Taming The Start Menu
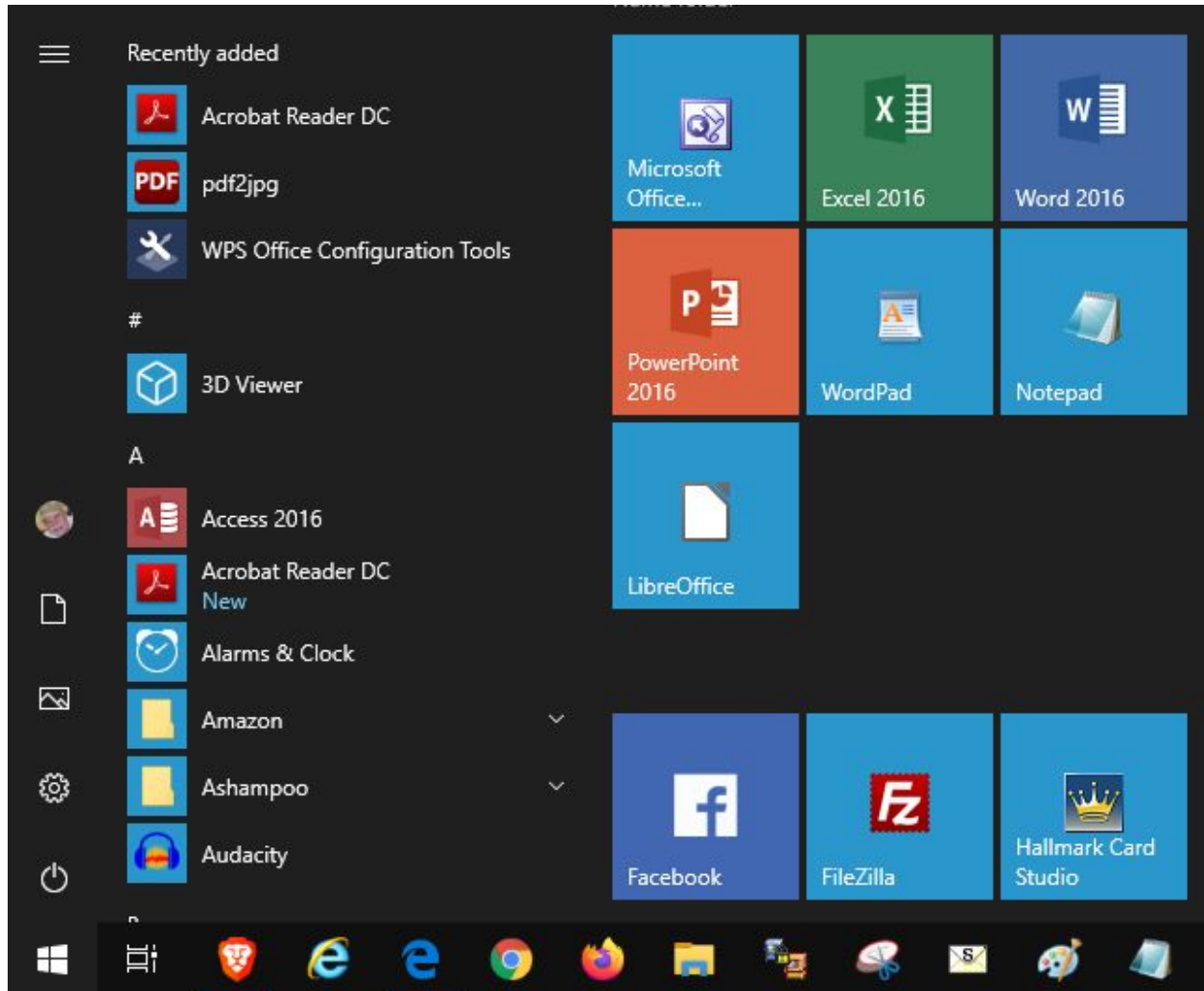
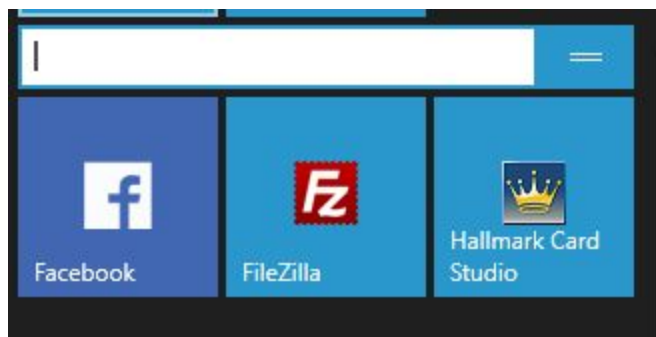By Dick Evans, www.rwevans.com

Start menu from XP

To open a shortcut on the desktop, double-click it. Some find it difficult to get the double-click to work all the time. Instead, click once and then hit the Enter key on the keyboard--OR--right-click and choose Open.
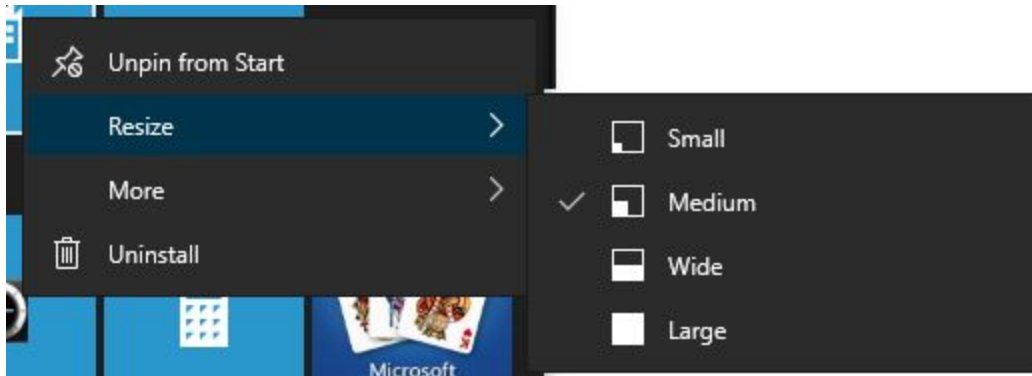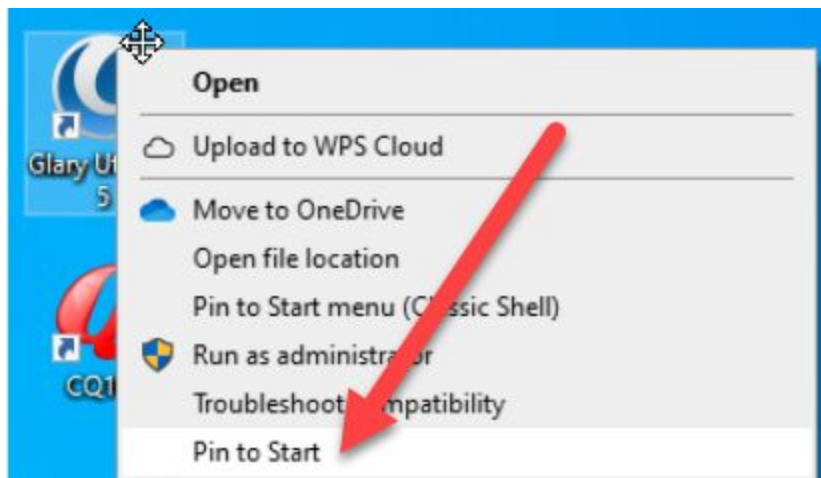
Start Menu in Windows 10

Groups: Creating and Naming them

Change Sizes and More

Remove shortcuts from the desktop

Speed up your Windows 10 by having fewer Desktop icons
The more desktop items you have, the longer time it takes for Windows 10
to log in to your user account.
https://tinyurl.com/rsar5cy
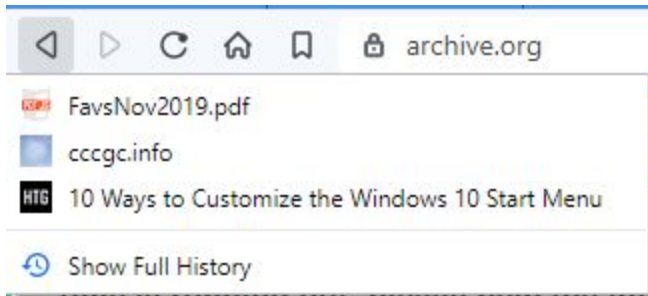
Customize the Windows 10 Start Menu
Windows 10 finally brought back the Start menu, and it's more
customizable than ever. Here's a quick rundown of all the different ways
that you can make the Start menu your own.
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Browser back vs back list

Click the back button to return to the previous screen

Hold the back button down as choose from the list of recently accessed pages on this tab

Current statistics on browser usage
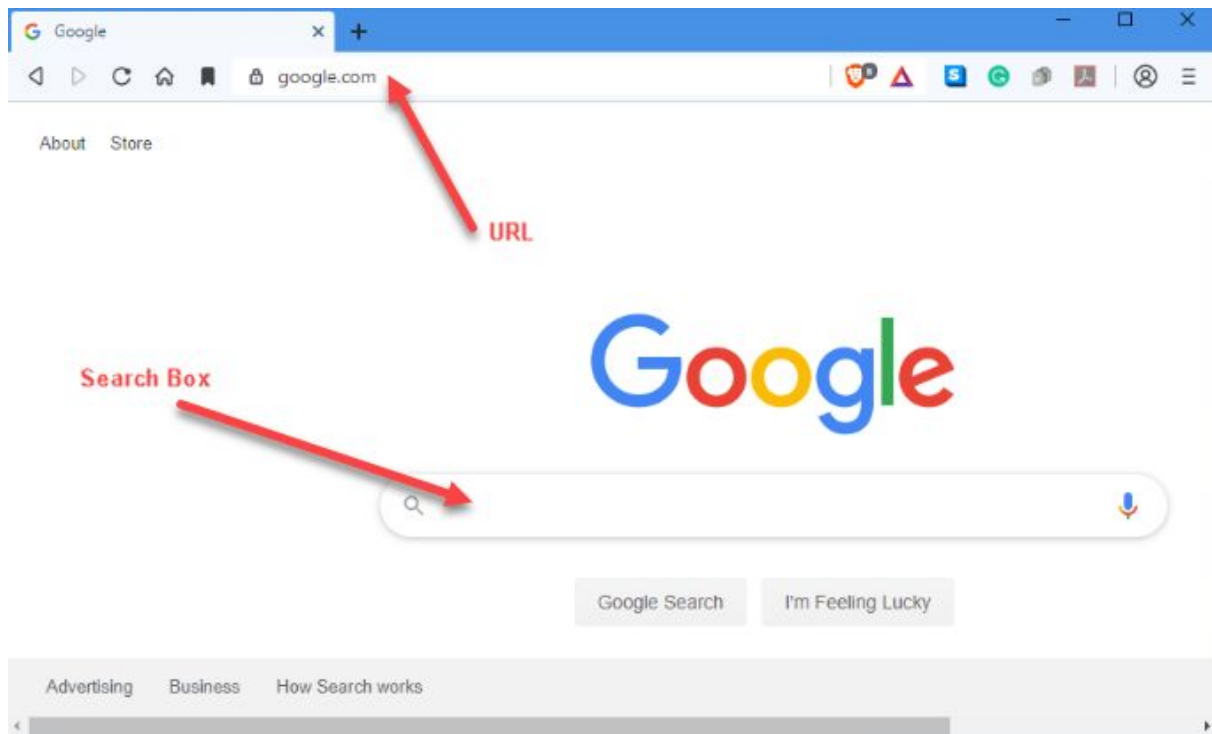Chrome   65%
Firefox   4%
Edge   2%

I use a new browser called Brave and Opera

Always have at least one more non-Microsoft browser installed. If you are using Edge and it fails you will need a second browser to resolve the problem.

It is time to retire Internet Explorer. It is past its end of life. Use Edge instead or switch to another.

Search vs URL

Type in the search box to return a list of pages related to what was typed

Ctlr+L and type in the address bar to open the site if a URL was entered. If not the result will be a search as if you typed into the search box

Shortcut: type the site name such as *chevy* and press *Ctrl+Enter*. The browser will add *http://* in front and *.com* after what you typed.

Ctrl+J with open the download list

Shift+Ctrl+T will re-open a closed tab

Shift+Ctrl+B will open or close the Bookmark Bar

Drag URL down to bookmark bar to add to it. Right-click and edit to shorten name.