

ENTER THE TABLET MODE

Tablet mode is a new feature of Windows 10 that allows hybrid devices (tablets, smart phones) to run in full-screen mode, which removes windowed apps and turns the Start menu into a Start screen. The Desktop is hidden and all apps (including desktop apps) take the whole screen. When working in this mode, you can only minimize apps; you can't resize them. Everything either occupies the whole screen or is minimized in the background. If you have a hybrid device such as Microsoft Surface and you remove the keyboard, Windows 10 automatically asks whether you want to enter Tablet mode. Tap Yes, and Tablet mode is enabled immediately.

However, you can enter Tablet mode at any time, even if you haven't removed your device's keyboard. Just follow these steps:

1. Go to the Notification area on the taskbar and click the Notifications icon. The Action Center appears.
2. Click the Tablet Mode icon to enable Tablet mode.
3. Tap somewhere else on the screen to hide the Action Center.

Exit the Tablet mode

You can exit the Tablet mode at any time, even if a keyboard isn't attached to your hybrid device. Here's how:

1. Go to the Notification area on the taskbar and tap the icon for the Notifications. The Action Center appears.
2. Tap the Tablet Mode icon to exit the Tablet mode.
3. Click or tap somewhere else on the screen to hide the Action Center. When you reattach the keyboard to your hybrid device, Windows 10 asks if you want to exit Tablet Mode. Click or tap Yes if you want to exit it.

Configure the Tablet mode

Windows 10 offers several settings for customizing Tablet mode. First, you can enable or disable this feature, though it's best to disable it only on desktop computers and laptops without touchscreens. You can set how you want Tablet mode to behave in Windows 10 when you sign in. For example, you can set it to keep the mode you were previously in, to immediately enter Tablet mode, or to take you to the Desktop. Also, you can set when your device can switch modes. You can set it to show a prompt to confirm whether you want to enter or exit Tablet mode, to never prompt you about this change and always stay in your

current mode, or to never prompt you but always change modes depending on whether you keep the keyboard attached to your device. Finally, you can set Windows 10 to hide or show app icons on the taskbar when in Tablet mode.

Here's how to access all these settings and change them in Windows 10:

1. Open Settings.
2. Click System. A list of system settings appears.
3. Click Tablet Mode.
4. Set Tablet mode as you want it to work.
5. Close the Settings window.