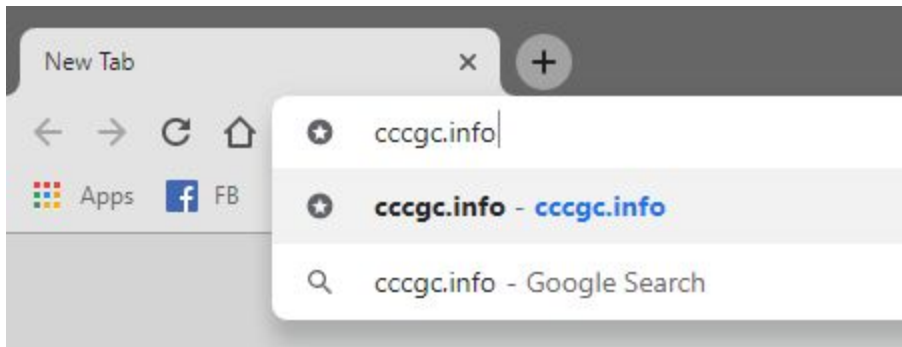


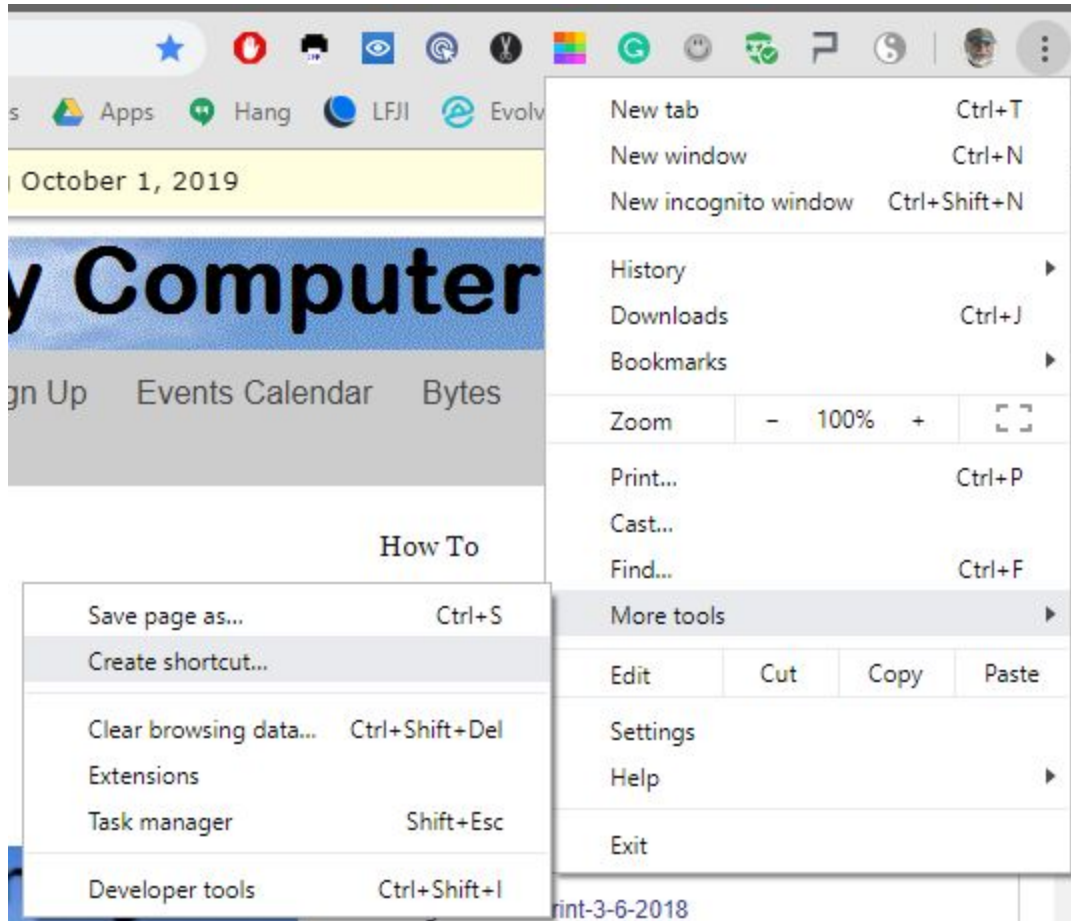
Shortcuts And Icons

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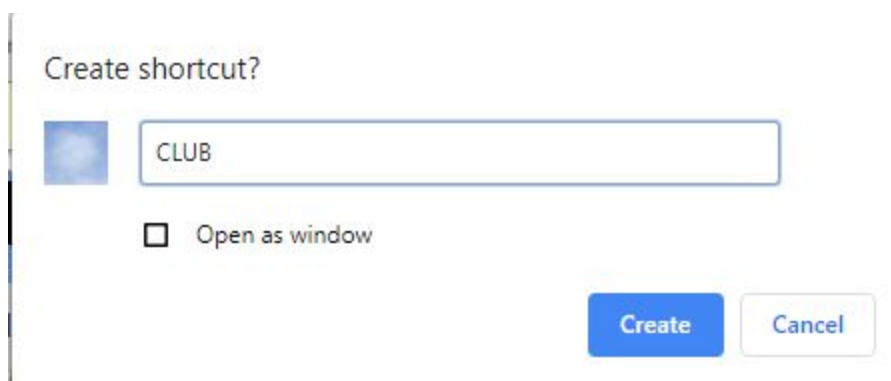
We saw how to create an icon for a single web page in my “Elderly Computing” article. Sometimes the icon that is created is an empty square--no picture. Let’s take a look at changing the icon to something else.



Open your browser and locate the website you want a shortcut for.



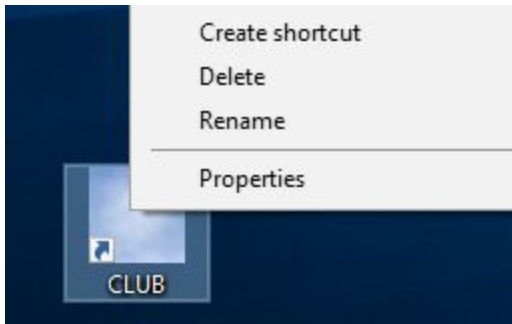
Click the menu button (three dots in the upper right of the browser)
More tools > Create shortcut...



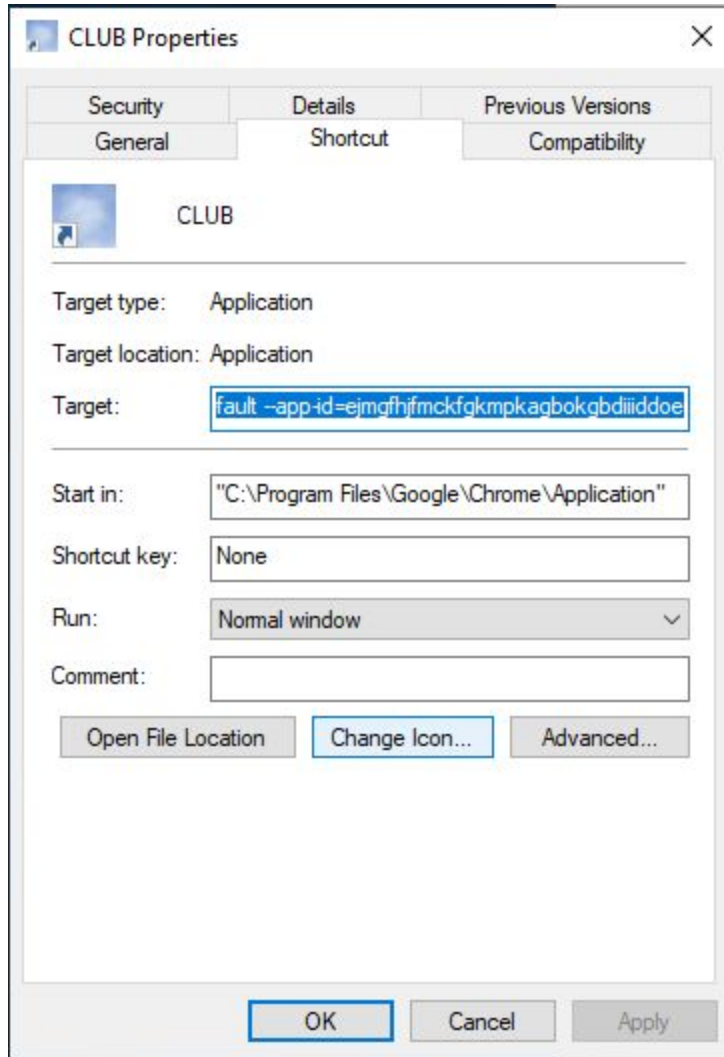
Change the name to something you will recognize



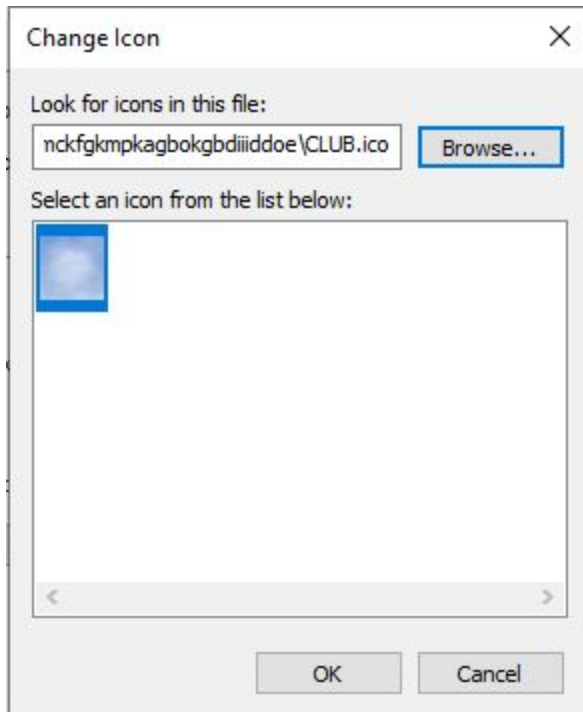
Notice the empty box for an icon



Right-click on the icon and choose Properties



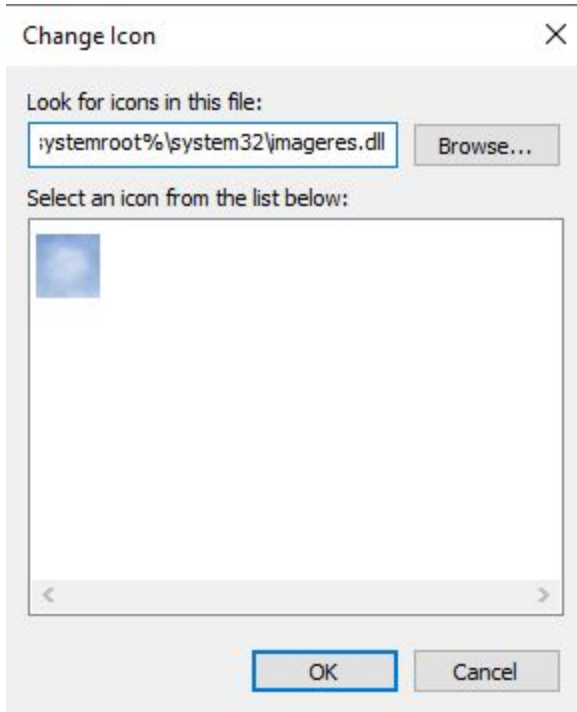
Click Change Icon



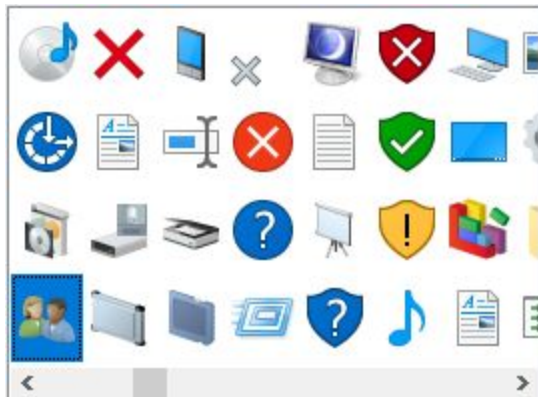
Click the line under “Look for icons in this file:” to select it and enter the following:

`%systemroot%\system32\imageres.dll`

Or Browse to windows > system32 > imageres.dll



Click OK



Scroll left and right to locate an icon to use, then click it, then click OK



The icon in the shortcut now relates to the page it will open.

What about finding more icons to use?

Best Places to Find Free Icon Files

The design world moves at a fast pace, and it's much easier to download icon files than it is to hire graphic designers to create custom designs. That's why many sites offer entire marketplaces filled with free and premium icons. Some even offer hundreds of thousands of icons.

<https://tinyurl.com/y58vcqsn>

Or creating an icon of my own. Yes, you can turn your image into an icon.

How to Create a Windows Icon

This wikiHow teaches you how to create a shortcut icon for a Windows computer. Desktop shortcuts typically use predetermined icons, but you can create your own icon by using an online converter. If you'd like to create a simple, black-and-white icon from scratch, you can use Microsoft Paint instead.

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