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Back up your Windows computer device drivers

Resurrect Microsoft Games from Windows 7,
for Windows 8 & 10

Backing up your Device Drivers - case of Windows 10:

Decide where you want to save your driver backup file.

Recommended: create a specific folder — perhaps something obvious, isolated, and easy to find, such as [C:\driverbackups](#).

(Use File Explorer, File, New, to do this)

Even better, put the file on a disk or flash drive other than the C: drive.

Next, open an administrator-level command window – specific steps:
type “cmd” in the Windows Start search box,
select “Command Prompt”
and then click “Run as administrator”.

When the command window opens, enter the following text:

“dism /online /export-driver /destination:<full path to existing folder>”

For example, the command

```
dism /online /export-driver /destination:"c:\driverbackups"
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would export all drivers to an already existing folder named "driverbackups" at the root of the C: drive. or, similarly

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dism /online /export-driver /destination:"J:\PC Setup Software\Exported Drivers"
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would export the drivers to the previously created folder:
J:\PC Setup Software\Exported Drivers.

Woody Leonhard writes that running this export-driver command on his PC, DISM generated the results shown in the next slide — 106 separate drivers successfully exported to the specified destination. (the middle of the image is cut out to have beginning and end both show on one slide.)

DISM in Windows 7 does not include a driver-backup utility, so you'll need a third-party product.

The Ask Woody article (10/14/19) names DriverBackup 2! (free/donationware). Download it from:

<https://sourceforge.net/projects/drbackup/>

The DriverBackup 2! result is shown on the next slide

DriverBackup! 2.1.0.7

Exit from DriverBackup! Language Tools ?

Select a mode Backup Restore Backup from offline system

Listed devices: 59

All Oem Third parts

Full portability Digital signature

- Universal Serial Bus controllers (4 Devices)
 - Standard OpenHCD USB Host Controller
 - USB Root Hub
 - Intel(R) 82801FB/FBM USB2 Enhanced Host Controller - 265C
 - USB Root Hub
- DVD/CD-ROM drives (1 Devices)
 - CD-ROM Drive
- Computer (1 Devices)
 - ACPI x64-based PC
- Disk drives (1 Devices)
 - Disk drive
- Display adapters (1 Devices)
 - VirtualBox Graphics Adapter
- IDE ATA/ATAPI controllers (2 Devices)
 - Standard AHCI 1.0 Serial ATA Controller
 - IDE Channel
- Keyboards (1 Devices)
 - Standard PS/2 Keyboard

Click on a devices to show more information

DriverBackup 2!

Wish you still had Windows 7 Games on Win 8 or Win 10? Migrating up to Windows 8 or 10 can mean leaving behind some familiar versions of treasured games — good ol' FreeCell, Hearts, Solitaire, Spider Solitaire, Mahjong, Minesweeper, and others

Fortunately, ace developer Sergey Tachenko is offering his collection of Window 7 games;

Download it (a ZIP file) from our OlderGeeks site.

<https://www.oldergeeks.com/downloads/file.php?id=1593>

Unzip the download and click the “Windows 7 Games for Windows 10 and 8.exe” file to start the fast-and-easy installation process; the Wizard that appears is on the next slide:



Chess Titans



FreeCell



Games Explorer



Hearts



Internet Backgammon



Internet Checkers



Internet Spades



Mahjong Titans



Minesweeper



More Games from



Purple Place



Solitaire

Welcome to the Windows 7 Games for Windows 10 and 8 Setup Wizard

This wizard will guide you through the installation of Windows 7 Games for Windows 10 and 8.

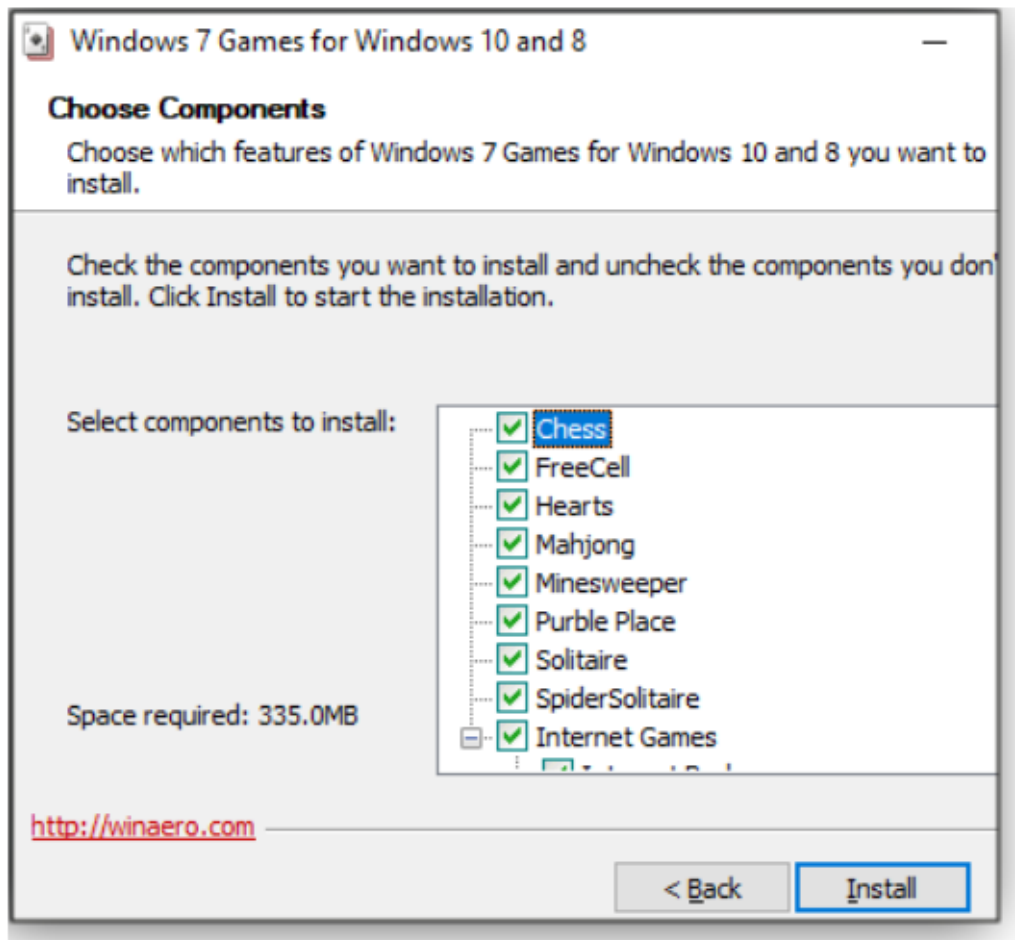
It is recommended that you close all other applications before starting Setup. This will make it possible to update relevant system files without having to reboot your computer.

Click Next to continue.

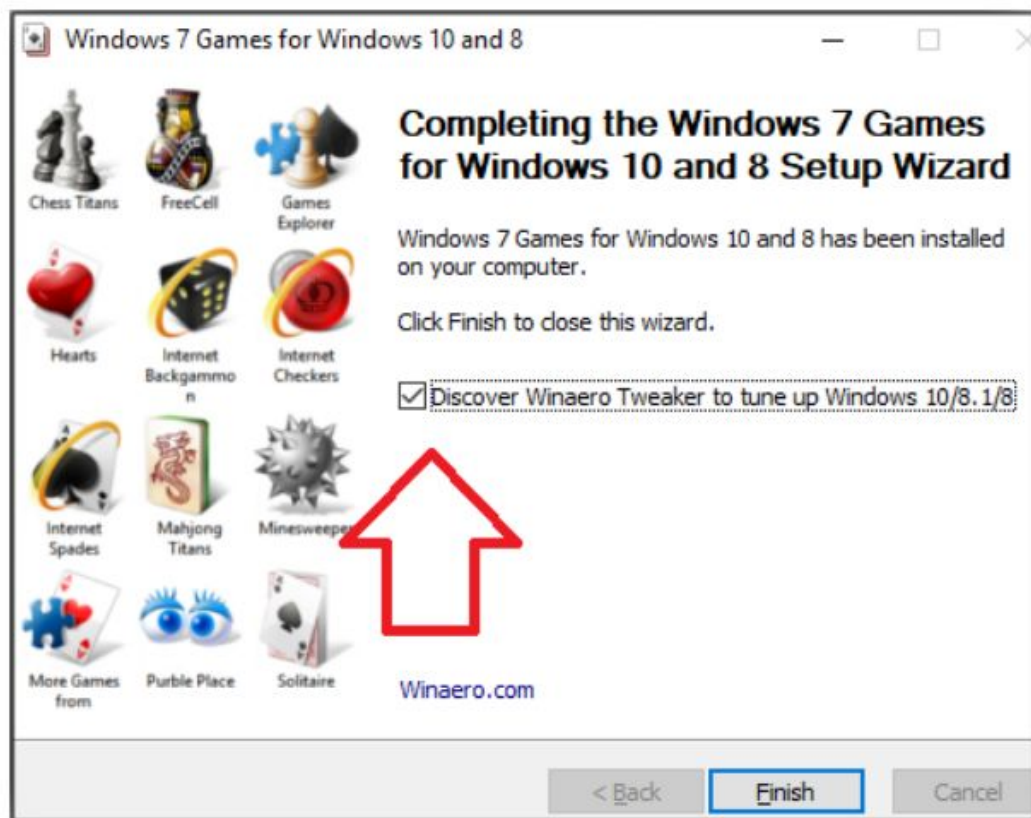
Next >

Cancel

In the next screen (Figure 2), **uncheck** any games you **don't** want. You can relaunch the wizard to add other games at some later time.



In the final installation window (Figure 3), you'll see the *pre-checked* box for "Discover Winaero Tweaker to tune up Windows 10/8.1/8." It's not some bundleware scam; it's simply a suggestion to use Sergey's excellent **Winaero Tweaker** tool (also [hosted](#) on OlderGeeks). If you don't want it, just uncheck the box and click Finish.



Now open your Windows Start menu and look in the Games folder
Your favorite games are back — right where they should have
been all along!

Here are reminders of two classics: Solitaire (Figure 5) and
Minesweeper (Figure 6) — and one of our editor’s favorites, 3D
Pinball (Figure 7). Sadly, no Tetris.



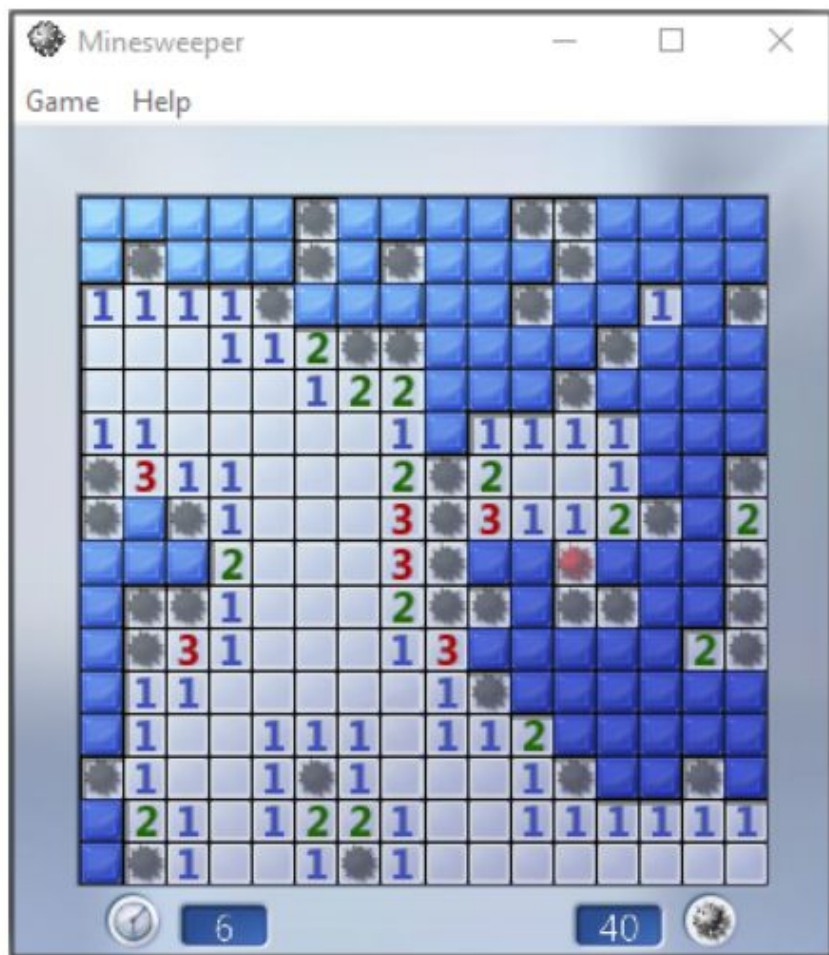


Figure 6. The much-loved *Minesweeper*

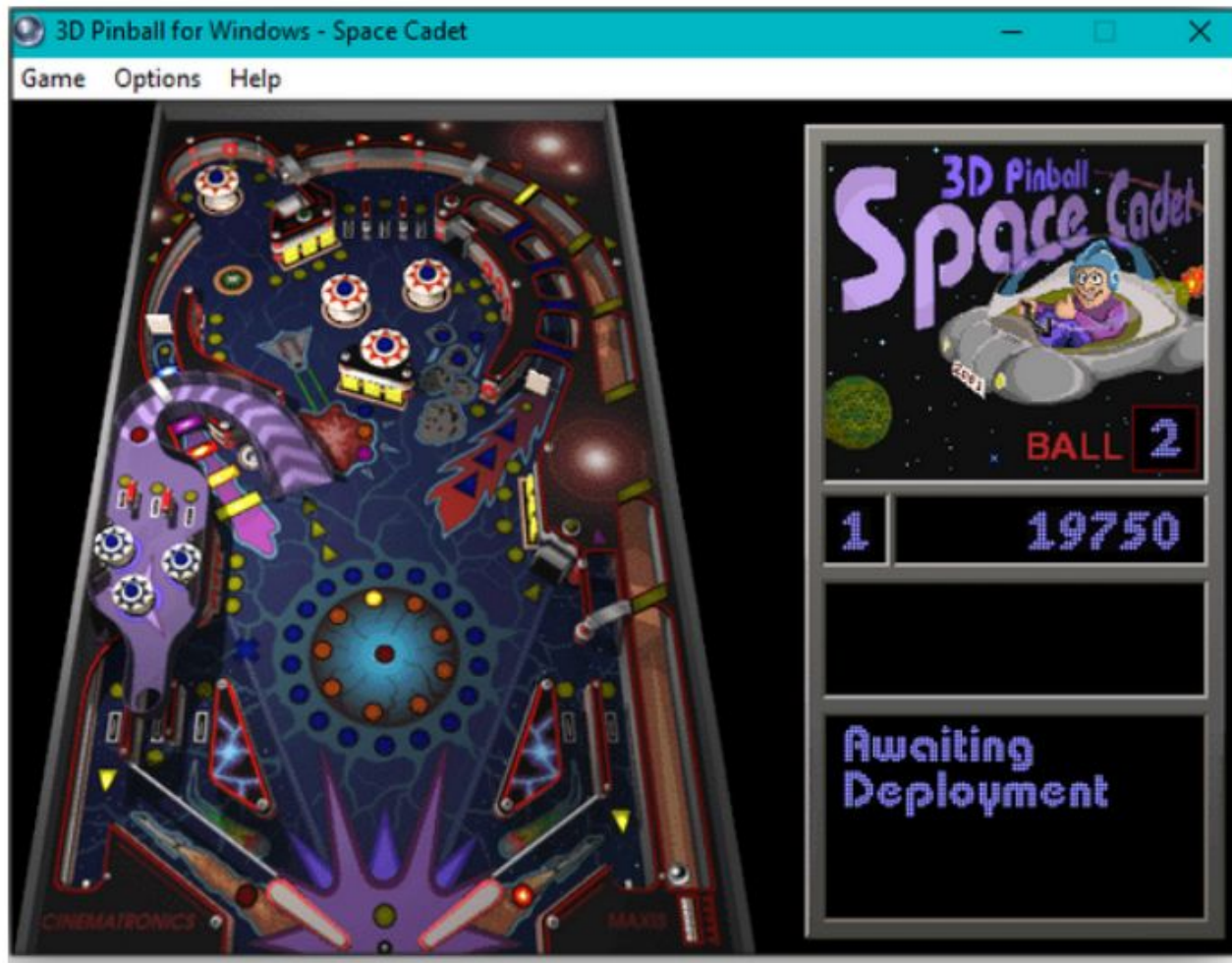


Figure 7. 3D Pinball is a great way to take the edge off daily stress.