

Display Stuff and More 3-2-2021 by Dick Evans

Back when Windows first evolved out of a blank and white dos world the first few classes I would teach was on how to change the look and feel of the colorful screens. Now we seem to take what we get.

Windows 10 comes with default settings we just accept. Changes can be made to customize the look and feel to suit us.

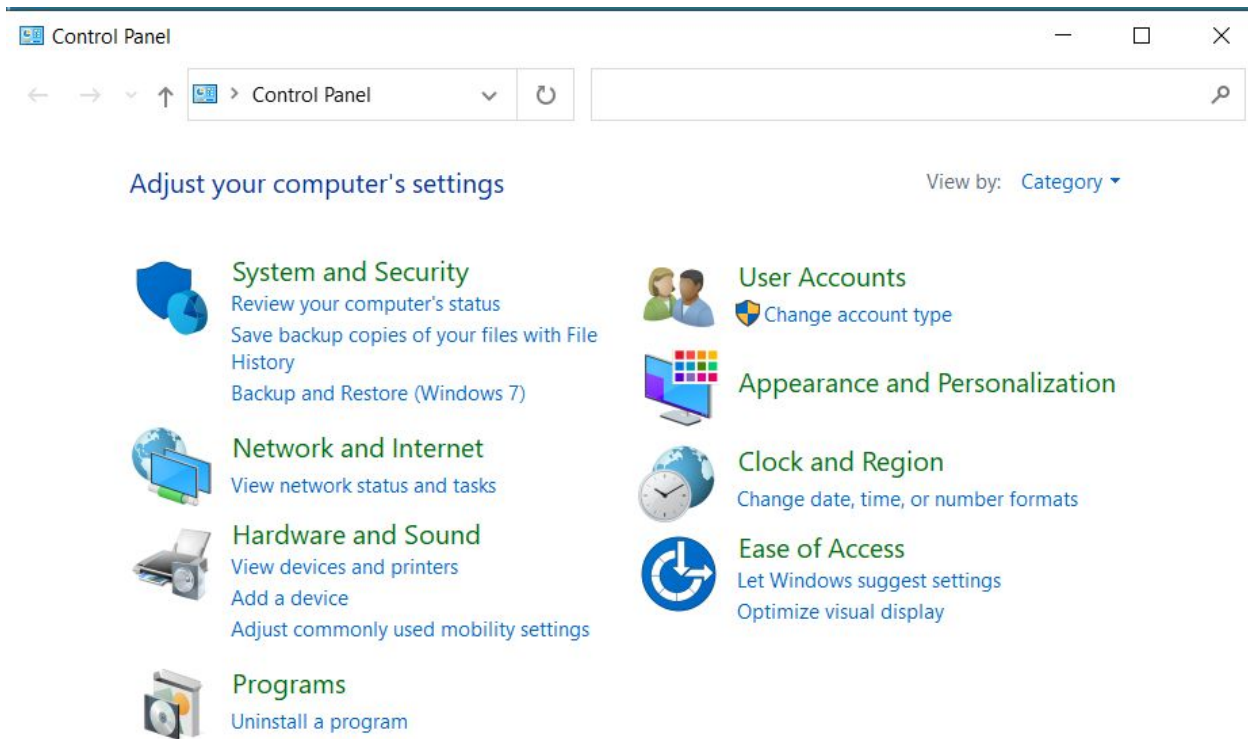
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Control Panel vs Settings



Win+Q > type control > Enter to open the old control panel



Win+I instead of the control panel or Start > click the gear

Find a setting



System

Display, sound, notifications, power



Devices

Bluetooth, printers, mouse



Phone

Link your Android, iPhone



Network & Internet

Wi-Fi, airplane mode, VPN



Personalization

Background, lock screen, colors



Apps

Uninstall, defaults, optional features



Accounts

Your accounts, email, sync, work, family



Time & Language

Speech, region, date



Gaming

Xbox Game Bar, captures, Game Mode



Ease of Access

Narrator, magnifier, high contrast



Search

Find my files, permissions



Privacy

Location, camera, microphone



Update & Security

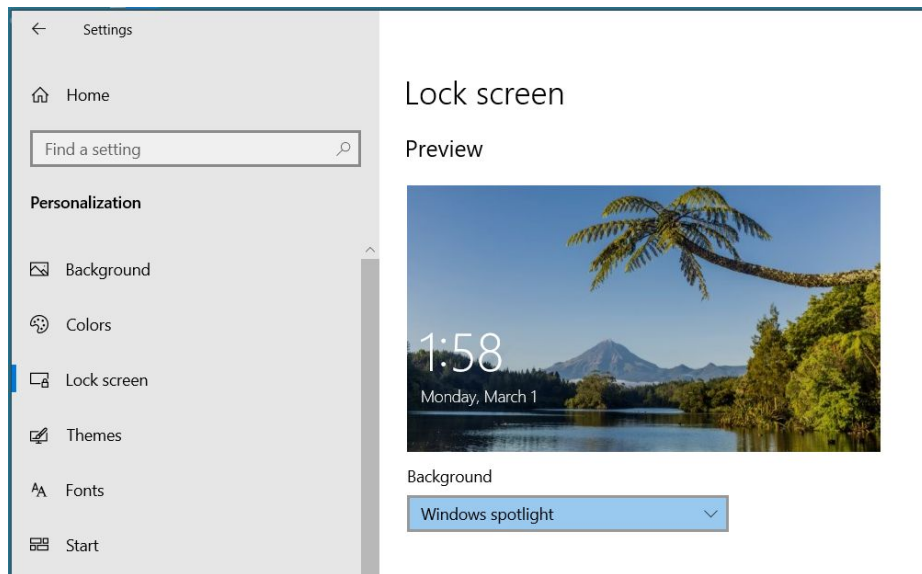
Windows Update, recovery, backup

There are still a few items left that you may want to use the control panel for but most are now found in the Settings screen.

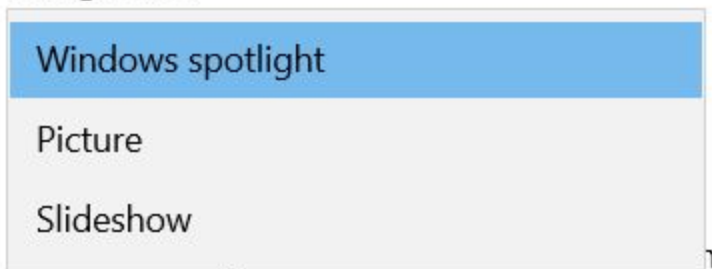
Not sure what to look for? Type it in the search box.

The Lock Screen background

Settings search for Personalization.



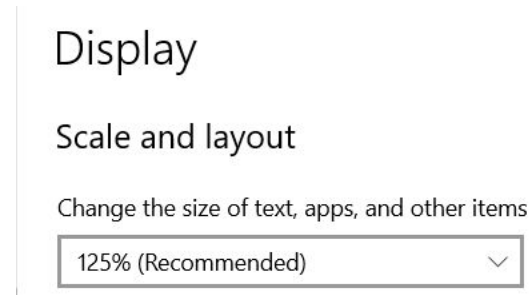
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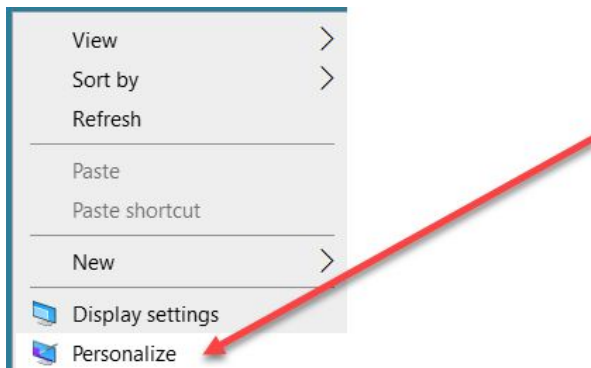
Pull down the arrow to choose another. The picture can be a stock one from Windows 10 or one of your own. The Slideshow can be of pictures on your PC.

Background Color vs Pictures

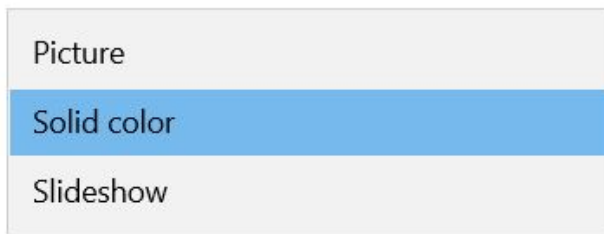
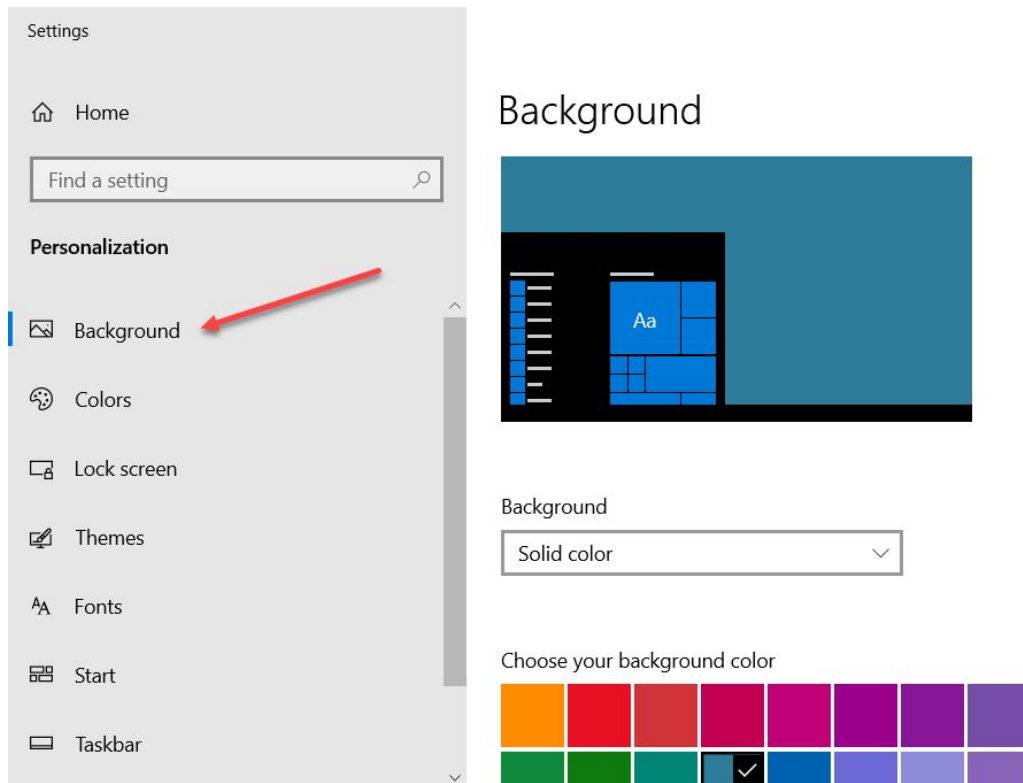
Settings search for Display



Pull the arrow down and select a size



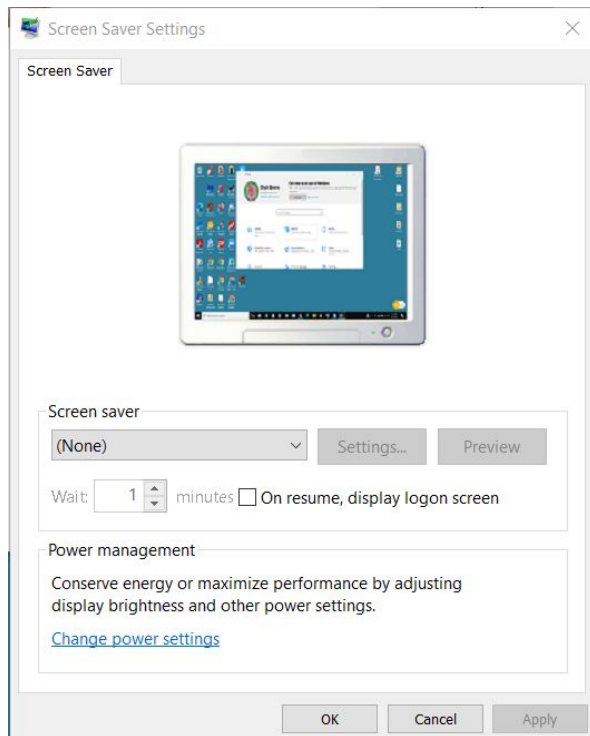
Right-click on the desktop and select Personalize > Background



Pull the arrow down to choose Picture, Solid color, or a Slideshow

If you want your own design you can always use Paint to create it. Save it with a name and into a folder you remember then use that as your Picture.

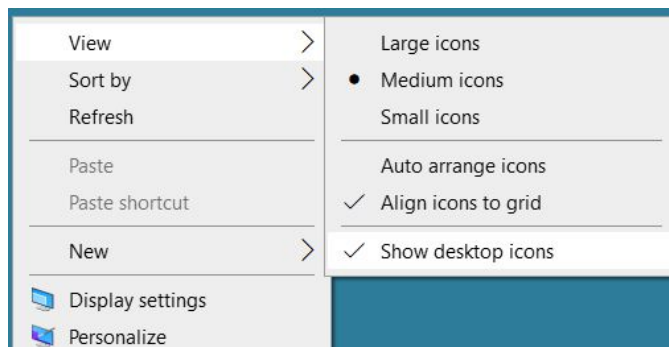
Screen Saver



Settings search for *screen saver*

Works the same as it as in previous version of Windows. Not really needed with the LCD monitors we have today. May be used just for fun.

Desktop ICONS

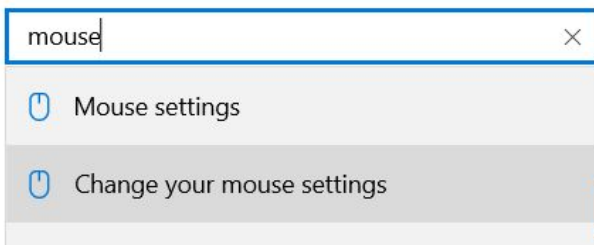


Right-click on the desktop and uncheck *Show desktop icons*

Onn the save menu change the size of the icons to suit your needs: *Large, Medium, or Small*

Mouse Adjustments

Settings search for Mouse



Related settings

[Adjust mouse & cursor size](#)



[Additional mouse options](#)

Change pointer size and color

Change pointer size



Change pointer color

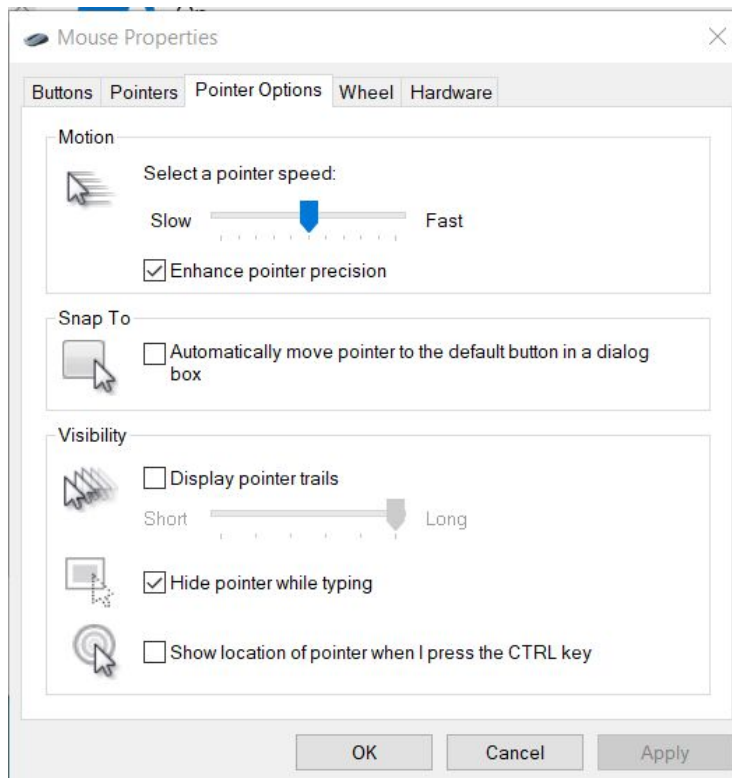


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Check *Display pointer trails* and/or *Show location of pointer...*
To make it easier to locate the mouse.