

How to change the default icon on Windows 10

The icons on Windows 10 are all set by default, but users can also change those icons with the features available on the system, or use support software.

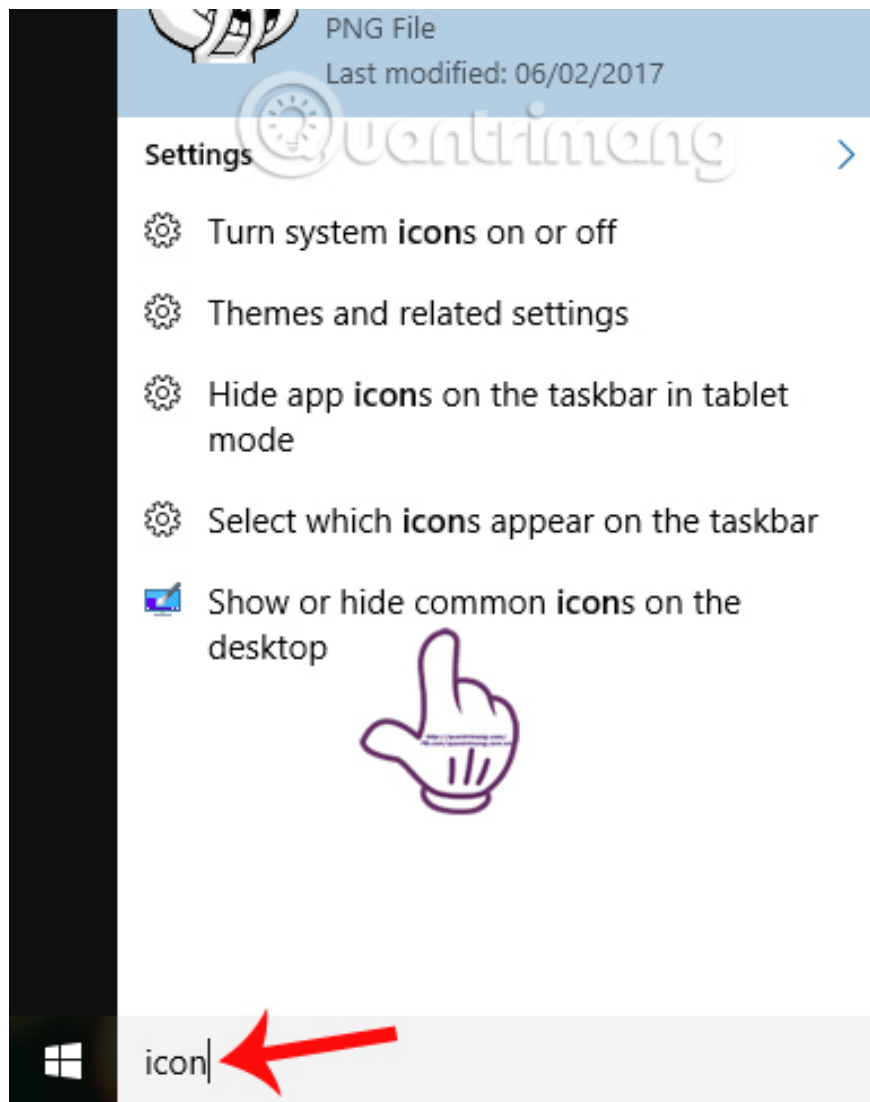
Usually, Windows icons are default and Windows 10 is no exception. However, if you want to customize those icons, such as resizing or zooming out icons, using another icon instead, . it is also very simple. We can use the icon change feature available on the system, or use the support tool. In the following article, we will show you how to change the system icon on Windows 10.

1. Change icon icon on desktop:

With icons on the screen interface such as Computer, Recycle Bin, . we can completely change to any other favorite icon easily.

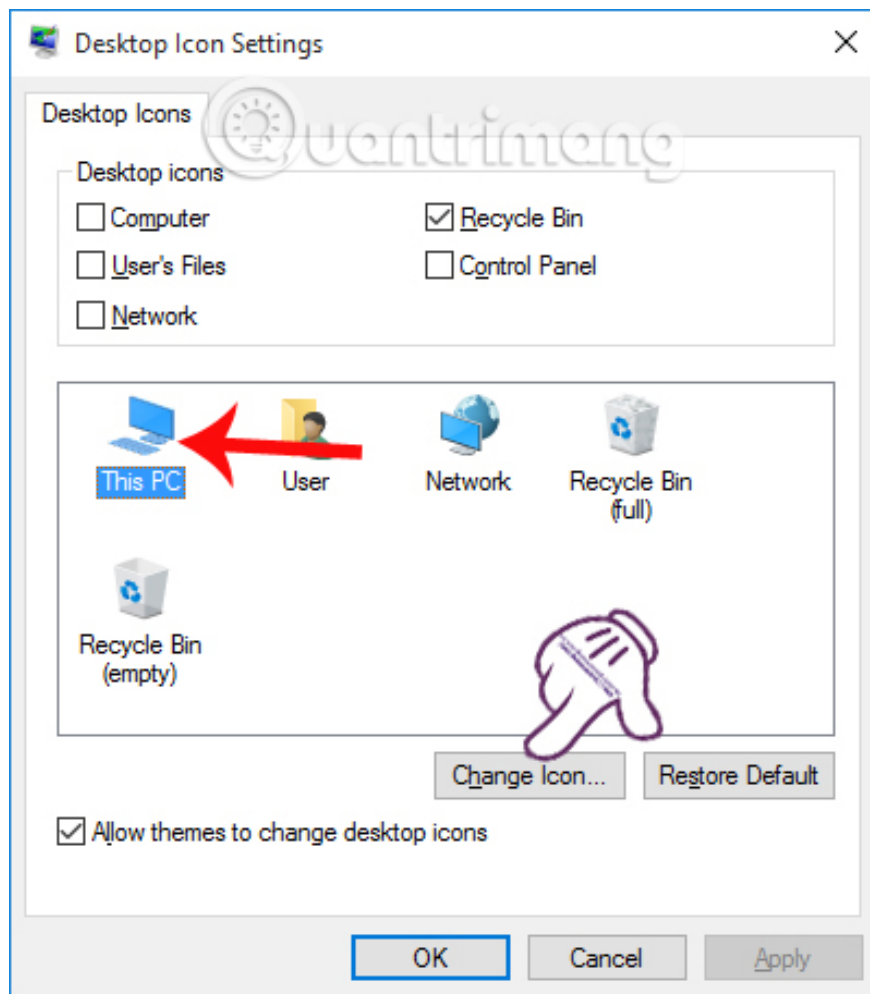
Step 1:

In **the search bar** on Windows 10, we enter the **icon** keyword and then click on the option **Show or hide common icons on the desktop** .



Step 2:

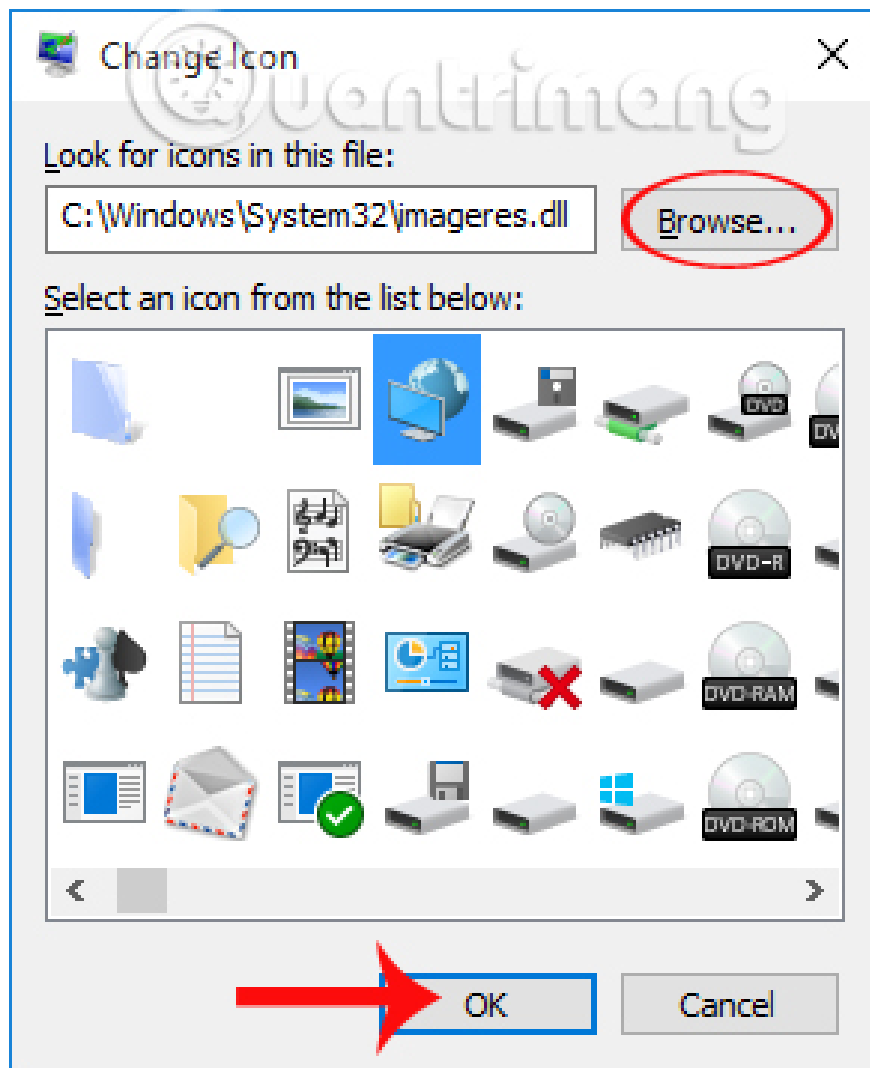
The Desktop Icon Settings dialog box appears. Here, select an **icon on the screen interface** that you want to change and click **Change Icon** .



Step 3:

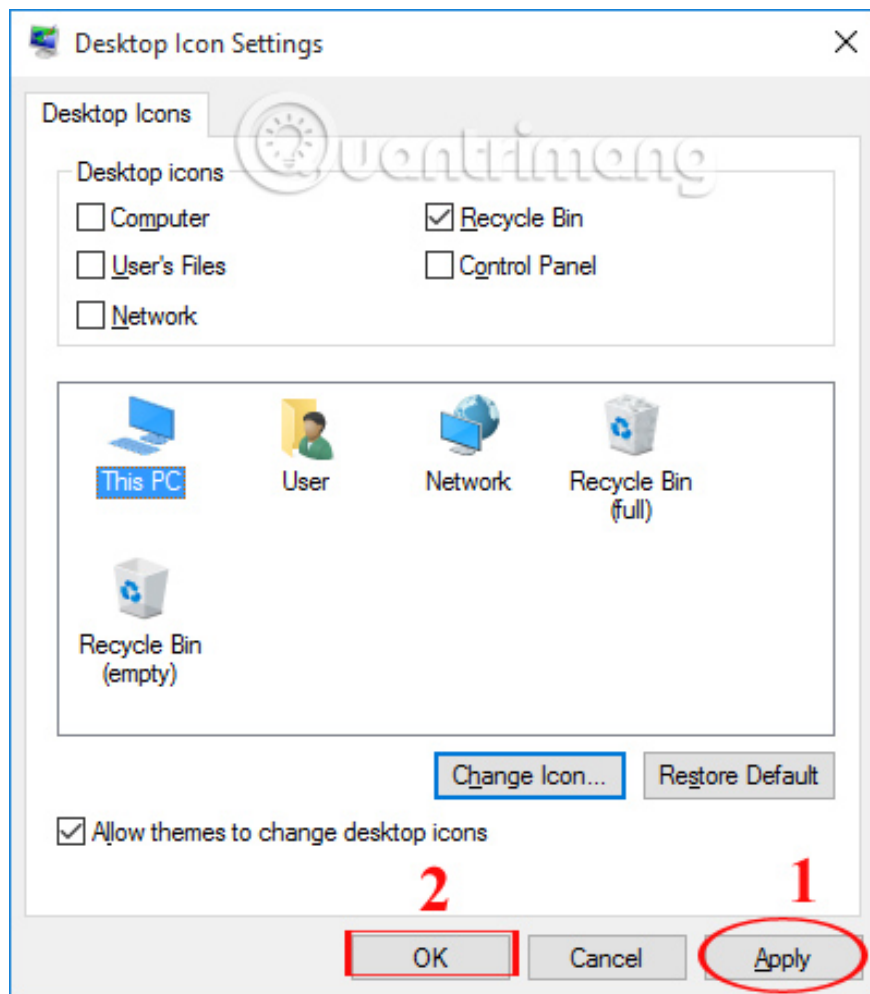
In the Change Icon dialog box, we can select **the new icon we want to change** from the list, or click **Browse** to open the folder containing the icon. **Note to users**, the icon you want to change should be in exe, dll or ico format.

Once you have selected the icon you want to change, click **OK** to use.

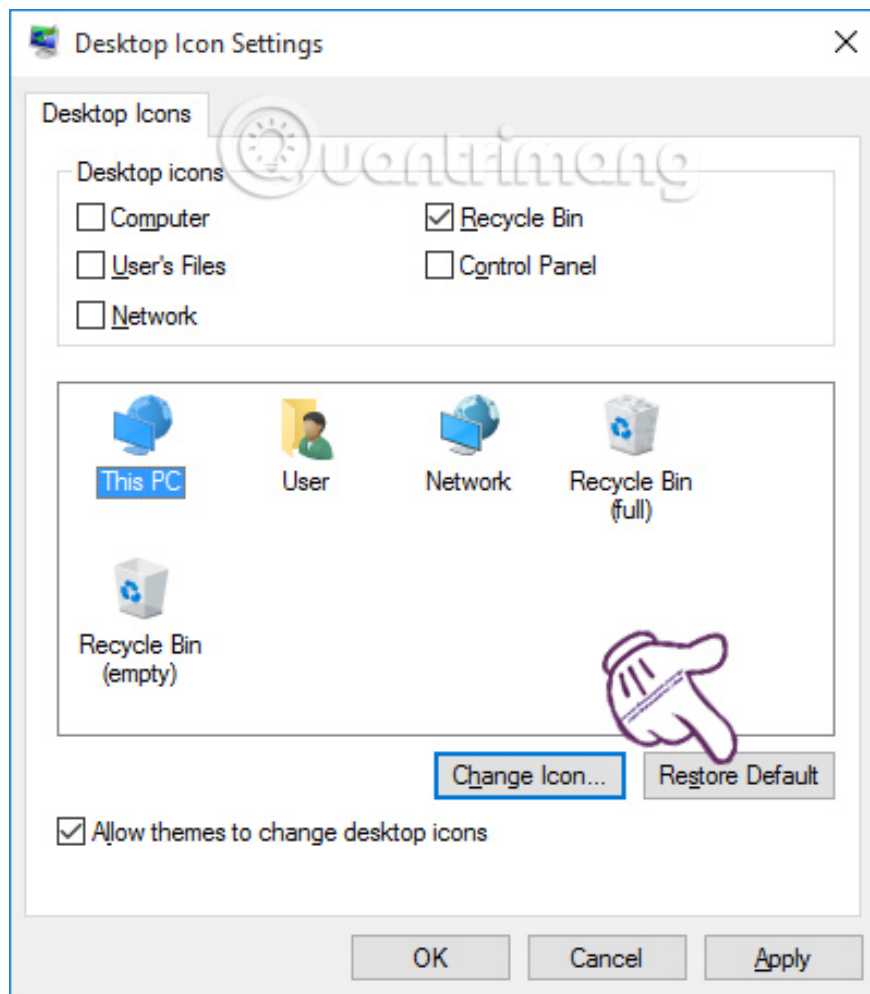


Step 4:

Finally, we just need to click **Apply** and select **OK** to make the change applied.



If you want to re-use **the default icon on Windows 10** , simply open the Desktop Icon Settings dialog box, click on the icon you want to return to the old and click **Restore Default** .

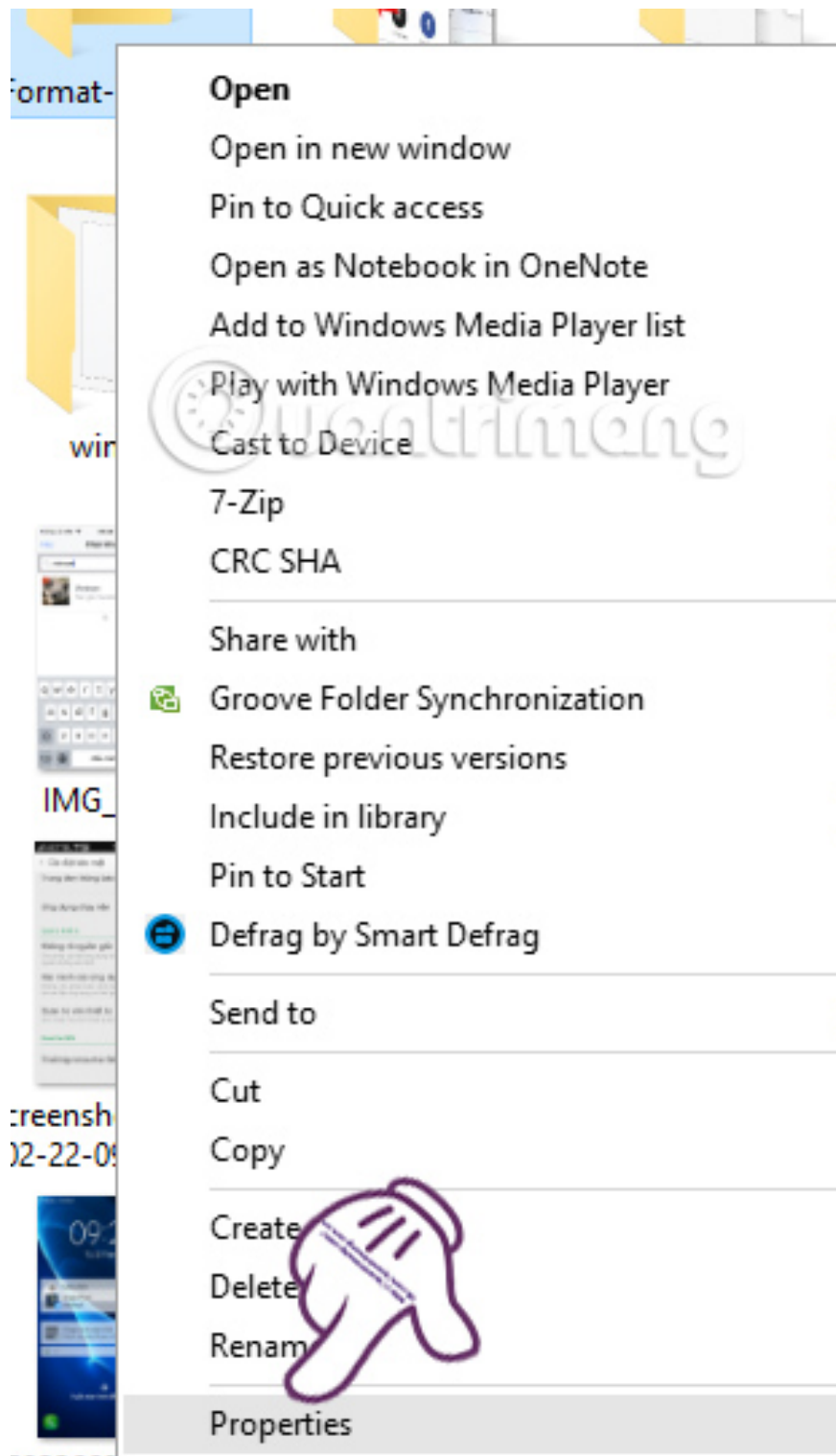


2. Change the Windows 10 folder icon:

In case we want to change the default folder icon on Windows, it is as simple as changing the icons on the desktop interface.

Step 1:

At the directory we want to change the icon, right-click and select **Properties** .



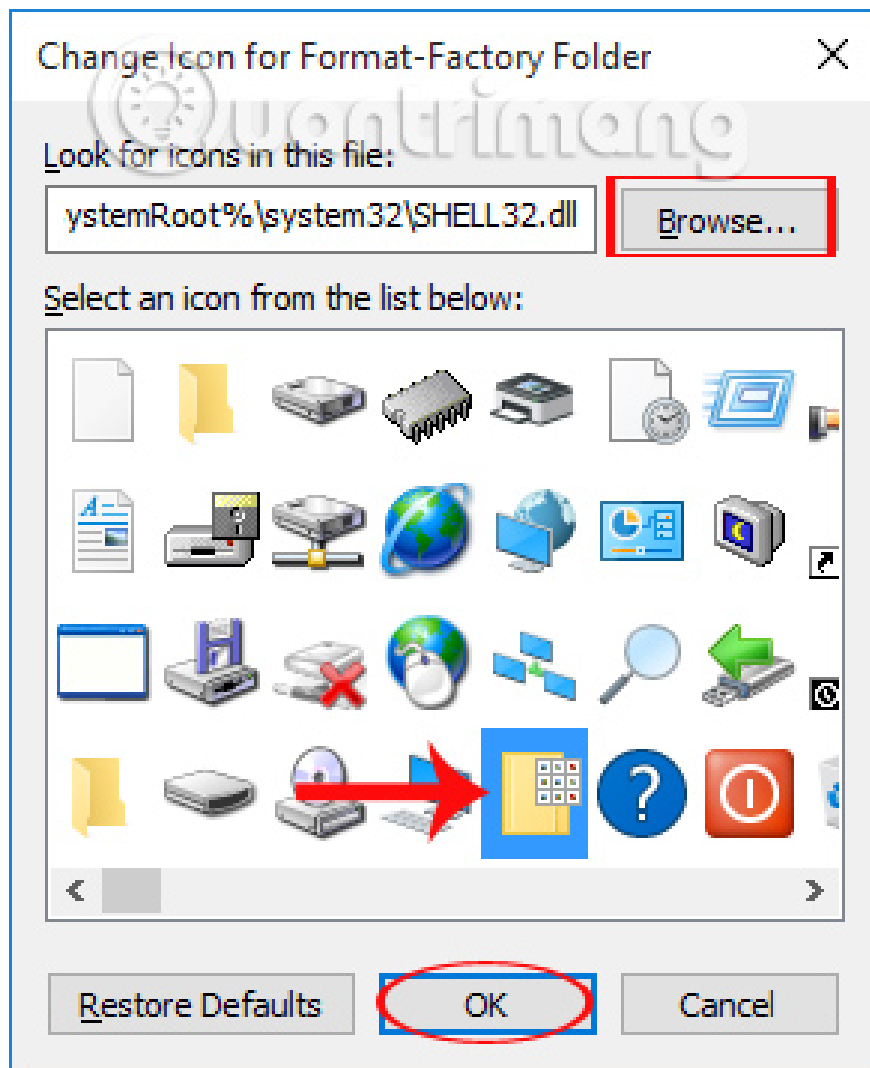
Step 2:

The Properties dialog box appears. Here, we click on the **Customize** item and then select the **Change Icon** menu below.



Step 3:

The next thing is to select **the folder icon you want to change to** be available in the list, or use the external icon when clicking Browse. Click **OK** to save.



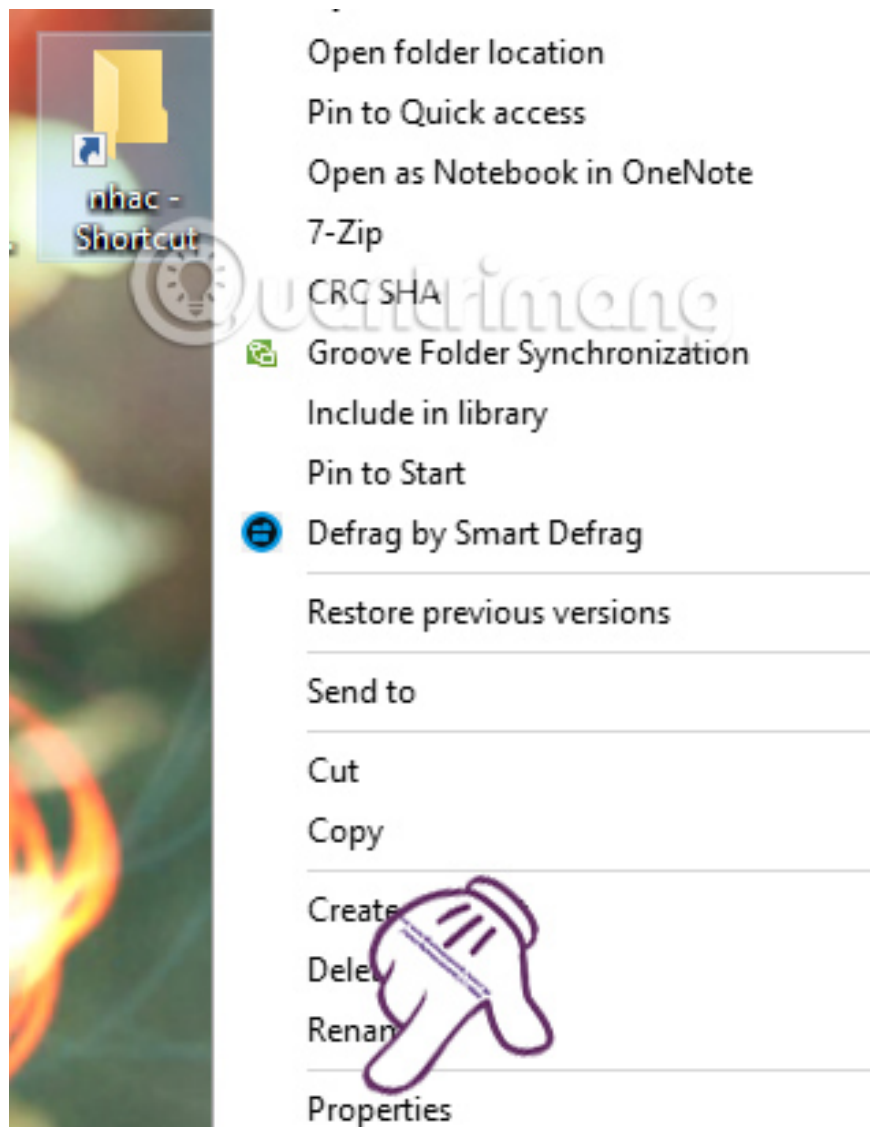
In addition, if users want to use personal images or any image to set the folder icon, you can use IconCool Studio software in the article [Change the avatar for the folder with IconCool Studio](#). Or simply change the color of the folder with Folder by Folder Colorizer, in the article [Change the color of any file or folder in Windows](#).

3. Replace the icon for shortcut on Windows 10:

When you can change the icon on the desktop, the folder icon, selecting another icon for the shortcut is also very easy.

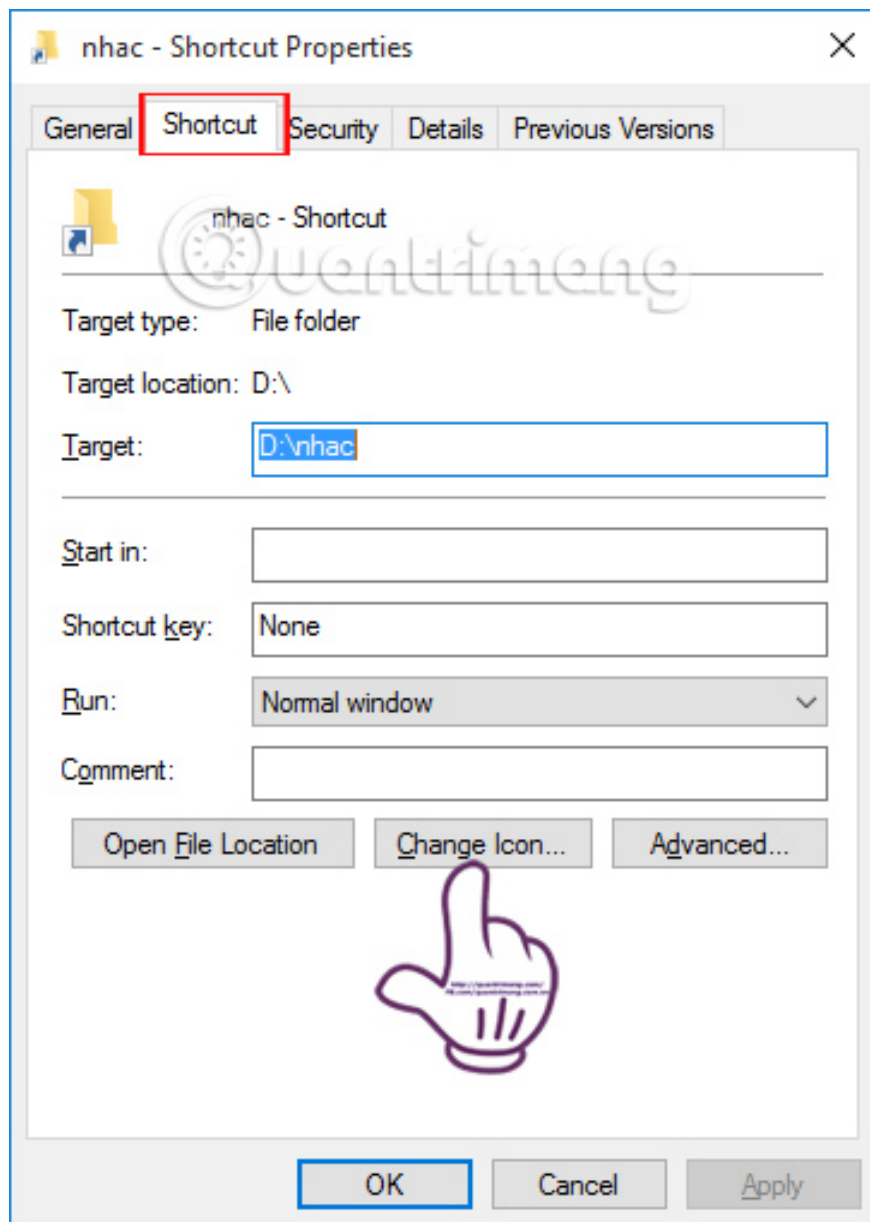
Step 1:

Right-click **the shortcut icon** on the computer screen and select **Properties** .



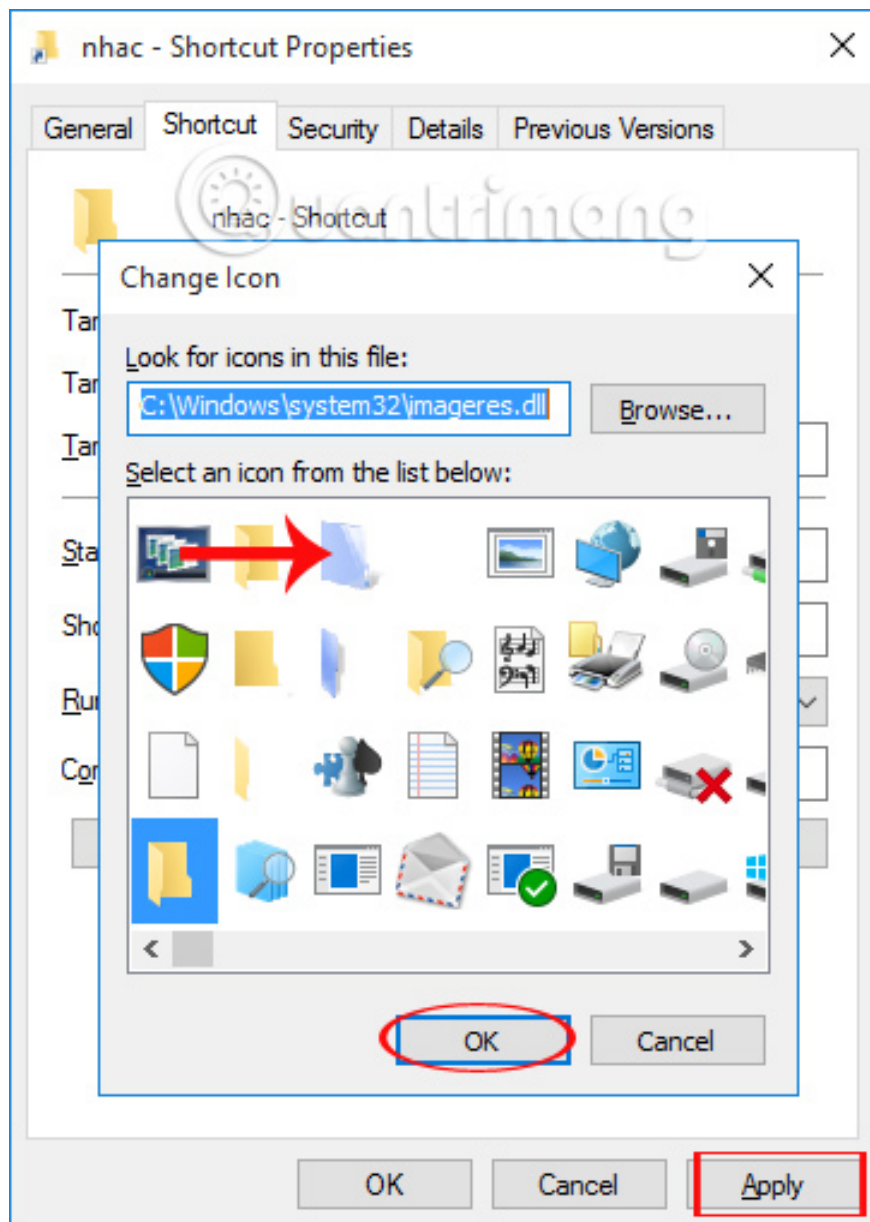
Step 2:

The Properties dialog box appears. Here, we will click on the **Shortcut** tab and select **Change Icon** .



Step 3:

Next, the user selects **the icon to change for the folder shortcut** . Also click **OK** and **Apply** to save this change.

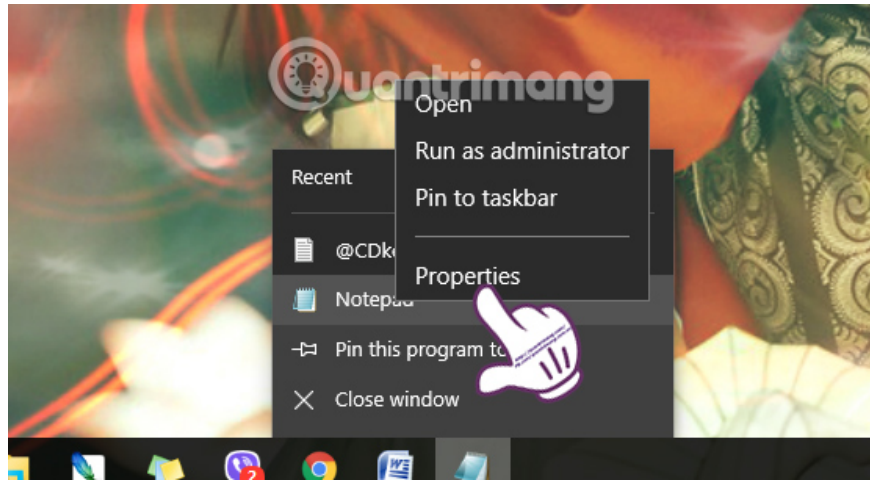


4. Change the icon on the Taskbar:

For applications, the tool has been pinned on the Taskbar, we can also change the display icon, with the same operations as the above items.

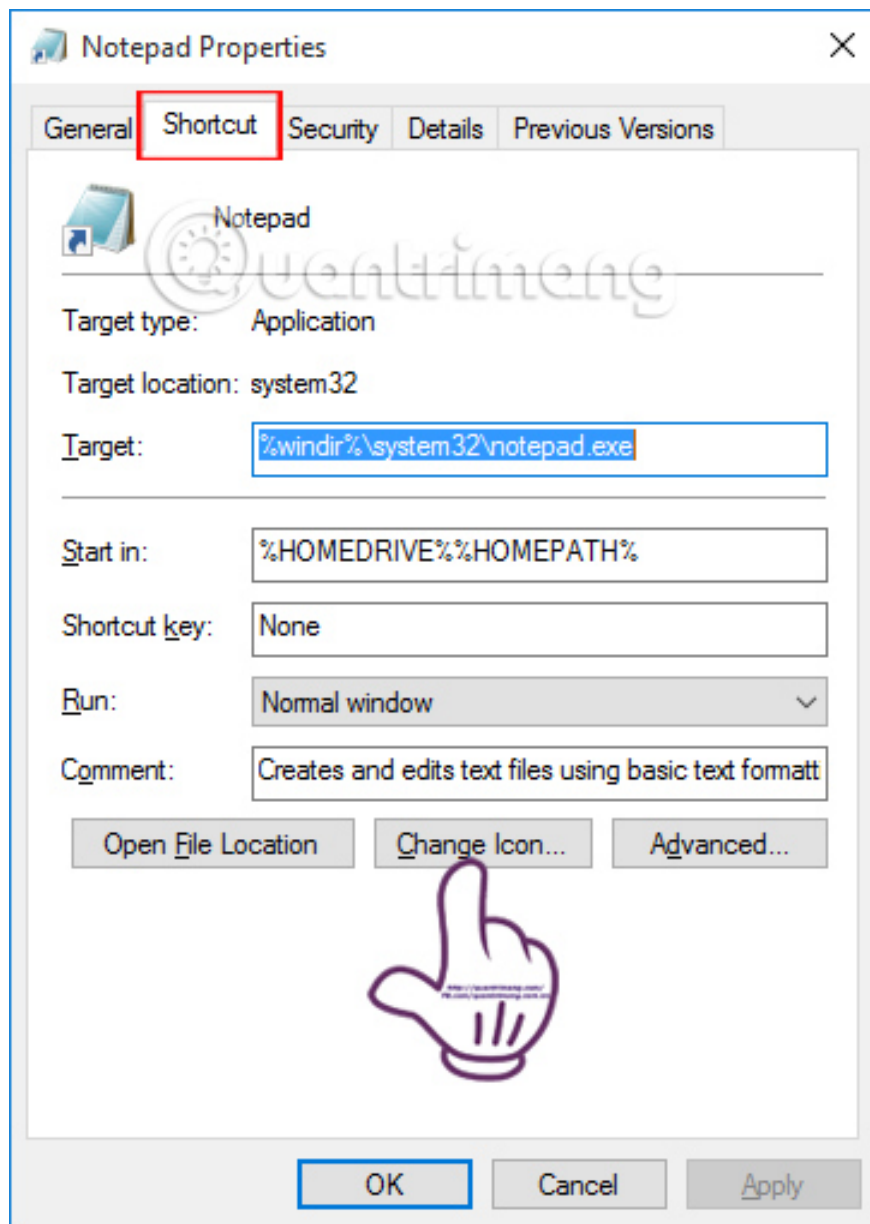
Step 1:

In the Taskbar, we right-click on the software icon, the application wants to replace the icon and select **Properties** .



Step 2:

In the Properties dialog box, click on the **Shortcut** tab and select **Change Icon** .



After selecting the new icon for the application, the software is pinned on the Taskbar, we also click **Apply** and **OK** to save the changes.

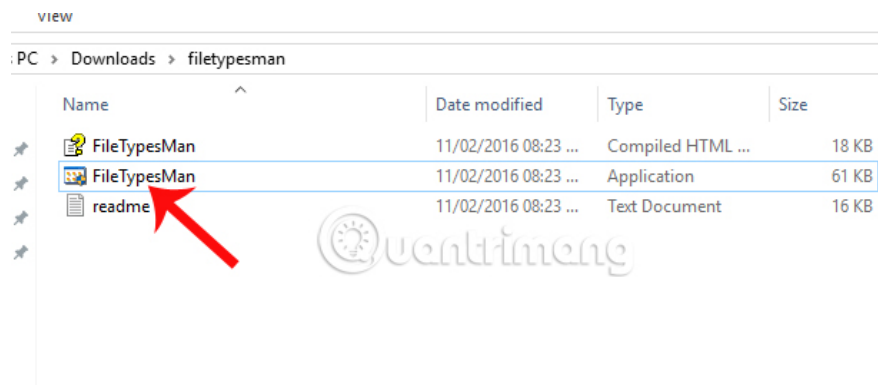
5. How to change the default icon of the file format:

Each file, file on the computer has a specific format icon. However, if a user wants to change the format icons for files on Windows, then use the help of the File Types Manager tool.

1. Download the File Types Manager tool

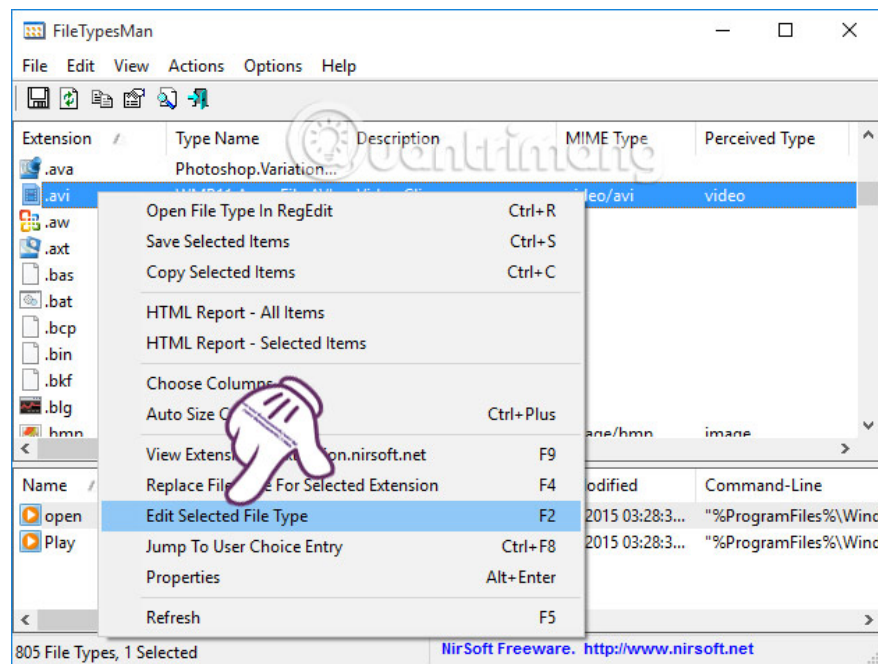
Step 1:

After downloading File Types Manager, we proceed **to extract the file** and launch the software.



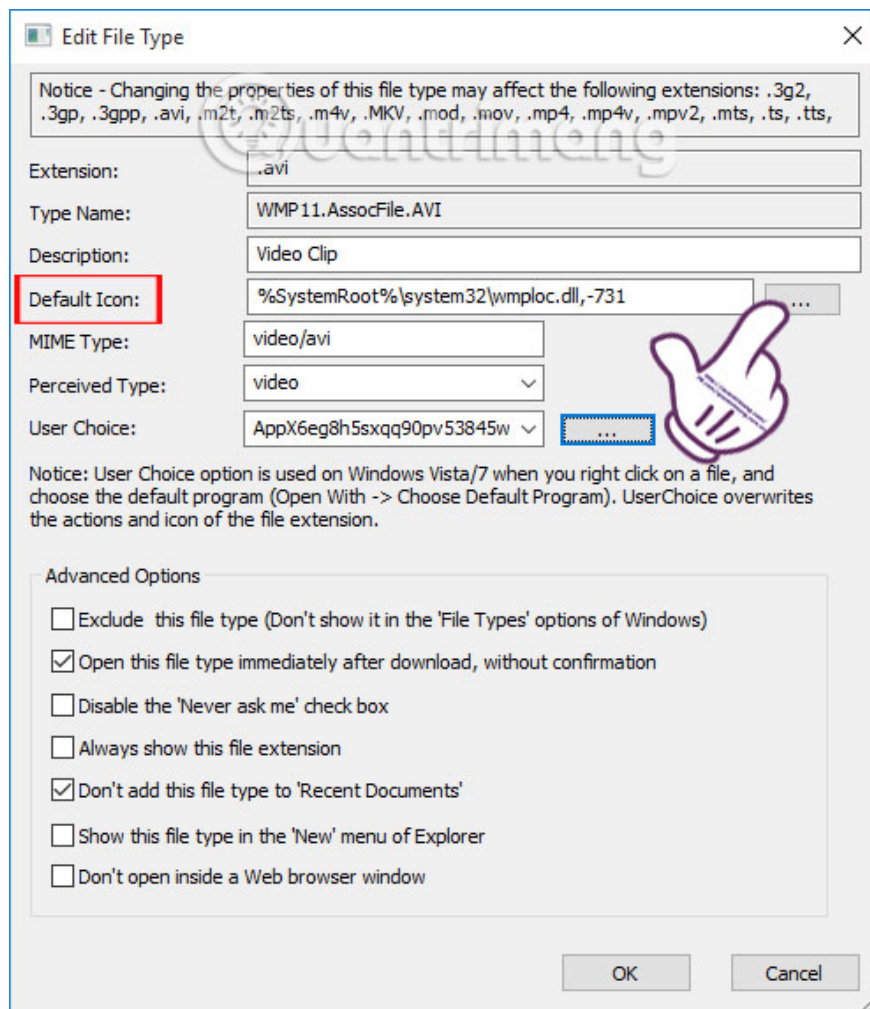
Step 2:

The File Types Manager dialog box appears. Here, we just need to select **the file format we want to change** , right-click and choose **Edit Selected File Type** .

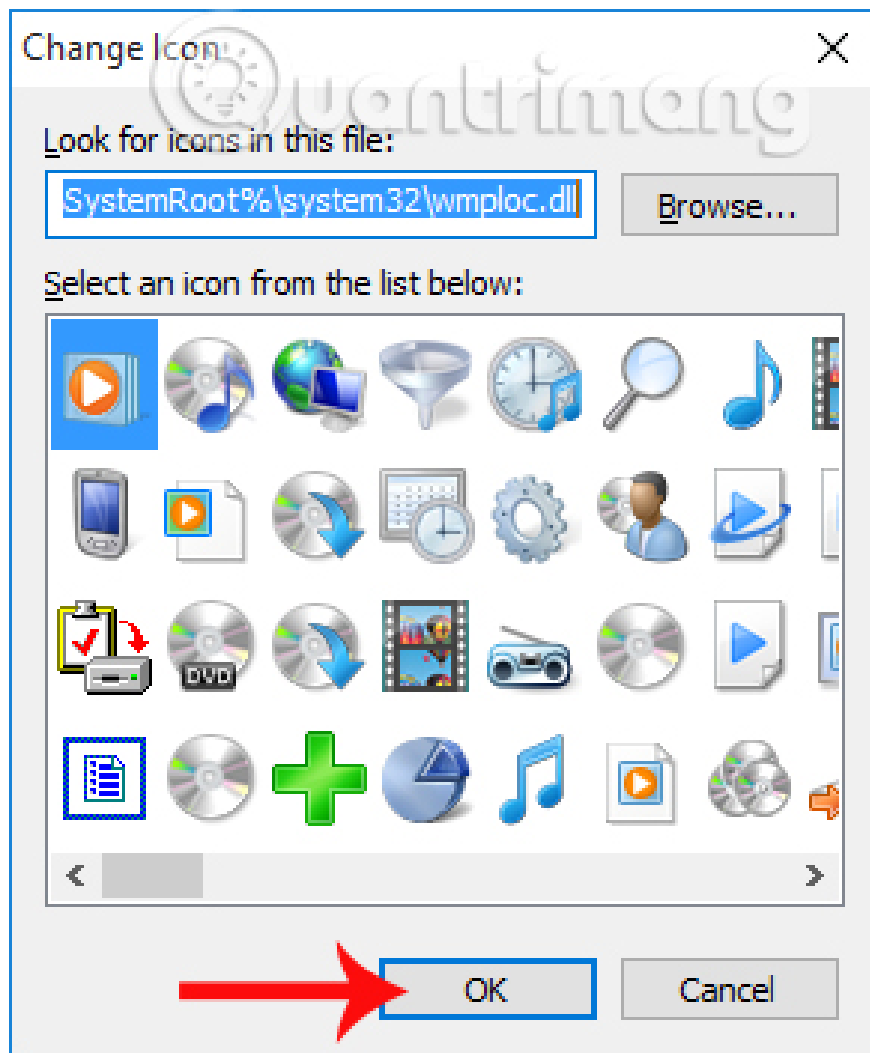


Step 3:

In the Edit File Type dialog box, go to the **Default Icon** section and select **the 3 dots icon** .



Then you also select **the icon you want to replace the file format** and click OK to finish.



Above is a general article replacing the default icon on Windows 10, with changing folder icons, files, icons on the Desktop interface or changing the file format icon. How to change the default icon on Windows 10 is extremely simple, and we can do the same steps with other operating systems.

Refer to the following articles:

1. How to delete folder and file search history in Windows Explorer?
1. How to open folders hidden on the system with the Shell command on Windows?
1. Guide 5 ways to delete User accounts on Windows 10

I wish you all success!

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