

Stellar Drive Defrag

Version 3.0 User Guide

Overview

Hard disk space is often subjected to internal and external fragmentation, which in turn leads to data fragmentation. Operating system allocates space which is more than what is required for saving a files. This difference between allocated size and file size is internal fragmentation. Deleted files create empty spaces between used disk space. These empty disk spaces are of uneven sizes and located between used spaces. This is called external fragmentation. In external fragmentation, when you need to save a new file, it is not possible to accommodate it as a single chunk. Hence, it is broken into parts and then saved at multiple places. This division of files is known as data fragmentation.



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What's new in this version?

• Support for encrypted volume.

Key features

- Added support for Mac OS X 10.10 (Yosemite) and 10.9 (Mavericks).
- Improved defrag engine for better results.
- Supports Mac OS X 10.10 (Yosemite), 10.9 (Mavericks), 10.8 (Mountain Lion), 10.7 (Lion) and 10.6 (Snow Leopard).
- Supports Mac OS Extended (Journaled), Mac OS Extended, Mac OS Extended (Case-Sensitive, Journaled), Mac OS Extended (Case-Sensitive).
- Supports full defragmentation of a volume.
- Optimizes free space in a volume.
- Defragments metadata files in a volume.
- Supports defragmentation of files in a volume.
- Quick Defrag feature to defragment all the files in single step.
- Option to create bootable USB device to defragment boot or other volumes.
- User specific preferences can be set in the application.

Why Stellar Drive Defrag?

Stellar Drive Defrag has various useful features that makes it one of the best software available in the market. Easy-to-use graphical user interface, its ability to support various hard drive / disk models, and multiple options for defragmentation are some of its key features.

Free space optimization

Free space optimization feature is used to collect all the used space at one place. This option removes external fragmentation from the hard drive. In this process, the disk space is divided in two separate chunks - unused space and used space. This makes it possible to save a new file in contiguous locations.

Full defragmentation

Full defragmentation feature of **Stellar Drive Defrag** also removes external fragmentation. After defragmentation, the data of a file is placed in contiguous disk locations. Also, all the files are collected at one place. After full defragmentation, the operating system or the apps can easily search and access the stored files. The new files are saved quickly because free space is available as a single chunk of disk space.

File defragmentation

Stellar Drive Defrag application displays all fragmented files present in the hard drive volume. If you want to defragment a specific file or defragment all the files, **Stellar Drive Defrag** can perform the task easily. This option removes data fragmentation of files.

Defragmentation of metadata Files

OS X stores information about a file in catalog, allocation, extent overflow, and attribute metadata files. Information like file length, creation date, last modified, license information, etc. can be extracted from these metadata files. For faster access of file information, these metadata files should be defragmented. **Stellar Drive Defrag** supports defragmentation of metadata files.

Block view of drive volume

The app shows the selected drive volume as numerous blocks. All the blocks are colored according to the key color that gives information about their class or category. User can change the color according to his / her preferences.

Shows path of file using the block

User can view information about the file occupying a block.

Installation Procedure

Before installing the software, check that your system meets the minimum system requirements:

Minimum System Requirements

- Processor: Intel
- **Operating System**: Operating System 10.6 or above
- Memory: Minimum 1 GB
- Hard Disk: 50 MB of Free Space

Steps to install Stellar Drive Defrag

- Unpack StellarDriveDefrag.dmg.zip file.
- Decompressing the zip file and double click the **dmg** file. This step will mount a virtual volume **StellarDriveDefrag**.
- Double-click StellarDriveDefrag volume to open Stellar Drive Defrag application window.
- Drag Stellar Drive Defrag file to the Applications folder.
- To launch the software, double click on **Stellar Drive Defrag** file in **Applications** folder.
- This displays License Agreement. If user accepts the License Agreement, then the software is launched; otherwise, it terminates.

Note: To remove Stellar Drive Defrag, drag and drop StellarDriveDefrag from Applications folder to Trash.

Order & Register

Order Stellar Drive Defrag

The software can be purchased online. For price details and to place an order, click <u>here</u>. Once the order is confirmed, a pre-paid registration key will be sent through e-mail, which would be required to register the software.

Register Stellar Drive Defrag

To register Stellar Drive Defrag:

- 1. On **Tools** menu, click **Register**. Registration window is displayed.
- 2. Do one of the following:
 - If you have purchased the product and received registration key,
 - a. Select 'I have a key to register the product' option. Click OK.
 - b. In **Registration Key** box, type the key. Click **OK**.
 - If you have to purchase the product,
 - a. Select 'I don't have a key to register the product'. Click OK, to purchase the product.

How to Update

Update feature available in Stellar Drive Defrag allows you to check the latest updates. This will help you to keep your application up-to-date. If updates are available for the product, update wizard pops up while you run Stellar Drive Defrag. Otherwise, you can use Updates under Preferences in the StellarDriveDefrag menu.

To Update Stellar Drive Defrag, do one of the following

To check automatically:

- 1. Run Stellar Drive Defrag, Update screen is displayed along with the main user interface.
- 2. To download the latest version, click **Update** button. It may take few seconds to minutes to download the files. Once completed, '**Update successfully installed**' message appears.
- 3. Click **OK**. Click **Cancel** to check for updates manually.

To check manually:

- 1. Run **Stellar Drive Defrag** application.
- 2. Click **Continue** button.
- 3. On StellarDriveDefrag menu, click Preferences option.
- 4. Click General tab in the Preferences screen. Click Check for updates now option.
- 5. If updates are available, **Update** screen is displayed. Follow the next step. Else if no updates are available, a message that '**No updates are available**' is displayed.
- Click Update button to download the latest version. It may take few seconds to minutes to download the files. After completion, 'Update successfully installed' message appears. Click OK.

After latest updates are installed, restart Stellar Drive Defrag.

Note: No updates are available for demo version of the software.

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Starting Stellar Drive Defrag

Follow any of the following methods to run Stellar Drive Defrag on a Mac system,

- Double click on Stellar Drive Defrag file in Applications folder.
 Or,
- Double-click on Stellar Drive Defrag alias (if it is created). Or,
- Click on Stellar Drive Defrag icon in the dock (if it is created).

Main User Interface

Stellar Drive Defrag has a rich Graphical User Interface (GUI) with many easy to use options.



Stellar Drive Defrag introduction screen

After the introduction screen, click **Continue** to see the following screen:



Stellar Drive Defrag files view screen

Color of the block

In layout view, the application shows the entire disk as combination of individual blocks. Current temperature of the drive is also shown in the left pane. While defragmentation, extent information of the drive area is read by the tool and the blocks are given colors according to their key color. Users are given flexibility to set color of the blocks according to their preferences.

Path of file in a block

Users can view the path of the file that is using a specific storage space block. When a User places the mouse cursor over a block path of the file occupying that block is displayed. If the user clicks on a block then the file occupying that block is shown as highlighted in the File View window.

Menus

StellarDriveDefrag Menu

About StellarDriveDefrag

Use this option to read basic information about **Stellar Drive Defrag**.

Preferences...

Use this option to set preferences to personalize the process.



Tools Menu

Register...

This option is enabled when you are using unregistered version of **Stellar Drive Defrag** application. Use it to register your product.



Help Menu

Help Topics...

Use this option to view **Stellar Drive Defrag** help manual.

Order Stellar Drive Defrag

Use this option to <u>buy</u> Stellar Drive Defrag.

Email to Stellar Support

Use this option to <u>mail for support</u> against any problem.

View Support Section

Use this option to visit <u>support</u> page of <u>stellarinfo.com</u>.



Submit Enquiry

Use this option to <u>submit enquiry</u> to <u>stellarinfo.com</u>.

View Knowledgebase Articles

Use this option to visit <u>knowledgebase</u> <u>articles</u> of <u>stellarinfo.com</u>.

Tabs & Buttons

Tabs

Layout Tab: This tab is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Defrag**. Click to view the drive in layout format.



Files Tab: This tab is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Defrag**. Click to view the list of fragmented files.

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List

Use this list to choose an algorithm for defragmentation of the selected volumes.

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Quick Defrag	
Full Defrag	
Optimize	

Buttons

Quick Defrag/Full Defrag



This button is located on the main screen of Stellar Drive Defrag. Click this to defragment.

Stop



This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Defrag**. It is enabled only when a process is running. Click this to stop the process.

Defrag Files



This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Defrag**. Click this to start file defragmentation.

Legend



This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Defrag**. Click this to view and change color scheme used for showing storage space blocks in the layout view.

Help



This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Defrag**. Click this to view the attached help manual.

Continue



Back

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This button is located on the main screen of **Stellar Drive Defrag**. Click this to move to Introduction screen of application.

Algorithms

Stellar Drive Defrag provides various algorithms to free hard drive from fragmentation in file, storage space, and metadata files.

Stellar Drive Defrag uses the following algorithms,

- 1. **Defrag MetaData**: This algorithm can be used to defragment only metadata files present in the system.
- 2. **Quick Defrag**: This algorithm can be used to defragment all the files of a volume.
- 3. **Full Defrag**: This algorithm can be used to remove external and data fragmentation from a hard drive.
- 4. **Optimize**: This algorithm can be used to remove external fragmentation in a hard drive volume.



Stellar Drive Defrag Algorithms

Optimize Free Space in Hard Drive Volume

Optimization leads to better storage space utilization. It also removes external fragmentation in a hard drive volume. Hard disk space can be quickly optimized by arranging all the used space at one place. All small lumps of storage space are consolidated and is available to the user as a single chunk. After optimization of hard drive storage space, new files will be saved in contiguous storage space locations.

To optimize free storage space in a hard drive volume,

- 1. Select the volume (that is to be optimized) from the Select Source section.
- Select Optimize from Algorithm drop-down list. Note that, 'Algorithm selection' is enabled only in Layout view.
- 3. Click button in the toolbar. A warning message is displayed.
- 4. Click **Start** button to start optimization process. You can click **Stop** button anytime to abort the process.

After successful completion, a 'Process Completed' message is displayed.

Note: You can optimize the boot volume of the hard drive only after you have created a bootable USB device.

Full Defragmentation of a Volume

Full Defragmentation of a volume arranges and stores the files in contiguous storage space locations. Also, all the used space is collected at one place and the free space is gathered together as a single chunk. Full Defrag feature of Stellar Drive Defrag removes data fragmentation from a hard drive. This causes faster access and storage of files resulting in improved system performance.

To defragment selected volume,

- Select volume (that is to be fully defragmented) from Select Source section.
- Select Full Defrag from Algorithm drop-down list. Note that, 'Algorithm selection' is enabled only in Layout view.

Note: You can defragment the boot volume only after you have created a bootable USB device.

- Click button in the toolbar. A warning message is displayed.
- 4. Click **Start** button to start defragmentation process. You



After successful completion, a 'Process Completed' message is displayed.





Defragment MetaData Files

Stellar Drive Defrag application allows defragmentation of metadata files.

To defragment metadata files in a volume,

- 1. Select the volume from Select Source section.
- 2. Select **Defrag MetaData** in **Algorithm** combo box. Note that, '**Algorithm selection**' is enabled only in **Layout** view.
- 3. Click button in the toolbar. A warning message is displayed.
- 4. Click **Start** button to start defragmentation process. You can click **Stop** button anytime to abort the process.

After successful completion, a 'Process Completed' message is displayed.

Defragment Files

Stellar Drive Defrag application allows defragmentation of selected files. The application displays all the files of a selected volume having data fragmentation. You can use **Stellar Drive Defrag** to quickly defragment specific files and remove data fragmentation from them.

To defragment files in a volume,

- 1. Select a Volume from Select Source section.
- Click Files tab in the application to view the fragmented files of the volume.
- Select the files in 'File Name' section. You can also use Select All option to choose all files.

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 Click Start button to start defragmentation process. You can click

Stop button anytime to abort the process.

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Defragment Files screen

Defragment All Files

Stellar Drive Defrag application gives a **Quick Defrag** feature that allows defragmentation of all the files of a volume having data fragmentation.

To defragment all the files in a Volume,

- 1. Select the volume from **Select Source** section.
- 2. Select **Quick Defrag** in **Algorithm** combo box. Note that, '**Algorithm selection**' is enabled only in **Layout** view.
- 3. Click Start button in the toolbar. A warning message is displayed.
- 4. Click Start button to start defragmentation process.

Note: You can click **Stop** button anytime to abort the process.

After successful completion, a 'Process Completed' message is displayed.

Create Bootable DMG

Stellar Drive Defrag allows you to create bootable DMG. You can use the bootable DMG to boot your computer, in case the operating system fails. Bootable DMG is also useful if no operating system is loaded, or if the hard drive is blank.

To create a bootable DMG:

- 1. Run Stellar Drive Defrag. Click Continue and a window lists the volumes of the computer.
- 2. Select the boot volume and then the defragmentation algorithm. **Create Bootable** dialog box will appear. Click **Continue**.

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- 3. Click on **Create Image** button. Select the destination to save the disk image and click Choose to begin the image creation process.
- 4. After the image is created, double click on the created image to mount it.
- 5. Attach external media to your computer and open **Disk Utility** from '/Applications/Utilities'.
- 6. Format external media in 'Mac OS Extended (journaled) with 'GUID Partition Table' Partition Map Scheme'.
- 7. Select mounted image from left panel of Disk Utility and select Restore tab.
- 8. Drag mounted image to source and external media to destination and press **Restore** button.
- 9. Use your external media to boot your computer after **Restore** is completed successfully.

Note: Create Bootable DMG option is available for boot volume only.

Set Preferences

Preferences can be set to execute the Stellar Drive Defrag software according to personal requirement.

To set the preferences,

- 1. Run Stellar Drive Defrag.
- 2. Click Continue.
- 3. On StellarDriveDefrag menu, click Preferences option.
- To change general preferences, click General tab.
- 5. To change monitoring preferences, click **Monitoring** tab.
- To change deletion list, click
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Preferences Tab screen

Set Color

While defragmentation, **Stellar Drive Defrag** applies color to drive blocks. Blocks under same category are given same color. Default color scheme for the blocks is shown in Colors window. You can click Legend button in the application to view the set colors.

Stellar Drive Defrag allows you to apply colors for storage space blocks according to your choice.

To change the color,

- 1. Click **Legend** button. Colors window is displayed.
- Click a block to change its color. Select Color panel is displayed.
- 3. In **Select Color** panel, select a coloring mode.
- 4. Select a color and click **OK**.



Set Color Legend screen

Possible Errors While Using Stellar Defrag

1. When I try to defragment a drive volume I get a message, "Insufficient space is available". How to solve this issue?

To defrag volumes, some amount of free space is needed as buffer. For **Stellar Drive Defrag** app, the buffer is 10 percent of the storage disk capacity. This space is required for shifting and writing of files while defragmentation is in progress. Free some amount from your drive to solve the issue.

2. Stellar Drive Defrag application freezes and stops responding while trying to defragment a volume. What could be the case?

If Stellar Drive Defrag software hangs while running, it could be due to the presence of bad sectors in the storage media. You have to remove bad sectors from the drive volume before defragmenting it.

3. How can I defrag my boot volume using Stellar Drive Defrag?

You can defragment the boot volume of your Mac by first creating a bootable USB device first. Click here for creating a bootable USB device.

4. Some of the volumes are shown as disabled in the Select Source section of Stellar Drive Defrag. What could be the case?

Your partition probably has FAT, exFAT or NTFS (Boot Camp) file system. Stellar Drive Defrag software supports Mac OS Extended (Journaled), Mac OS Extended, Mac OS Extended (Case-Sensitive, Journaled), Mac OS Extended (Case-Sensitive), Mac OS Extended (Encrypted).

FAQs

1. What is defragmentation?

Files in hard drive are not always stored in contiguous storage space locations. Deleting files from the storage space creates empty spaces in between stored files. When a new file is saved and it is not able to accommodate in contiguous storage space, it is broken into parts and saved at multiple places. This is called fragmentation. Defragmentation means storing files in contiguous storage space locations such that all the used storage space is collected at one place.

2. What is the difference between optimize and defragment?

Optimize process collects all the used space at one place but defragmentation stores the files in contiguous storage space locations along with collecting the used space at one place.

3. Can I defragment a single file?

Yes, Stellar Drive Defrag software allows you to view all the fragmented files of the selected volume. You can select any of the files for defragmentation.

4. Is there any constraint based on Hard Drive model?

No, all the Hard Drive models and all the size of drives can be defragmented by Stellar Drive Defrag application. In fact USB drives can also be defragmented using the application.

5. Can I defragment/optimize the boot volume?

Yes, you can defragment/optimize boot volume. You need to boot from another drive or external media.

6. Can I defragment selected files of a Hard Drive Volume?

Yes, you can defragment selected files of a Volume. To do this, use Defrag Files option.

7. What are Metadata files?

Information about a file is stored in metadata files like catalog, allocation, extent overflow, and attribute files of operating system. Operating system collects information like file length, creation date, last modified, license information, etc. from these metadata files.

8. Is it possible to defragment metadata files of a system?

Yes, you can defragment metadata files of a system. To do this, use Defrag MetaData option.

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