

Kensington Konnect for Docks (Windows)

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Getting Started with Your Dock and Kensington Konnect™ Application (Windows)

1. Download & Install

- Install the **Kensington Konnect™** app on your laptop.

2. Customize Buttons (Windows)

- The default buttons pre-selected are:
 - **Lock Screen (Left)**
 - **Microsoft Copilot (Right)**
- **Click to change** to other useful functions and personalize your buttons.

3. Install & Configure SSD

- Learn how to install an **M.2 SSD** and optimize settings for Windows.

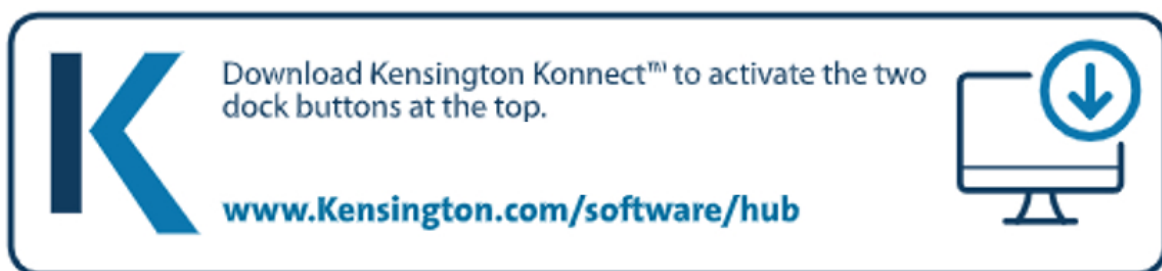
4. Optional Steps – Better Performance

5. Need Help?

- Check the **FAQ** for additional support.

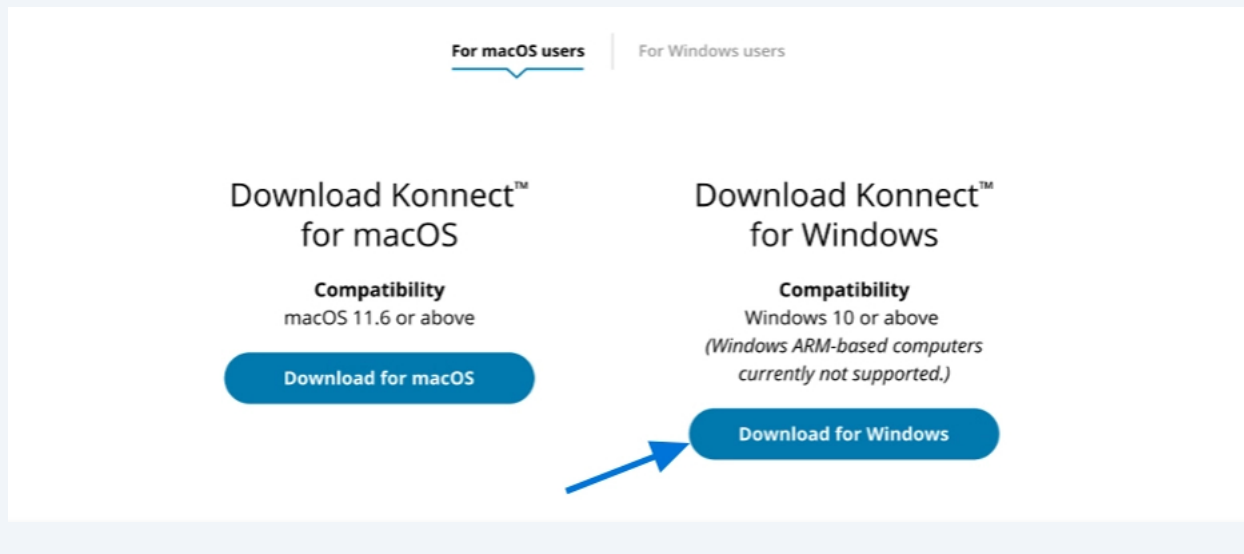
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Section 1: Install Kensington Konnect™ on your laptop to activate the buttons here <https://www.kensington.com/SD7100T5>



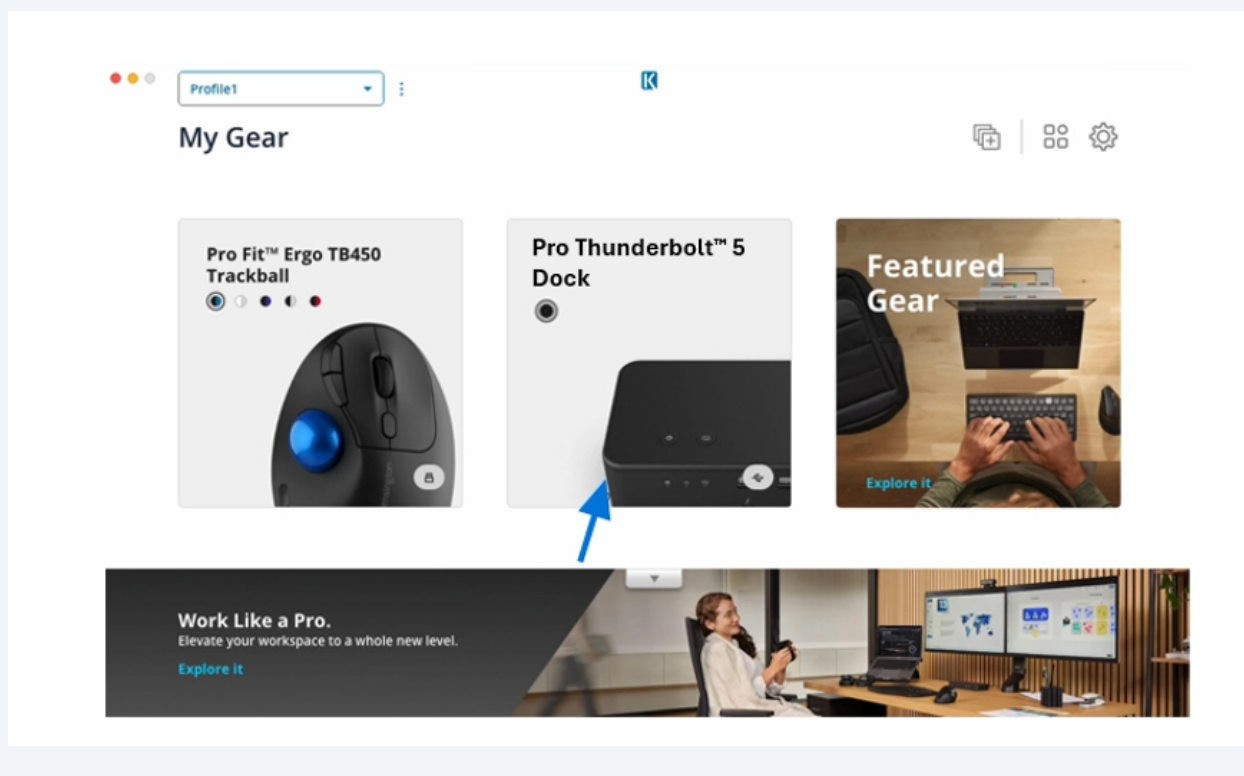
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Section 1: Find the Kensington Connect™ for Windows, and install it on your laptop.



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Section 2: Customize Buttons (Windows): Open the Kensington Connect™ app and click on the Pro Thunderbolt™ 5 dock.



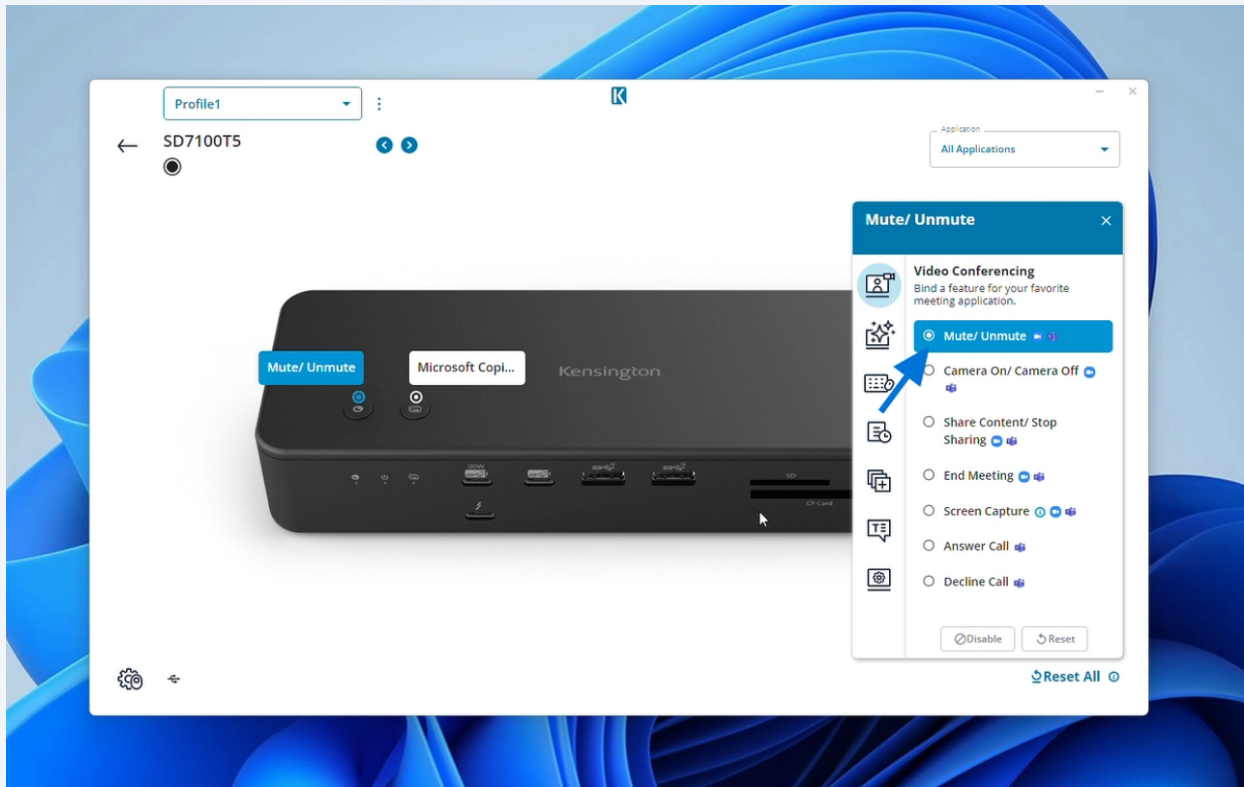
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Section 2: Customize Buttons: By default, the (LEFT) button is configured for 'Lock Screen,' and the (RIGHT) button is configured for 'Microsoft Copilot.'



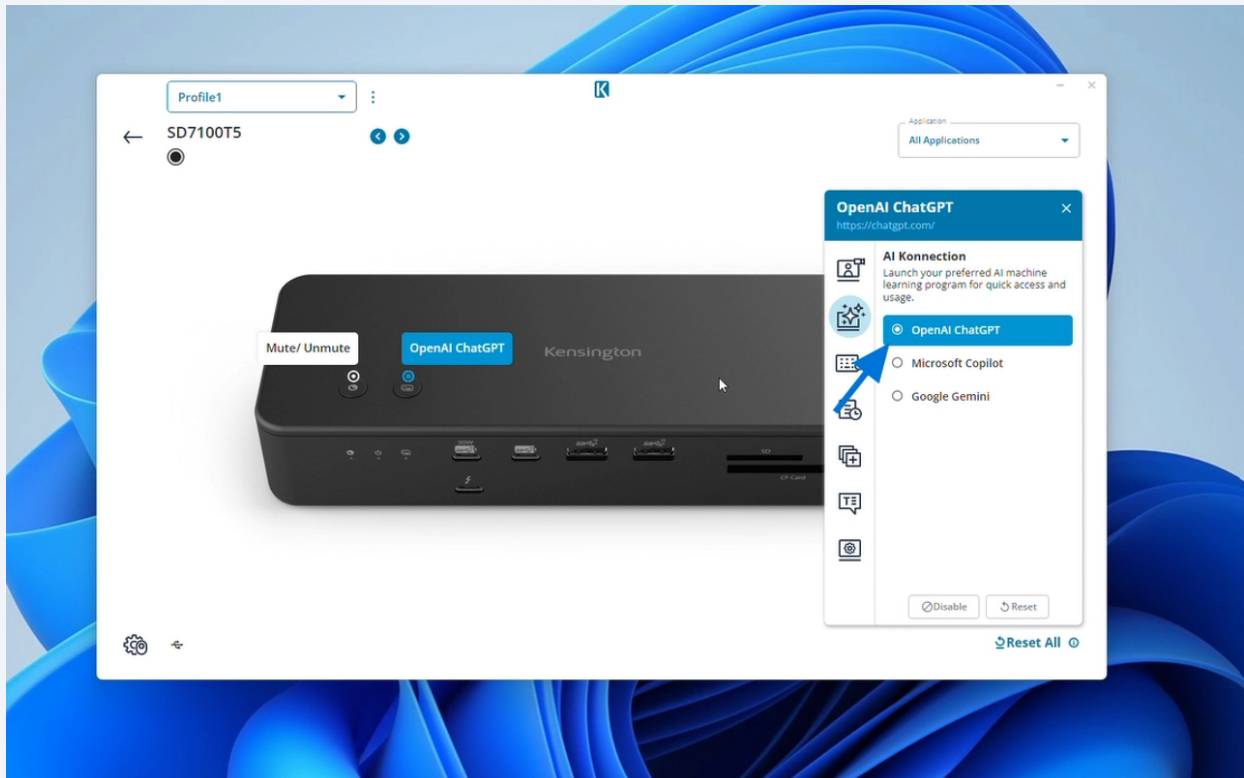
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Section 2: Customize Buttons: To change the left button, click the 'Lock Screen' tab and select another feature (e.g., Mute/Unmute) for quick use during conference calls



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Section 2: Customize Buttons: To change the right button, click the 'Microsoft Copilot' tab and select another feature (e.g., OpenAI ChatGPT) to open the ChatGPT browser with a single press of the button on the dock.



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Section 2: Customize Buttons: Press the button on top of the dock to activate the feature assigned in the Konnect™ app.



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Section 2 Note: For Windows laptops, macOS-specific features (Do Not Disturb and Photo Backup) are not supported. However, you can still manually drag photos, images, or videos to the M.2 SSD to expand storage

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Section 3: Install & Configure SSD Watch the tutorial video by searching *How to Install an M.2 SSD in an SD7100T5 Dock | Step-by-Step Guide | Kensington Tech.*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERgwOBb5D0s>



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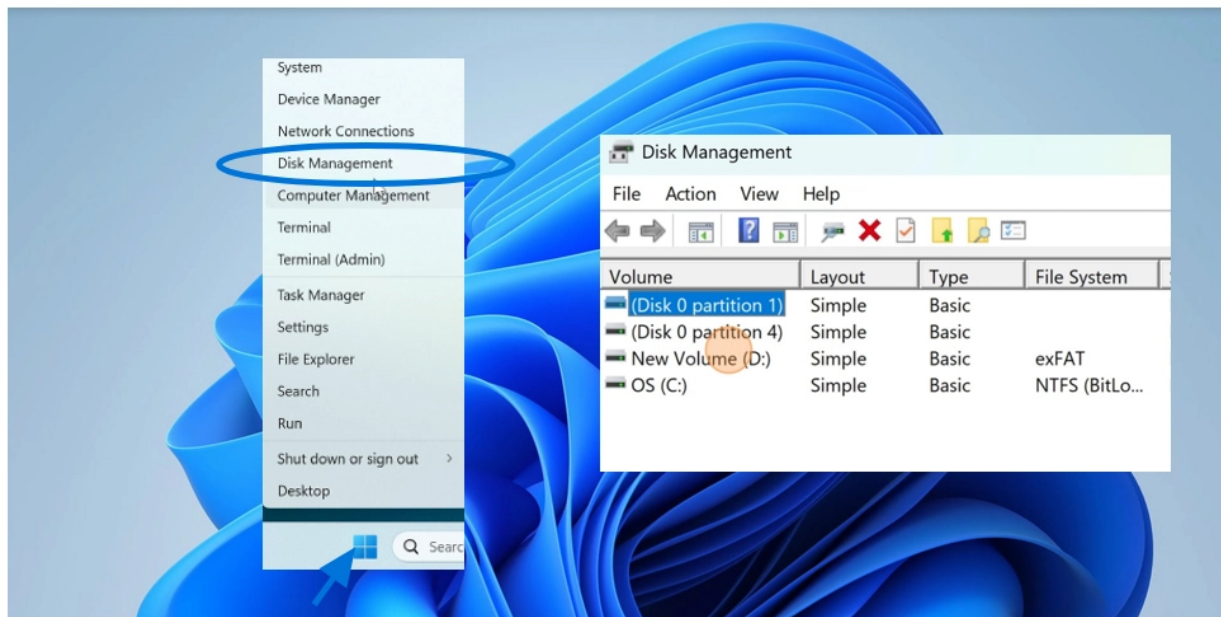
Section 3: Format the M.2 SSD after installation in the dock. Here are the recommendations:

- **Windows-only:** Use **NTFS for optimized performance** with file permissions.
- **Cross-platform (Windows + macOS):** Use **exFAT** for compatibility on both.

Usage Scenario	Recommended Format	Notes
Cross-platform (Windows + macOS)	exFAT	Works seamlessly on both systems with full read/write access
Windows-only	NTFS	Optimized for Windows performance; supports file permissions and security

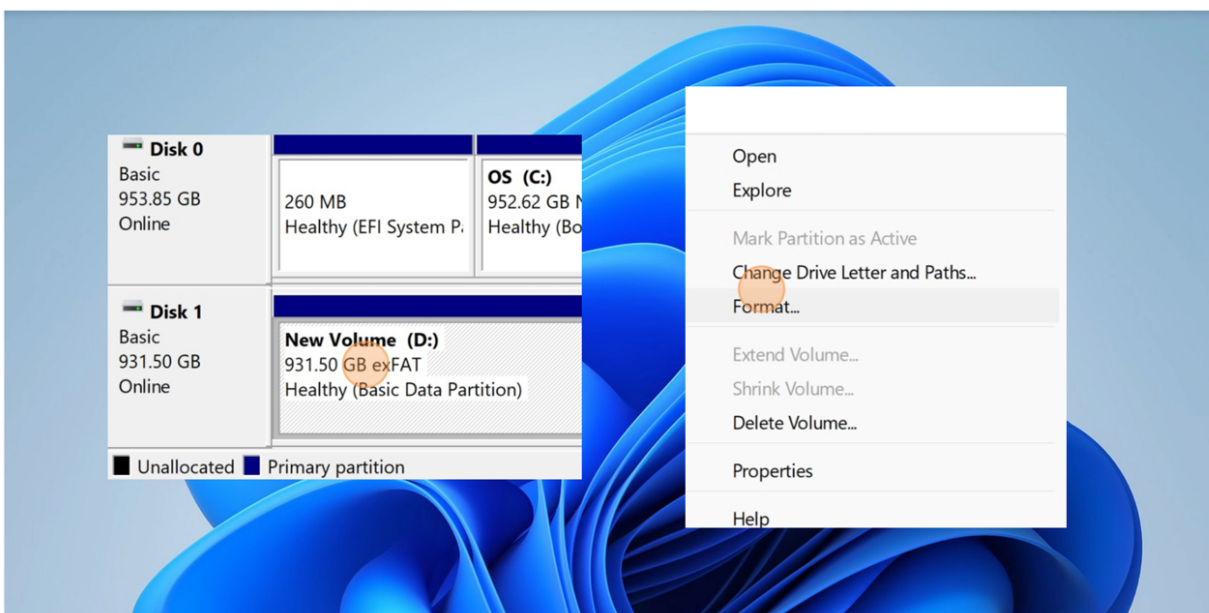
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Section 3: Format the M.2 SSD: Right-click the Start button (or press Windows + X) and select **Disk Management**. Find your M.2 SSD drive and right-click on it.



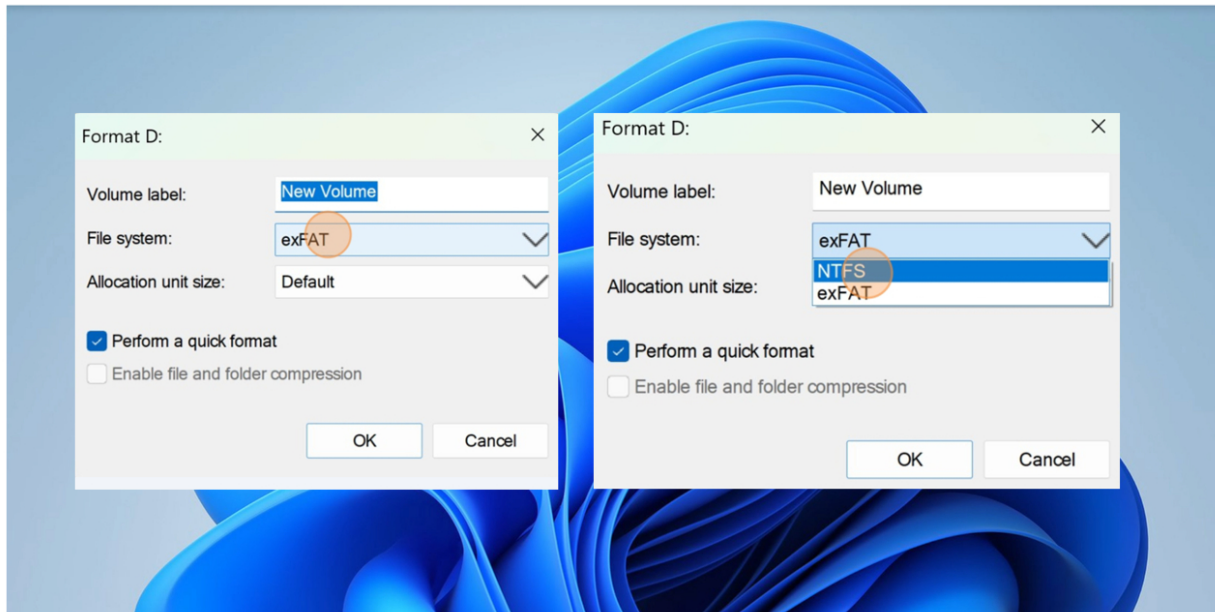
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Section 3: Format the M.2 SSD: Right-click your M.2 SSD drive, **select Format**, and ensure you've backed up all files on the drive beforehand.



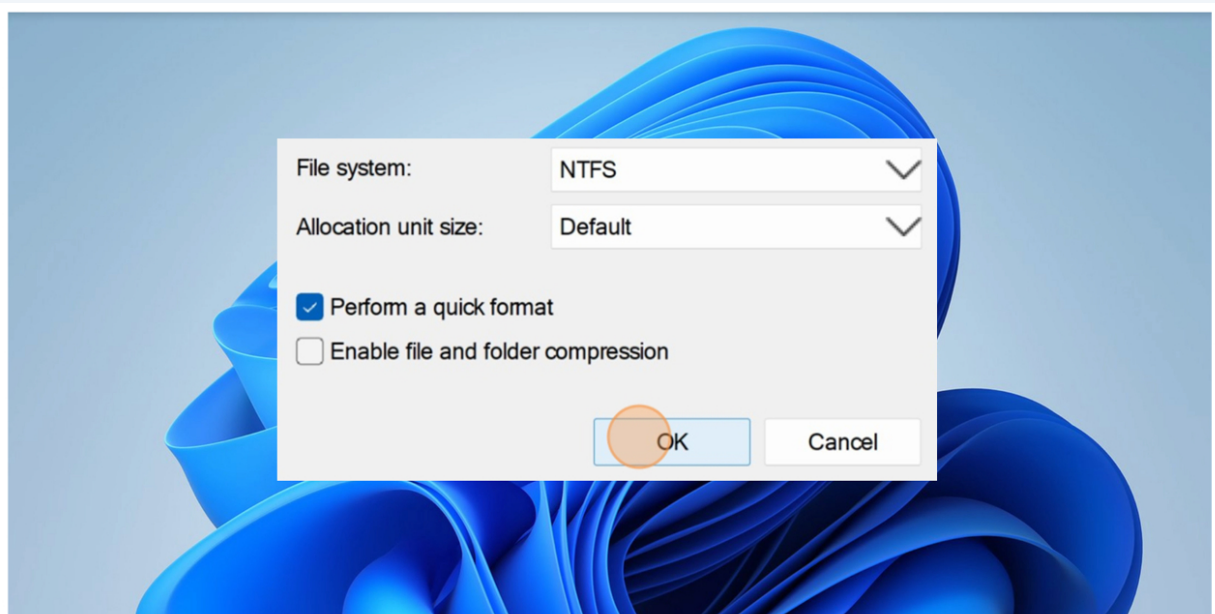
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Section 3: Format the M.2 SSD: In the Format dialog, open the *File system* drop-down menu and select **NTFS** (instead of exFAT) to **optimize performance on Windows**.



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Section 3: Format the M.2 SSD: Select **OK to format the disk to NTFS**. Your disk will be formatted, so make sure all files are backed up first.



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Section 3: M.2 SSD for Laptops: Expand your Windows laptop's storage with an M.2 SSD for extra space and better flexibility.

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Section 4: Optional Steps – Better Performance

This setting controls how Windows writes data to your disk:

- **Quick Removal (default):** Safer to unplug anytime, but slower.
- **Better Performance:** Faster, but requires using *Safely Remove Hardware* to avoid data loss.

Optional: Follow the steps below to switch to **Better Performance** if supported.

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Section 4: Optional Steps – Better Performance

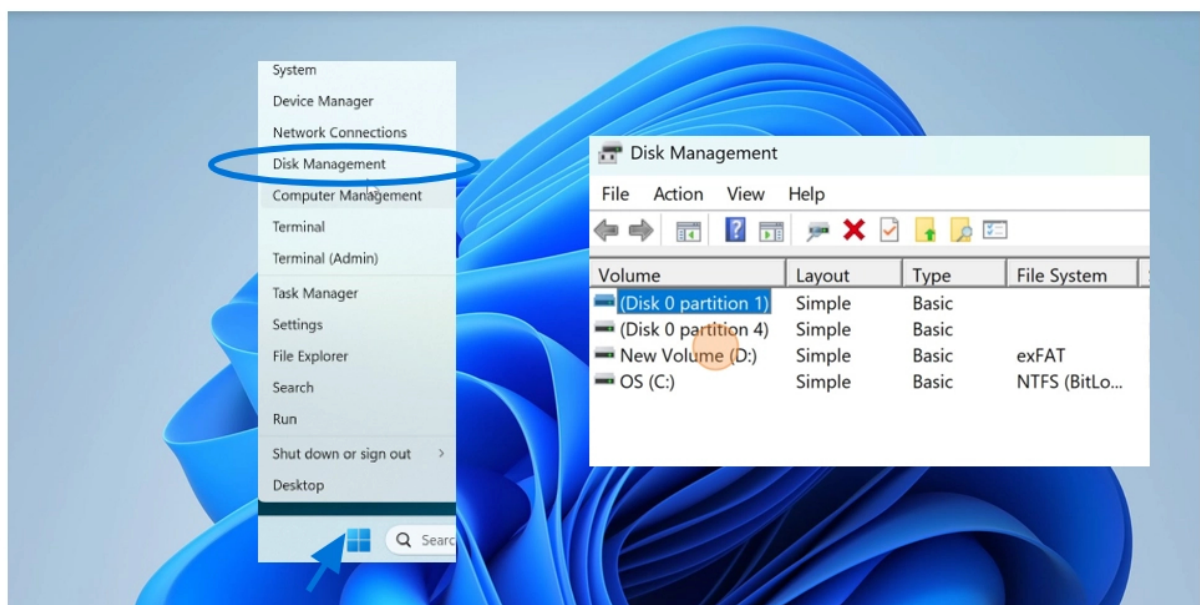
Choose this if your M.2 SSD dock stays connected to your laptop.

- Faster file transfers
- Safe if you don't unplug often
- **Note: Always use *Safely Remove Hardware* before disconnecting**

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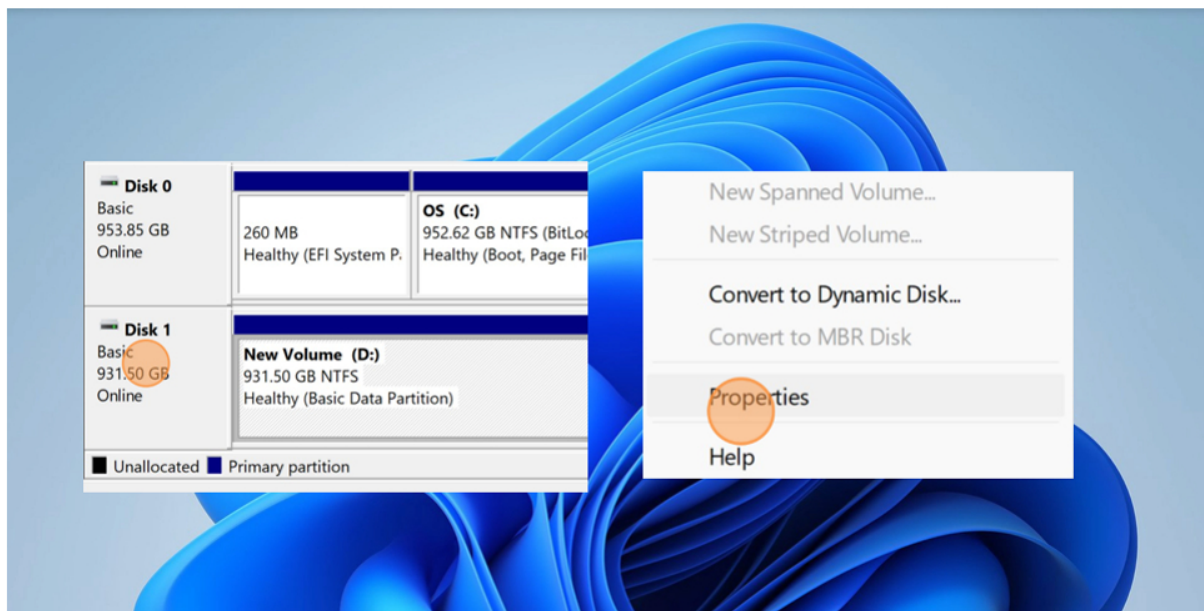
Right-click the Windows icon and select Disk Management.



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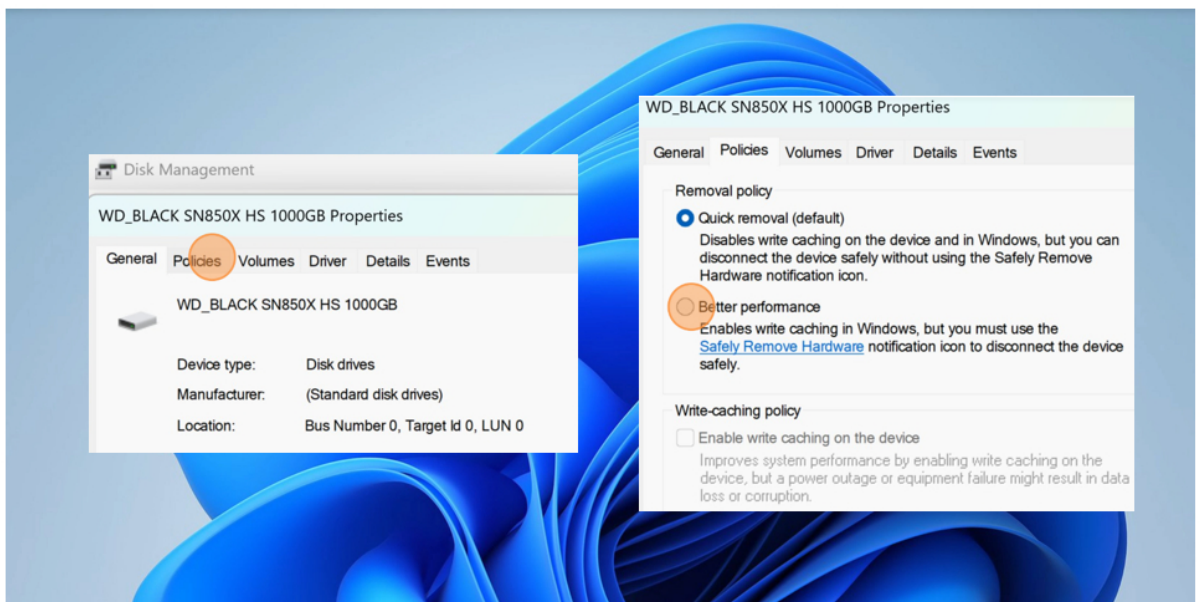
Right-click the disk in the left panel and select *Properties*.



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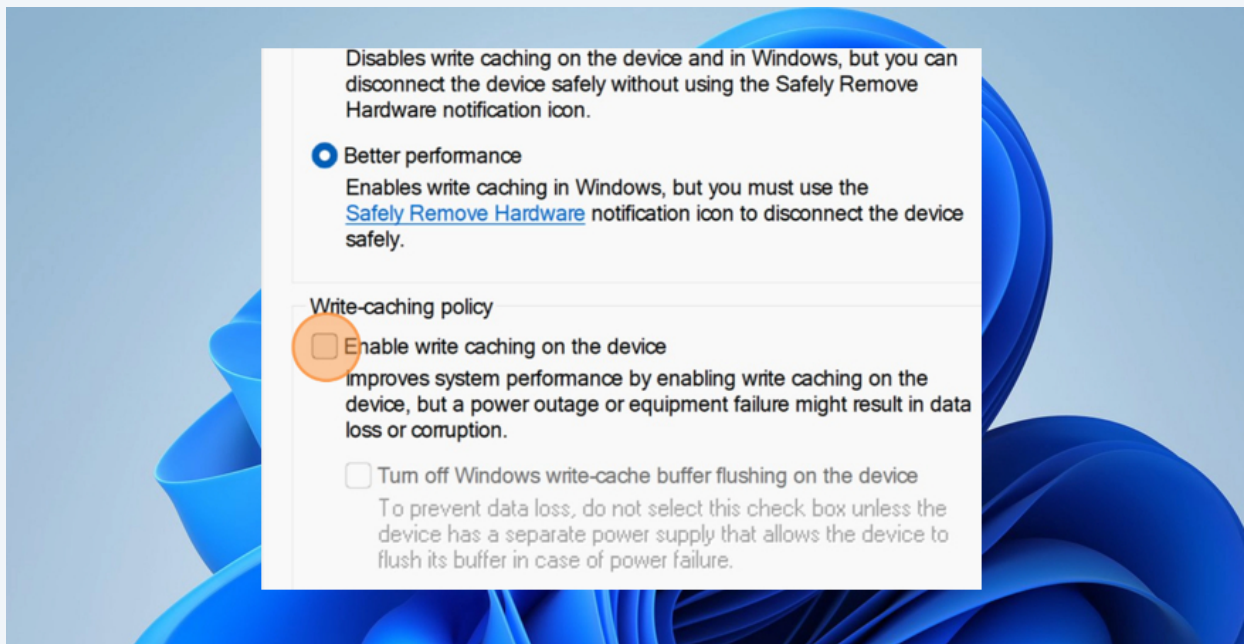
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In the Properties window, go to the **Policies** tab. Under **Removal policy**, select **Better performance**.



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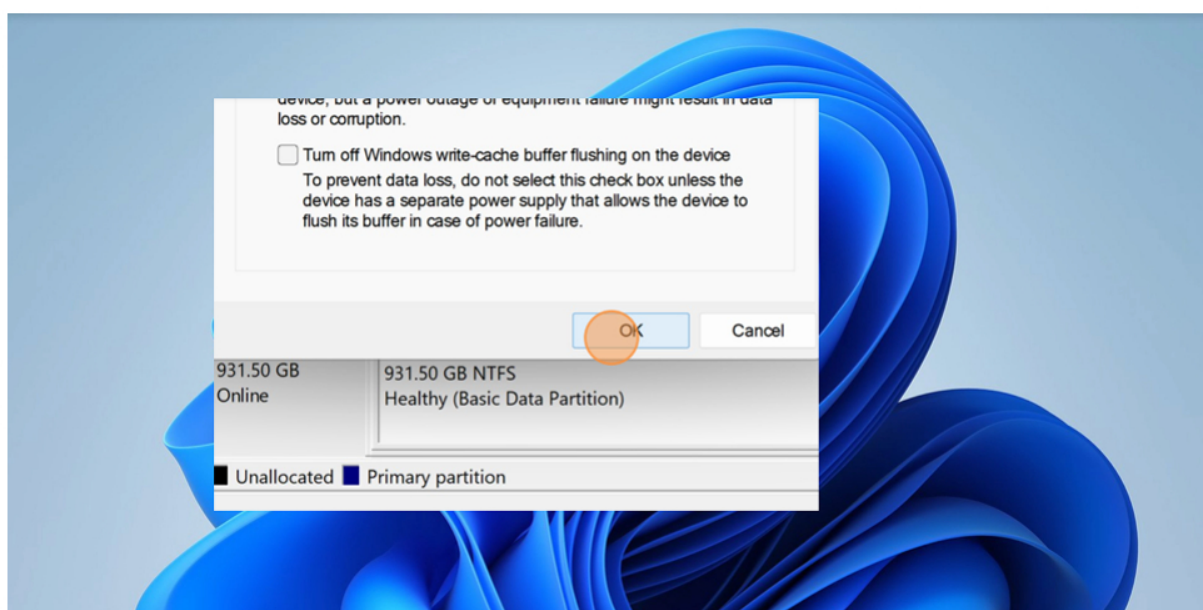
Section 4: Check the box **Enable write caching on the device** to improve system performance.



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Click **OK** to apply the setting. (**Note:** When using *Better performance*, you must use **Safely Remove Hardware** before disconnecting the drive to avoid data loss.)



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Section 5: Thank you for reading the step-by-step tutorial PDF. If you have more questions, **you can read the FAQ on the support page to learn more.**