

How to change the Windows 10 boot logo

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By default, Windows 10 displays the Windows logo as a boot logo. But if you're fed up with the default Windows logo on the boot screen, you can add your own custom logo.

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Note before adding custom boot logo

Before making any changes, make sure you know and follow the following:

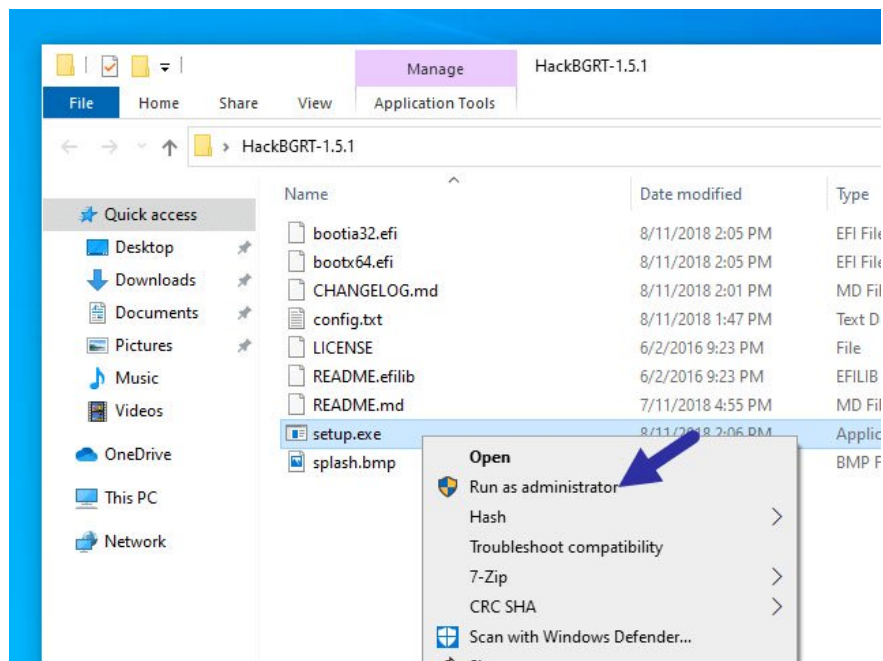
1. Create a full backup or rescue disk before making any changes to the Windows boot logo.
2. Windows should run in UEFI mode, not Legacy BIOS. You can easily check if Windows is running on UEFI or Legacy BIOS.
3. If Windows is running on UEFI, make sure the Secure Boot feature is turned off. Once Secure Boot is enabled in UEFI, you cannot change the boot logo.
4. You cannot set GIFs or transparent images as new boot logos.
5. The image you want to set as the boot logo must be ready, not bigger than 300 x 300px.
6. You need admin rights to change the Windows boot logo.
7. This guide only applies to Windows 10 and may not work in Windows 8 or 7.

When you are sure of everything in the list above, continue to the next section.

Step by step guide to change the boot logo in Windows 10

1. Since Windows does not have the option to change the boot logo, we will use a free and open source third-party tool called HackBGRT <https://github.com/Metabolix/HackBGRT/releases> . So download HackBGRT, open the ZIP file and extract the folder in it to your desktop.

2. Now, open the extracted folder, right click on the file "**setup.exe**" and select the option "**Run as administrator**" .



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3. The above action will launch the application's command line tool. Here, press the key `i` on the keyboard.

4. As soon as you press the key, the program's configuration file will be opened in Notepad. The application settings are configured correctly. So just close Notepad by clicking on the "X" icon in the upper right corner.

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config.txt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
# - "x={auto|native|[0-9]+}", the x coordinate. Default: x=auto.
# - "y={auto|native|[0-9]+}", the y coordinate. Default: y=auto.
# One of the following:
# - "keep" to keep the firmware logo. Sets also x=native,y=native by default.
# - "remove" to remove the BGRT. Makes x and y meaningless.
# - "black" to use only a black image. Makes x and y meaningless.
# - "path=..." to read a BMP file. The file must be a 24-bit BMP file with a 54-byte header.
# * NOTE: The file must be on the EFI System Partition. Do not add a drive letter!
# Examples:
# - image=remove
# - image=black
# - image=x=auto,y=0,path=\EFI\HackBGRT\topimage.bmp
# - image=n=1,path=\EFI\HackBGRT\splash.bmp
# - image=n=50,path=\EFI\HackBGRT\probable.bmp
# The above examples together would produce
# - 1/54 chance for the default OS logo
# - 1/54 chance for black screen
# - 1/54 chance for topimage.bmp, centered at the top of the screen
# - 1/54 chance for splash.bmp, automatically positioned
# - 50/54 chance for probable.bmp, automatically positioned
# Default: just one image.
image=path=\EFI\HackBGRT\splash.bmp

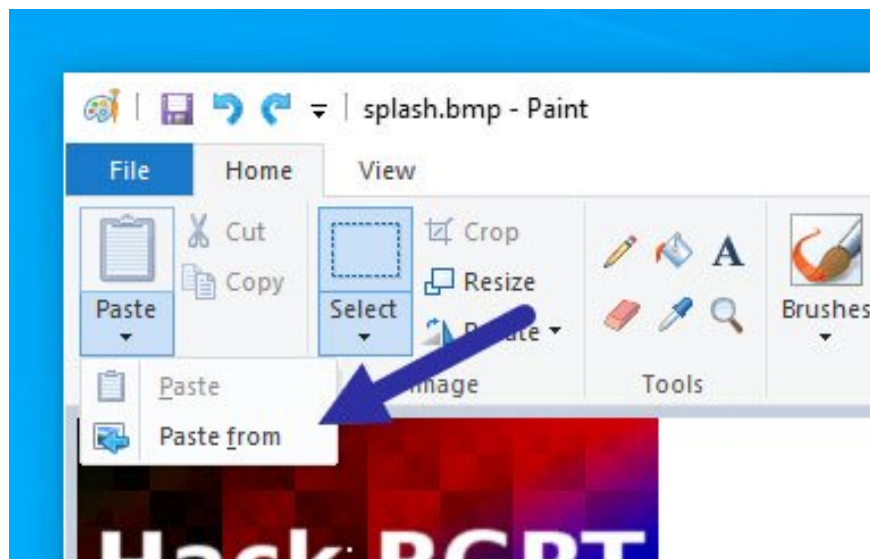
# Preferred resolution. Use 0x0 for maximum and -1x-1 for original.
resolution=0x0

# Debug mode (0 for disabled, 1 for enabled).
# Shows debug information and prompts for keypress before booting.
debug=0

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The application settings are configured correctly

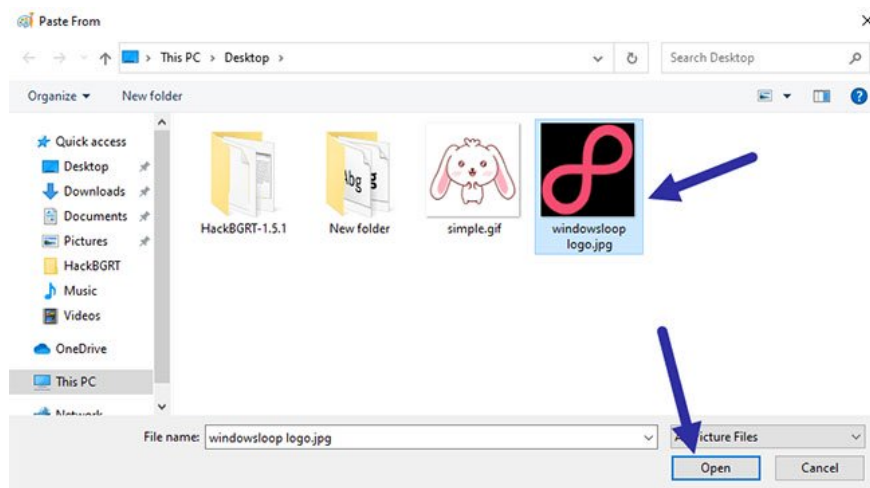
5. When you close Notepad, HackBGRT will open the Paint application with its own default boot logo. Here, click the "Paste" drop-down button and select the "Paste from" option .



Select the "Paste from" option

6. Now, find the image you want to set as a new Windows boot icon, select it and click the "**Open**" button .

Quick tip : Since the boot logo does not support transparent images, change the background of the transparent image to black before adding it to the Paint application.



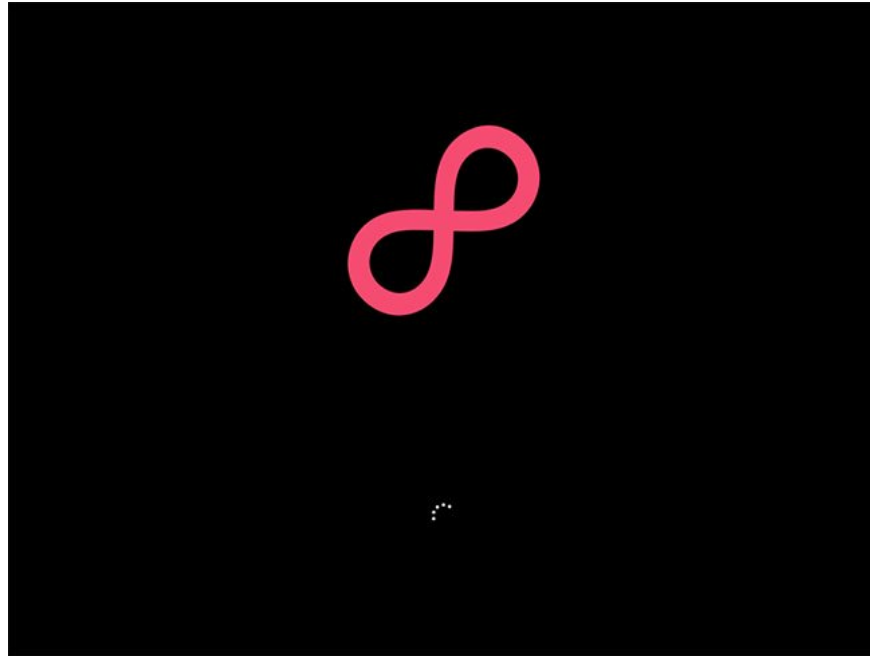
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7. This action will add the image to the Paint application. If necessary, resize the image by clicking the "**Resize**" button .

8. When you're done, select the **File> Save option** to save the file. After saving, close the Paint application.

9. Immediately after closing the application, you have finished installing HackBGRT.

From now on, whenever you boot into Windows, you'll see a new custom boot logo instead of the default Windows logo.



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Restore original boot logo

If you want to restore the original boot logo, you can do that by using the same application. Just follow the steps below.

1. First, open the HackBGRT folder, right-click on the "**setup.exe**" file and select the "**Run as administrator**" option .
2. Since the application is already installed in the system, you will see additional options.

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C:\Users\WindowsLoop\Desktop\HackBGRT-1.5.1\setup.exe
HackBGRT installer version: v1.5.1
EFI System Partition location is A:
Secure Boot is disabled, good!
HackBGRT is currently enabled.

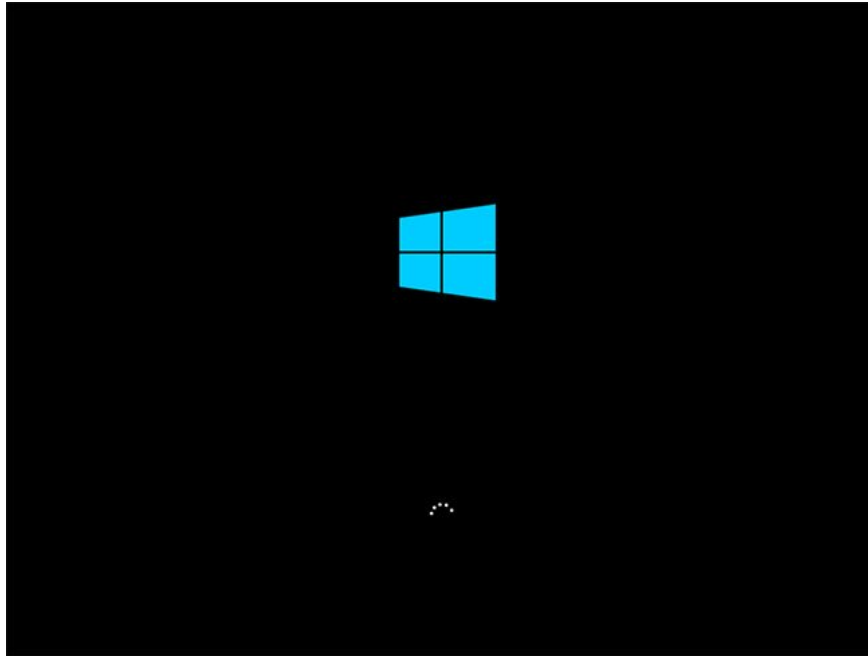
Choose action (press a key):
I = install, upgrade, repair, modify...
D = disable, restore the original boot loader
R = remove completely; delete all HackBGRT files and images
C = cancel
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You will see additional options

3. To completely remove HackBGRT and restore the original boot logo, press **r**. If you want to turn off the application and restore the original boot logo, press **d**.

4. As soon as you press the key, HackBGRT will restore the original boot logo.

Just reboot the system and you'll see the original Windows boot logo.



HackBGRT will restore the original boot logo

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