



Windows

Customizing Windows for Low Vision

Display Options

Sometimes the computer screen might be too bright, or the items are too cluttered or just too small to see.

Ease of Access tools might help you set up your computer to work best for you. To address glare and clutter, explore these Display Options. Try out these steps!

1. Use the keyboard shortcut Windows + U to open the Ease of Access menu.
2. The Settings list on the left side shows a list of customizing tools.
3. The first category is Vision. At the top, you'll find Display. Select Display on the left side. The right side of the screen will show the following options for your computer's visual display.

4. Make text bigger: This first option lets you change your text size to fit your needs. Use the mouse pointer to select and drag the bar to the right to make the text size larger and to the left to make it smaller. You can watch the text change size in the preview window.
5. Select the Apply button when you find the size you want. The screen goes to a solid color for a few seconds, then you'll see the enlarged text in many places, such as the Start menu, desktop icons, and on web pages.
6. Make everything bigger: The next option lets you change the size of apps and text on the main display.
7. Use the down arrow at the far right of the drop-down box to open a list of options. Try selecting various display sizes to see what works best for you.
8. Make everything brighter: With this option, first you can change the brightness of the visual display to help with glare or light sensitivity.
9. Use your pointer to move the slider back and forth. You can immediately see a darker screen

by moving the slider to the left and a brighter screen when you move it to the right. Or you can also use the Tab key to get to the slider bar and use the arrow keys to move it to the left or right.

10. Change brightness automatically or use a night light: Beneath the slider, you'll find a link to night light settings.
11. Select this link to open a new window with a slider bar. You can also use the toggle to schedule the night light.

Tip: Using the night light settings on your computer can reduce eye strain and result in a better night's sleep.

So how did it go? Did you try some of these Display options? There are more workshops exploring other Ease of Access features in this series. Try them out to see which ones work best for you!

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