

WINDOWS 10 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 everyday 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**.

To Customize the Start Menu

Windows 10 combines the tiles of Windows 8's modern user interface 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! (In Windows 8.1, Modern apps could not be pinned to the Desktop without the use of Modern Mix, a third-party commercial program.)

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 applications that will 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.

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 still 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 from the Internet or a disk just like in previous editions of Windows.

Customizing Tiles

As far as visual customizations are concerned, you're basically stuck with whatever the logo is for modern apps (apps developed specifically for Windows 8 and Windows 10), but desktop apps (they are actually shortcuts) allow for a bit more customization. Right-click on the shortcut icon, click on *properties*, click on *change icon*, and complete the steps from there.

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.)