

# THE NEW START MENU

The Start menu looks a bit different, but it has all the features you would expect — a list of all your installed applications as well as power options for shutting down or restarting your PC. Move your mouse to the right edge of the Start menu and you'll be able to resize it by simply dragging the pointer either left or right.

## To display the Start menu

- ✓ Click the Start button on the far left corner of the Windows Taskbar, or
- ✓ Press the Windows logo key  on the keyboard.

The left side of Start features an all-new, yet familiar, design. Easily jump to different locations in Windows, like File Explorer and Settings. See the applications you use every day under **Most used**. If you have a new app from the Store, it'll appear under **Recently added**. For a list of all your applications and programs, select **All apps**.

## The right-click context menu provides special options just like before.

Previously, when you right-clicked on an object on the Desktop, a vertical context menu would appear which gave you a choice of actions to take. In Windows 10, right-clicking produces the same vertical context menu.

## Launching an application

Left-click on an application to open (launch) it. Right-click the application to choose from a broader range of options, which, depending on the app, may include the following:

- ✓ Open
- ✓ Run as administrator
- ✓ Uninstall
- ✓ Pin to Start
- ✓ Pin to taskbar
- ✓ Remove from this list

## **Lock Your Computer, Change Your Account Picture, or Sign Out**

1. On the Start menu, select your user name/photo in the upper left corner of the menu.
2. Choose the option you want: Change account settings, Lock, or Sign out.

## **Quickly access your applications, files, and settings**

In the left pane of the Start menu, immediately below your user name, you'll find the following:

- ✓ Links to your most-used and recently added applications
- ✓ Links to File Explorer (aka Windows Explorer) and Settings
- ✓ An All app button—select it to display a list of all the applications installed on your computer
- ✓ The power button  is right at the heart of Start, just above the All apps button.
- ✓ Want to sign out of your PC, switch accounts, or change your account picture? Just click on your name in the upper-left corner of Start.

## **To customize the Start menu**

Windows 10 combines the tiles of Windows 8's All apps screen with the earlier Start menu that held legacy (pre-Windows 8) programs. You can have the new Start menu your way:

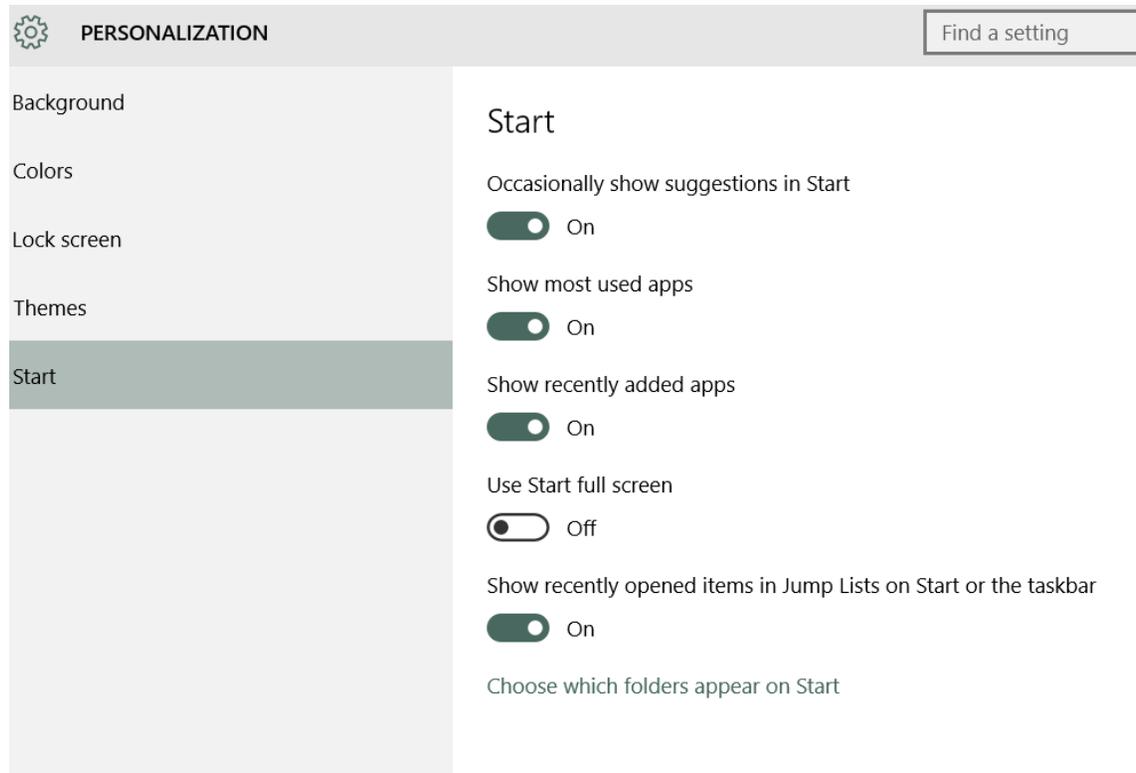
Simply click and hold the cursor on the right edge of the Start box and drag it in a staggered way to the size you want.

If you tap All Apps, you'll see a small tile for every single program on the computer, and you can pin to start or pin to taskbar any of them with a right-click option.

You can also pin any application (legacy or modern) to the Desktop. It's as easy as a left drag and drop! (In Windows 8.1, Modern apps could not be pinned to the Desktop without the use of ModernMix, a third-party commercial program.)

## More Settings are available

There are even more settings for the Start menu, accessible from the Settings (**Windows + I**)> **Personalization** > **Start**. There you will find five start/stop buttons **plus an option** to *choose which folders appear on start*.



## To further personalize the Start menu

- ✓ Arrange items into groups, move and resize tiles, even change the size of the Start menu itself.
- ✓ Show live updates for certain tiles, such as real-time weather in Las Vegas and other locations of interest to you.

## **To create Start menu groups:**

After you've pinned an application to **Start**, move it into a group. To create a group, move (drag) an app around until a group divider appears, and then release the tile. Move applications in or out of the group as you want.

To give your new group a name, just click the open space immediately above your new group and enter a name.

## **Unpinning vs. Uninstalling tiles**

Unpinning tiles means that they'll be hidden from the Start menu but will still be accessible in the All apps view. (To access the All apps view, go to the Start Menu and click on All Apps at the bottom of the list.) Uninstalling them, however, will remove them from your computer completely. The good news is that most of these apps can simply be re-downloaded from the Windows Store if you ever change your mind later on.

If you uninstall a legacy program (a program that predates Windows 8 or Windows 10), you will need to reinstall it from the Internet or a disk just like in previous editions of Windows.

## **Resize tiles**

Once you've decided what apps you want on your Start Screen, it's time to get them organized. Right clicking on a tile on the Start Screen will allow you to resize it and choose if it is a live tile or not. The size of the each tile is determined by the app, meaning that some have a large and wide option, while others only have medium or small options.

## **Live tiles**

If an app has the option to be a live tile, it means that it can display pertinent information on the face of the tile rather than just a logo. For apps such as Weather or News, this could actually be useful and provide up-to-date information. Some apps, though, don't support any live tile function. (Note that the more live tiles you have running, the longer it will take your computer to boot since a live tile consumes system resources.)

## **Pin a folder to the Start Menu**

In addition, you can right-click on a folder, and *pin to start*. This action will place the target folder on your Start screen!

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Please note: When any application or file is assigned to a Desktop location, that icon becomes a shortcut and must be opened with a double-click.