

5 ways to customize Xbox Game Bar on Windows PC

Xbox Game Bar allows you to access everything quickly and easily without having to completely exit the game to do so.

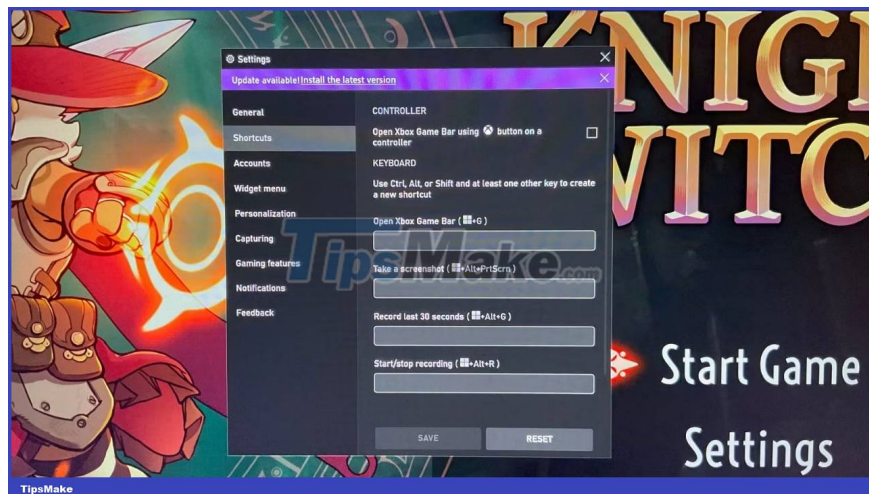
It may seem like a small addition to your PC gaming experience, but has the potential to become useful if you customize it to fit your needs perfectly.

Many gamers take the Xbox Game Bar for granted or only use its most basic functions. But if you want to learn more about the Xbox Game Bar and how you can personalize it to fit your perfect gaming experience, the following article has all the information you need.

1. Create custom keyboard shortcuts for Xbox Game Bar

Xbox Game Bar is equipped with many shortcuts to make your tasks as simple as possible, so you can get back to your game quickly.

Most of the most popular keyboard shortcuts are already there for you to use like Windows + Alt + Print Screen to take a screenshot (without the Xbox Game Bar covering part of the screen) or Windows + Alt + R to start recording your gaming process.

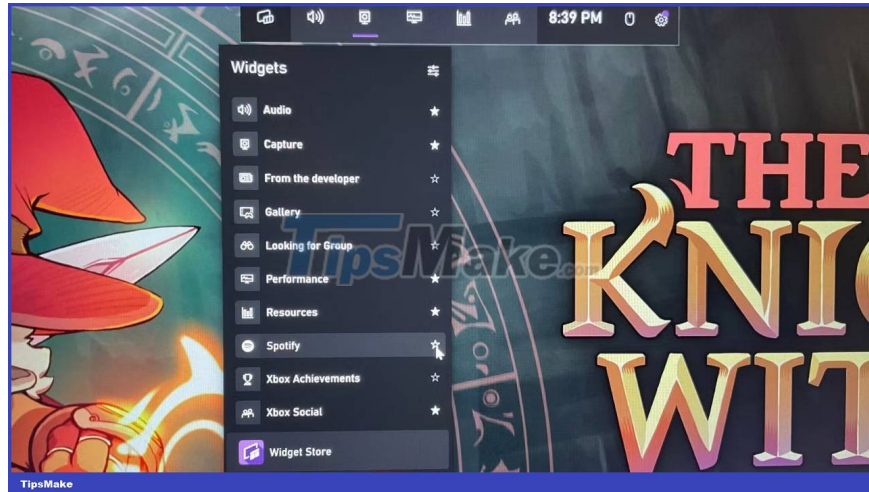


However, these are the default shortcuts and you can have your own ideas. To create your own shortcut, open the Xbox Game Bar by pressing Windows + G and open Settings. Select Shortcuts and enter new shortcuts or

restructure existing shortcuts to create your perfect shortcut menu. Click Save to confirm your changes.

2. Add favorites to Xbox Game Bar

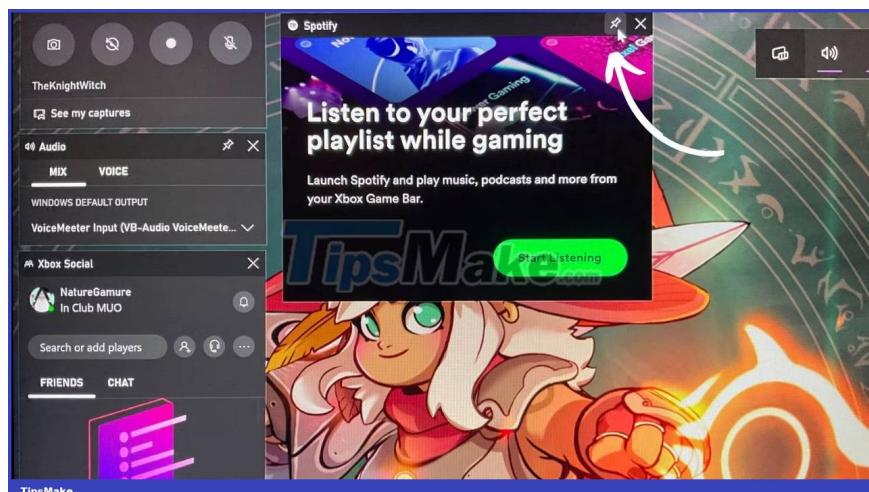
Xbox Game Bar has many features available to make your gaming experience easier, but we all have our favorites. Having one of your favorite features you access often hidden deep in the Game Bar menus defeats the purpose of the Xbox Game Bar itself, which is to help you access things more quickly and easily while gaming.



In these cases, you may 'favorite' certain Game Bar features and want them to always appear on the Home Bar. To do so, find your favorite feature and tap the star icon to the right of it. That will mark your feature as a favorite, so it will always be available to you whenever you need it.

3. Shuffle, resize or pin widgets to the Xbox Game Bar

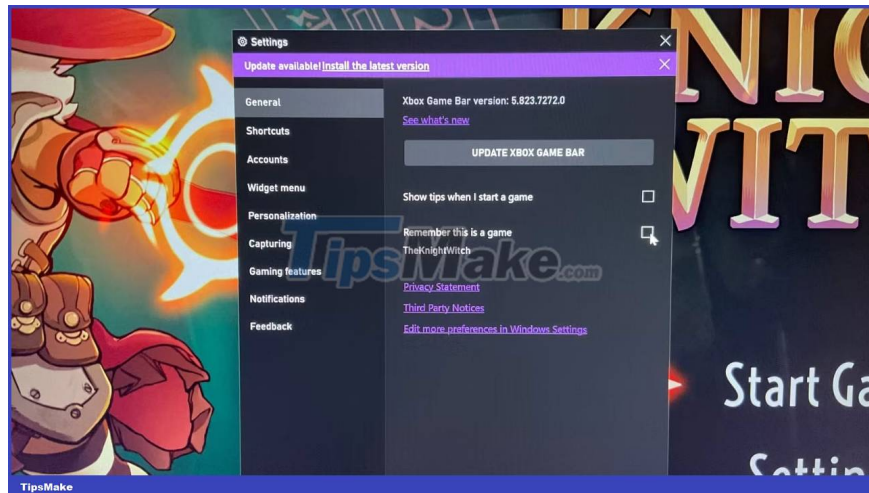
Adding handy widgets to the Xbox Game Bar can greatly improve your gaming experience and provide quick access to things like timers and even maps for certain games.



These widgets can be added and customized however you want to create your perfect game bar. You can move widgets by clicking, holding, and dragging them to your preferred location. To resize a widget, click, hold, and drag one of the corners and pin them in place by tapping the pin icon at the top right of the widget to lock it.

4. Add gaming features to your game or application

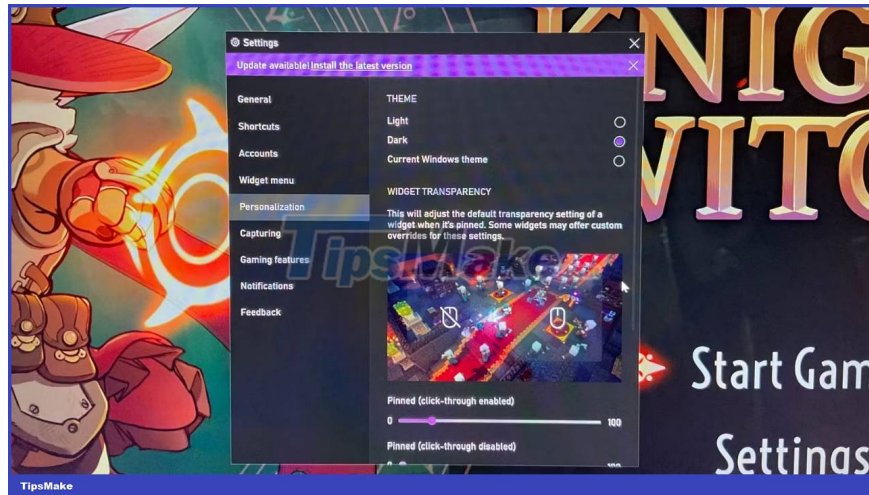
Most games are recognized as such by your Xbox Game Bar, but sometimes something gets missed. You might even have an app that you want your Game Bar to treat as a game.



If so, press Windows key + G to bring up the Xbox Game Bar while you're using the app or game in question. Go to settings and select the checkbox that says Remember this is a game . If this checkbox is not present, the app is recognized as a game and you can continue playing with all the features you need.

5. Adjust Xbox Game Bar options

There are many more novel ways to use the Xbox Game Bar beyond the ones listed above. By opening the Xbox Game Bar and going to the Personalization section of settings, you can adjust things like light or dark mode and enable or disable play animations when you're using certain widgets.



Adjusting your preferences can help you tailor your Xbox Game Bar to your personal aesthetic or prevent any distracting notifications from appearing while you're playing and distracting you.

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