

Pin Any Application to the Desktop

While in All apps from the Start Menu, you can select and left-drag and drop any application (legacy or modern) to the Desktop screen where it will automatically become a shortcut icon. Legacy applications are those that were available for Windows 7 and earlier. Modern applications are those that were developed for Windows 8.1 or Windows 10 and are available only through the Microsoft Store. (Many of the apps that come pre-installed on Windows 10 are Modern apps.)

Customizing the looks of legacy tiles (shortcuts)

As far as visual customizations are concerned, you're basically stuck with whatever the logo is for modern apps, but some legacy apps that you have dragged to the Desktop (they are actually shortcuts) allow for a bit more customization. From the Desktop, right-click on the shortcut icon, click on *properties*, click on *change icon* if the option is available, and complete the steps from there.