

# HOW TO CHANGE THE ICON SIZE IN WINDOWS 10 & 11

Wish the desktop icons in Windows 10 were bigger so you could stop squinting at them or they'd be easier to tap on a touch screen laptop? Or do you wish they were smaller so the shortcuts didn't take up as much space on your laptop's screen? Here are short steps on how to change the icon size in Windows 10.

## How to Change the Size of Desktop Icons in Windows 10 and 11

1. **Right-click on an empty space** on the desktop.
2. **Select View** from the contextual menu.
3. Select your icon size from the three choices

If you want to change the size of the icons in your **taskbar**, there's a different setting for that, which will also change the size of text, apps, and other items across Windows 10 and 11.

1. **Right-click on an empty space** on the desktop.
2. **Select Display settings** from the contextual menu.
3. Under the **Scale and Layout** section, *choose the size of the taskbar icons*. Windows might ask you to log out and log back in for a more consistent experience.
4. This will not only make the icons in the taskbar a bit larger, but it will also make text bigger in apps like Microsoft Edge and Microsoft Word, as well as in Windows notification windows.

## How to Change the Size of Your File Explorer Folder Icons

If you'd like larger or smaller icons or thumbnails in particular folders, you can change those on the fly in File Explorer.

Just head to your preferred folder location and use your mouse's scroll wheel (plus the control key) to zoom in or out, effectively switching the view between Windows large icons, medium icons, small icons, list, details, tiles, and content views.

Although File Explorer will remember your last setting when you open this particular folder again, this is a folder-specific setting, so you'll have to adjust each folder for which you'd want different icon and text sizes. (This process is particularly useful when adjusting the size of folders and nested folders while viewing your pictures.)