

SNAP IN WINDOWS 11

Windows has long included a feature called Snap that lets you arrange two or more apps or other open windows onscreen so that they can all be seen at the same time.

But in Windows 11, Snap has been dramatically improved with Snap layouts and Snap groups. Snap layouts provides a visual display of the available layouts so you can place the current window exactly where you want it and then use the preexisting Snap assist feature to place other windows in the remaining space. Snap groups lets you recreate a previous Snap layout. Just mouse over one of the apps that was in the group you wish to reuse and then select the group, instead of the app, from the pop-up that appears.

Now that Windows 11 supports snapping more than just two windows side-by-side or four windows in a grid, Microsoft has introduced a handy pop-up menu that lets you quickly pick a layout. To access this menu, open Windows Explorer and hover your mouse cursor over the maximize button in the window's title bar. This action will bring up the snap menu.

After a moment of hovering (don't click yet), the menu will appear. To use it, click the rectangle representing where you'd like to position the current window in the layout.

After you select the location for the first window, you'll see thumbnails of the remaining open windows in the open space beside the window you just positioned. Choose one of these windows to fill the empty space by clicking its thumbnail.

Select another window to finish the Snap layout.

Once you've filled all open slots, you'll have the completed Snap layout in place.

The layout will stay snapped in place until you manually resize a window or choose a different layout from the snap menu. If you minimize the windows one by one, they will keep their snapped sizes and will return to their positions once you restore them.