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Getting Magnet links to work with uTorrent when using Chrome – Fixed

So after a certain site decided to not host .torrent files and switch over to magnet links, I had a problem getting Chrome to open magnet links automatically in uTorrent. After reading up on the news, I poked around on uTorrent and Chrome to see if I can get it working, but no luck. I just dealt with it for awhile, but today I just got annoyed. If you were like me, this is what you had to do in order to grab a file using the magnet link.

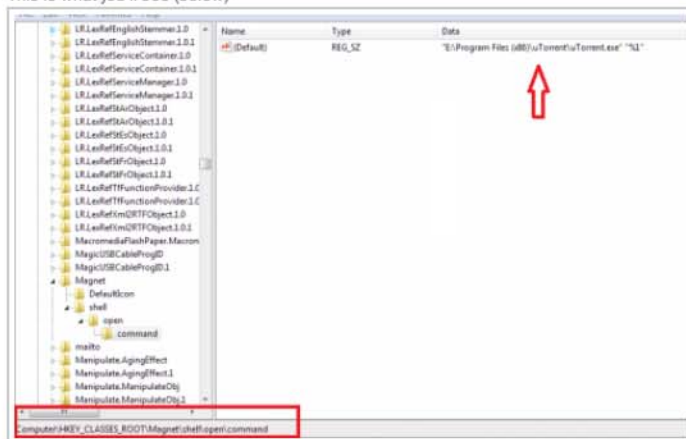
1. Find torrent.
2. Right click the little magnet icon in Chrome.
3. Launch uTorrent.
4. Click "Add Torrent from URL"
5. Paste magnet link into field, press enter.
6. Download Starts.

6 steps, not bad if you just wanted to download a file or two. Way too annoying for anything more than that.

Let's go into the fix. Please note that I've only tried this on my computer. I'm running the latest version of Chrome (17.0.963.83 m) and uTorrent (3.1.2) on Windows 7 Professional 64-bit.

First, let's check your registry.

1. Hit windows key.
2. Type in "regedit" without the quotes.
3. Navigate to HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Magnet\shell\open\command\
4. This is what you'll see (below)



Now, where the arrow is pointing – you want to make sure that is where your uTorrent is located. I have mine located in a different folder than the default install directory, so watch out for that.

5. Next, navigate to the following folder. C:\Users\[your_user_name]\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data
6. Close Chrome Completely. (The first time I did this, I didn't close Chrome, so my changes didn't get saved)
7. Edit the "Local State" file.

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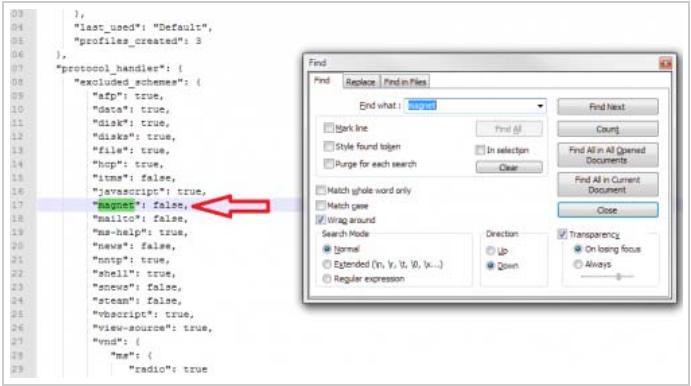
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8. Hit Ctrl+F and look for "magnet"



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9. You want to make sure this is what you see "magnet": false, for me, it started out as true.

10. Save and close file

11. Boom. Done.

Good luck. Hope it helped out.

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Mikhail Rodsky

April 22nd, 2012

REPLY

QUOTE

Thanks, it worked with RockMelt as well.

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April 23rd, 2012

REPLY

QUOTE

Glad I can help, Mikhail. I actually haven't used RockMelt before – might have to check that out now.

Sahil

May 22nd, 2012

REPLY

QUOTE

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!! YOU WILL NOT BELIEVE HOW MANY WEBSITES I SCAVENGED THROUGH TO FIND A SOLUTION!!!!

TOOK ME AGES TO REALISE THAT IT WAS CHROME AND NOT UTORRENT THAT WAS THE PROBLEM!!

ALBA

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May 22nd, 2012

REPLY

QUOTE

No problem, Sahil. I also spend 2-3 hours looking around for a solution before I realized the same thing, it's why I posted this up for everyone =)

**sam**

May 27th, 2012

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you are awesome!!! this worked perfectly. thank you so much!!

**WhiteFlameZ**

June 4th, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Im using windows 8 Release Preview if you wanna know but when I open local state its shows exactlylike you except in mylocal state there is no magnet and when I put it in and save its get restored again.

Whats the problem

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Hey WhiteFlameZ,

Wish I could help you there, but I haven't had the chance to check out the Windows 8 Preview.

**FoldYourWings**

July 18th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Alright, I tried a ctrl-f "find" search in the regedit and found out that it's under something completely different in Windows 8. I found mine under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Software\Classes\Magnet and from there on it's all the same as above. I hope this helps for everyone using Windows 8!

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Thanks for the tip!

**GFS**

June 11th, 2012

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Ive been trying to get magnet links to work for a couple hours now. I followed the steps you listed but when I went to check if the magnet was false in the chrome "C:\Users\[your_user_name]\AppData\Local\Google\Chrome\User Data", magnet was not listed in the file anywhere. I have all my files updated and i chrome or Firefox isn't recognizing the link and i cant click on it. I'm starting to run out of ideas, is there anything that i may have done wrong?

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GFS – try adding in "magnet": false in the same place as the screenshot.

**Jules**

July 19th, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thanks for this although didn't quite work for me was best solution out there. My solution was to add the location of utorrent.exe to HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Magnet\shell\open as well as to the command file underneath. (I saw this on another site but thought it was worth sharing here) Cheers

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November 7th, 2012

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Thanks for the tip!

**doc**

August 2nd, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Its should be noted that to edit the 'Local State' file, choose to open with a text editor, such as 'Wordpad' or 'Notepad'. It wont look the same as the screenshot provided. Also, if the line, "magnet": false,' cannot be found, simply add the line yourself. I did this and it work for me.

Thanks for a good tutorial '4/5'

**alamanch**

August 4th, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

mine says download beast not utorrent i want it to be utorrent wat do i do

**Xzfloydzx**

August 11th, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

You are simply GOD. It took me months and I finally found this. Excellent sir.

**Metu**

August 21st, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

hey I did exactly everything you said in your guide,I had to add the line magnet:flase, I added it saved and still magnet links doesn't work to me...what should I do?

btw I run windows 7 32 bit,thanks/

**mLuisa83**

August 22nd, 2012

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im sorry,, i cant seem to follow through im stuck with the third step. im desperate i dont understand it. after i put regedit its only showing this "HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT". how come what am i missing? sorry. thank you in advance

**Mia**

August 31st, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

This worked beautifully for me, thanks so much! I didn't even have to edit the Local State file. Just changed the value in regedit, and since there was no 'magnet' in my Local State file, I didn't do anything to it.

But the next time I opened Chrome, magnet links were directed to utorrent.

Using Windows 7 x64 and the latest Chrome beta.

Thanks again!

**Ashley**

September 15th, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank you so much!

**Rai**

October 3rd, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

I have no words to thank you.... A million searches, going to a dozen forums and asking people and everyone kept giving evasive answers.... Finally found your blog and a simple solution.... Love that you made screenshots and really simplified it, so everyone from new users to advanced users can follow the instructions....

Love it, 10/10, already recommended your blog on all my SNS....

Ciao and thanks once again !!! 😊

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November 7th, 2012

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Thanks, Raj! I really appreciate it!

**Ben**

October 5th, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank You for the help very much appreciated

**niall**

October 10th, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

I followed all of your steps quite precisely but when I reached finding the magnet entry and setting it to false it was already done. Nothing had to be changed anywhere and still, opening a magnet link yields an empty torrent file... corrupt or void or otherwise...

Any ideas?

**C.Burns**

December 17th, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Downloading with Chrome is cool but I prefer to use Torch browser coz the torrent client is already built-in it. Just thought I'd share 😊

**Ron Page**

December 20th, 2012

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Man, thank you. I love the first fix, it's quick and dirty plus I'm still using XP and not comfortable editing the registry on my only machine. I've been searching for a solution for months. What I learned via your first fix was to ignore the Utorrent popup that listed 0 bytes for the torrent. I clicked ok to download anyway, then I right-clicked the main file and deleted those I didn't want downloaded. Works like a charm, cheers mate.

**Bryan**

January 12th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thanks for the tip, it really worked!

**Hemant Sharma**

January 23rd, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thanks its great.

**Richie**

February 4th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

It works perfect, Thanks!

**UK pirate bay**

February 21st, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thanks for sharing this a lot of people have encountered this problem and I'm one of them.

**JAuM**

February 23rd, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank you! Works good here, I'm using Win8 Pro x64.

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March 4th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Nice! Great to hear that it also works with Windows 8!

**Aaron**

March 16th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Does not work for me, it does stop the popup message of chrome making sure I want to continue, but in utorrent every magnet link i click comes up with nothing, as if it wants to download an invisible torrent

**Aaron**

March 16th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

ignore that! i got it working lol thanks heaps, great help!

**Atom**

March 22nd, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

O i was try to download from TPB and it always don't work and i was so sad i was in big problem thx for this tutorail

**Greeney**

March 31st, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

champion, worked a treat!

**Voldemort**

April 17th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

magnets have not worked for me for a long time, I followed the steps and I had them right so I dont know how to fix it 😞

**Vaughn**

April 18th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank you so much man spent so long looking over the internet for this, really helped me!

**Marc**

April 19th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Brilliant.

This also works for the Google Chrome Portable App.

The "Local State" file is located here (for me. Check you own PortableApps installation folder):

"C:\PortableApps\PortableApps\GoogleChromePortable\Data\profile\Local State".

However, I had uTorrent Portable installed. Then it got updated via the full installation, not the portable one. I didn't like this so I uninstalled it. Doing so removed the Registry Key "Magnet" altogether and the magnet link did not trigger any uTorrent event. Nothing.

I just added it again manually following the good screenshot in this tutorial:

HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Magnet\shell\command

set (Default) to "C:\PortableApps\PortableApps\uTorrentPortable\uTorrentPortable.exe" "%1" (including all the quotes).

Et Voilà!

Thank you for this very good tutorial.

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February 27th, 2014

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Great tip! Thanks for the instructions for the portable app!

**Carolyn**

April 22nd, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

magnet is already set to false. I checked and double checked and it is correct, and I still cannot get Chrome to download magnet files. Any suggestions? I am using the latest version.

**9fatcats**

May 10th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

AWESome!!! You're the MAN! I thought I was going to have to do a sys recov. :(Thanks a million, Roflicopter Alert!

**Adriana**

May 16th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Perfecto!, gracias.

**Dillon**

May 16th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank you for this. Luckily, I wasn't searching for long before I found it, saved myself quite a bit of time, it seems.

Very easy to understand, despite having to edit the registry.

Cheers, mate.

**Masa**

May 17th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

For me everything is like this and it says on Local State "magnet": true,
But it still isnt working 😞

**Konrad Harlan**

June 10th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank the maker! I had bitlord installed at one point and it was a bit like driving cockroaches out of my home when i wanted to remove it. My chrome magnets were still associated with bitlord even after it was gone and utorrent was back. this finally fixed it!

**Sean**

July 16th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Cheers, I moved where I stored utorrent and it stopped working, the regedit worked a treat

**zsolex**

August 5th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank you very much! It helped! You are a genius 😊

**Doctor Vell**

September 12th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

This is great for the Windows but I use Ubuntu Linux 13.04, what about us users?

**Lilly Rocha**

September 28th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Mine keeps going back to true!

Can somebody help?

**Anthony**

October 7th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank you so much! Been driving me crazy! Just note for others, when you edit the 'local state' file, just open it up with notepad! =)

**NEFLEURIOUS**

October 30th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

WOOT-WOOT

It worked!! All these websites were telling me to copy link and add manually, and theres nothing you can do in chrome.

It took me some working out how to edit Local State, but eventually I read down and opened in wordpad = no magnet, so I did what Mia suggested and changed the value in regedit.

Awesome!!

**Qwwq**

December 11th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

THANKS. WORKS !!! 😊

**Patriarca**

December 23rd, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

It works!

Thanks

**Eric**

December 24th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Anyone know how to fix this problem on Mac? OSX 10.6.8

**Mary Gibson**

December 25th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

I have only Windows XP Professional so a lot of the registry codes did not show up quite like the Windows 7. Is there a fix for Windows XP? The method you described to pull over one file at a time is very original, but I would like to use magnet downloads a lot. Thanks

Mary Olivier

**KG**

December 28th, 2013

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thanks, a lot Dude, ur the best. Yo.

**dzoni**

January 6th, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

THX!!!

**Etai**

January 17th, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thanks a lot. I couldn't get magnets to work for me until I read your post. My computer was still using a previous torrent client as it's default and so all I had to do was the first step. I changed the program location from BitLord (no longer on my computer) to uTorrent in regedit and everything is working perfectly. I didn't even need to change any Chrome settings. Thanks again.

**Mandrake**

January 18th, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thanks This REALLY does work perfect thanks again

**david**

January 18th, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

hello rofi

thanks for the help. but when i reach step number 4, i see nothing in the data field. it only says: (value not set)

also, when i try step 5, i dont find any "appdata" in my users folder.

how can i fix these issues?

Im only average with computers.

thanks if you can help.

David

**Nila**

January 25th, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank you! It works perfectly fine. 😊

**Helga**

January 28th, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thank you soooo much!!! You're awesome!!

**alina obradovici**

January 30th, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thanks a bunch!

**stargoop**

February 14th, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

I'm usually really good at pc puzzles but spent months and months of rackin the brain and searching the net even reloading windows and utorrent with no luck. Just couldn't not try one more time and found your solution. You soooo rock!! works perfectly...thanks

**Hasse**

February 25th, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Awesome mate, thanks a million times! 😊

Works like a charm!

**Auros**

March 1st, 2014

[REPLY](#) | [QUOTE](#)

Thanks for this helped.!

**Md.Touhidur Rahman**

March 28th, 2014

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Who ever you are, Thanks a lot. It worked.

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