



Windows

Customizing Windows for Low Vision Mouse Settings

You can make it easier to find your mouse by adjusting the pointer speed and displaying pointer trails.

Take a look at these steps to make it easier to see where your mouse is moving. **Try something new!**

Tip: Another workshop in this series explores changing the size and color of the pointer.

1. Use the keyboard shortcut **Windows + U** to open the Ease of Access menu.
2. The **Settings** list on the left side of the screen shows a list of customizing tools. Near the bottom of the list, you'll find **Mouse**.

Select this option to view the mouse settings that appear on the right.

3. Select **Change other mouse options**.

4. Then on the right side, select **Additional mouse options**.

In the **Mouse Properties** dialog box, you'll see several options for customizing the way your mouse works.

5. **Pointer Options tab:**

- **Select a pointer speed:** Select and drag the slider bar to the left to slow down the mouse, and to the right to speed it up.
- **Snap To:** Make your pointer move automatically to the default button in a dialog box by checking the Snap To checkbox.

Tip: To see how this works, use the **Save As** command in a Word document. You'll see your mouse pointer automatically move to the **Save As** button.

- **Display pointer trails:** You can choose to see your pointer trail by checking this checkbox under Visibility. Use the slider bar, dragging it to the left to choose a shorter trail, or sliding it to the right to make the trail longer.

- **Hide pointer while typing:** Check this box to hide the pointer when you are typing. This control is activated by default. It keeps the pointer out of the way when you are entering text in a document or web page.
- **Show location of pointer when I press the CTRL key:** Check this box for an easy way to find your pointer. Then just press the Control key on your keyboard when you need to find your pointer.

Tip: Try checking the box, and then open a busy web page. When you press the Control key, you'll see a bull's-eye focus on the pointer.

6. Once you've selected the options that work best for you, select the OK button to finalize your options and close the Mouse Properties dialog box.

It's surprising how many ways you can customize your computer. From time to time, you might want to review the options available to you in the Mouse Properties box. Your needs may change, or you may just want to try something new and see if it is helpful. Other workshops in this series explore more ways to customize how you use your computer. Try them out to see which ones work best for you!

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