



The Diskeeper® “Set It and Forget It”® Feature

Diskeeper disk defragmenter provides a variety of flexible scheduling features, all of which are designed to help you get optimum performance from your computer. While there are no "hard and fast" rules governing the use of Diskeeper, there are some general guidelines and information for you to find out how you can get the most out of Diskeeper for your particular needs.

On the left side of the Diskeeper screen you will easily find all of the Diskeeper features. From there you can choose "Set It and Forget It" which opens up your options. You can pick one of several commonly-used schedules, or create a custom schedule of times when "Set It and Forget It" defragmentation jobs will be forced to run (or times they will not be allowed to run).

"Set It and Forget It" allows Diskeeper to run automatically in the background, either after hours or while the users and other processes are active on the system, according to the predetermined schedule you set. You can select several defragmentation methods to suit your needs. You can also use the Smart Scheduling option to allow Diskeeper to automatically determine the optimum defragmentation schedule for your disk volumes.

Let's go over each "Set It and Forget It" option:

Smart Schedule

With Smart Scheduling™, you no longer have to decide how often to defragment your disks—Diskeeper will automatically determine the optimum defragmentation schedule for each of your disk volumes and adjust it accordingly. This takes the guess work out of defragmentation. How can you know exactly how often every computer on your network should be defragmented? What about individual partitions? Smart Scheduling is a flexible choice for defragmentation because it adjusts itself according to an individual volume's needs.

The method used to determine how often Diskeeper should run is elegant in its simplicity. When Smart Scheduling is enabled, Diskeeper keeps track of the number of files moved every time it runs on each disk volume. When the number of fragmented files moved during a defragmentation run increases, Diskeeper is automatically scheduled to run more often. When the number of files moved decreases, defragmentation runs decrease accordingly. Diskeeper will work harder when your disks need it and less when they don't.

Smart Schedule After Hours

This option will enable Diskeeper's Smart Scheduling to run between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m., but only when defragmentation is needed. This is a great option if you prefer for defragmentation to occur at night.

Set to run every night

Instead of Smart Scheduling at night, this option will enable Diskeeper to run every two hours between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. like clockwork.

Set to run on weekends only

Diskeeper will be scheduled to run every four hours on Saturdays and Sundays.

Screen Saver Mode

When enabled, Screen Saver Mode automatically starts defragmenting the selected disk volume(s) any time the screen saver starts on your computer. Defragmentation is paused whenever keyboard or mouse activity is detected on the computer. You must have a screen saver enabled for this option to function. Screen Saver Mode ensures Diskeeper runs only when you are not using the computer (and the screen saver is on). When more than one disk volume is selected for Screen Saver Mode, the volumes are defragmented in a round-robin manner.

Due to the "start and stop" nature of Screen Saver Mode, it is not recommended on disk volumes that are heavily fragmented, unless you expect the computer's screen saver to be on for longer than just a few minutes. In cases where your screen saver activity is only for short periods of time, defragmentation should be performed before running Diskeeper in Screen Saver mode.

Note: Screen Saver mode is not recommended for servers.

Set a custom schedule

The custom schedule option allows you to set the exact defragmentation schedule you need, including when not to run Diskeeper.

Simply choose the volume(s) you want to customize the schedule for, select the type of schedule you want (options range from "constantly," "every 8 hours," "Smart Scheduling," etc.), pick the days you want to defragment (choices range from "every day" to "except weekends," "except Tuesday," etc.), set the starting time and ending time if this applies. You will have a completely customized Diskeeper schedule to fit your defragmentation needs.

A huge benefit of custom scheduling is the fact that you can choose exclusion periods. There may be times during your schedule (if you picked, for example, Smart Scheduling) when your system is working hard. You have known levels of intense disk operation due to other activities. You may not want Diskeeper to run

at those times. Custom scheduling provides this flexibility to dictate exactly when to run Diskeeper and when not to.

Because Diskeeper offers you the flexibility of these many "Set It and Forget It" options, you can use the defragmentation schedule that fits your systems like a glove. With Diskeeper running invisibly in the background, and the schedule of your choosing, you can be assured that your computers will perform at top speed with increased reliability.

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