional) Check the **Deep Scan** option if the first scan didn't work.
- 8 Click the **Start** button.



Start Recuva recovery

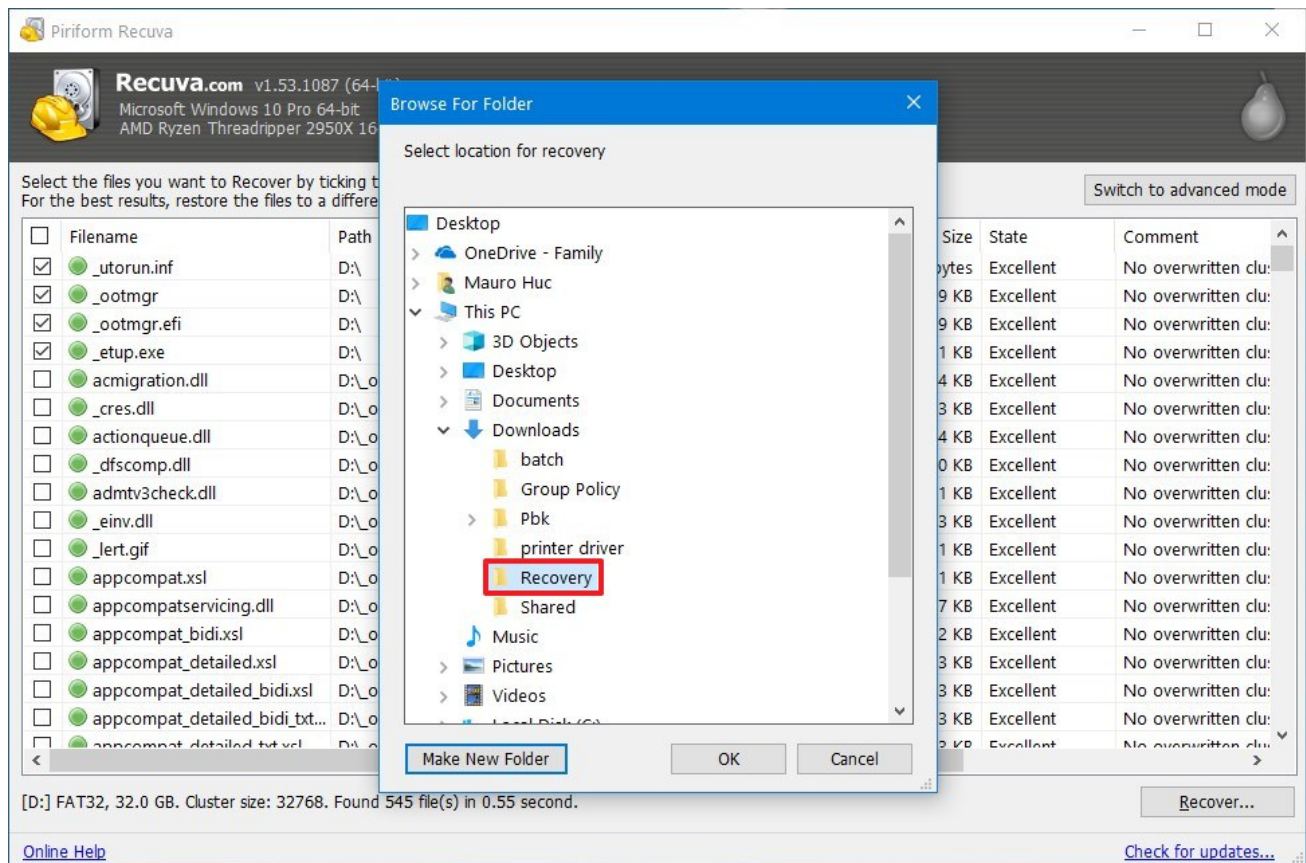
9 Select the deleted files that you want to recover.

10 Click the **Recover** button.



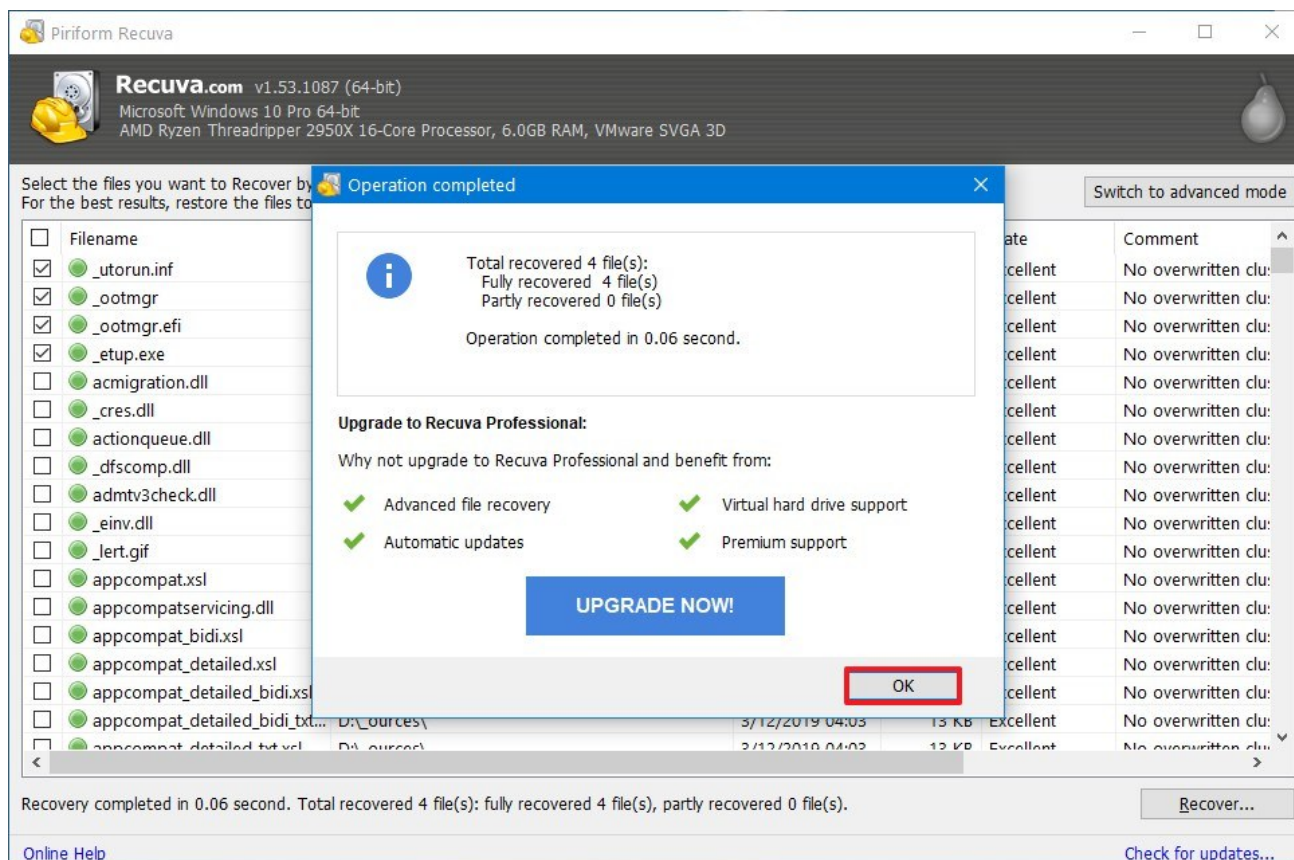
Recover deleted files on Windows 10

- 11 Select a location to recover the files. (It's recommended to use alternative drive to recover your data.)



Select file recovery location using Recuva

- 12 Click the **OK** button.
- 13 Click the **OK** button again.



Recuva recovery complete on Windows 10

Once you complete the steps, you can recover more files, or you can close the application to complete the task.

While Recuva is an excellent application to recover deleted files, it's not a sophisticated software, depending on the drive and data, you may need professional help to recover the data, which it won't come cheap.

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