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# Enabling Windows Projected File System

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ProjFS ships with Windows as an Optional Component. Before a provider can use it, it must be enabled. You can use PowerShell to enable ProjFS.

## How to enable ProjFS using PowerShell

To use PowerShell to enable ProjFS use the `Enable-WindowsOptionalFeature` cmdlet in an elevated PowerShell window:

```
Enable-WindowsOptionalFeature -Online -FeatureName Client-ProjFS
```

Reboot the computer if the `Enable-WindowsOptionalFeature` reports `RestartNeeded: True`.


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
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