

How to Change Your Cursor

This wikiHow teaches you how to adjust your computer's cursor properties, and customize your pointer for your personal needs. If you're a PC user, Windows allows you to choose from a selection of stock cursor sizes, colors, and schemes. On...

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Using PC Settings on Windows

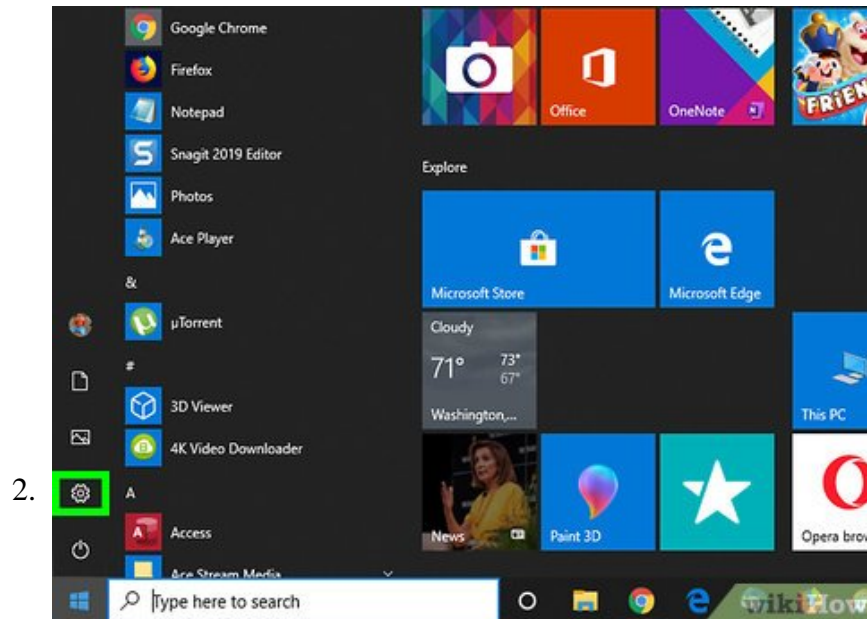
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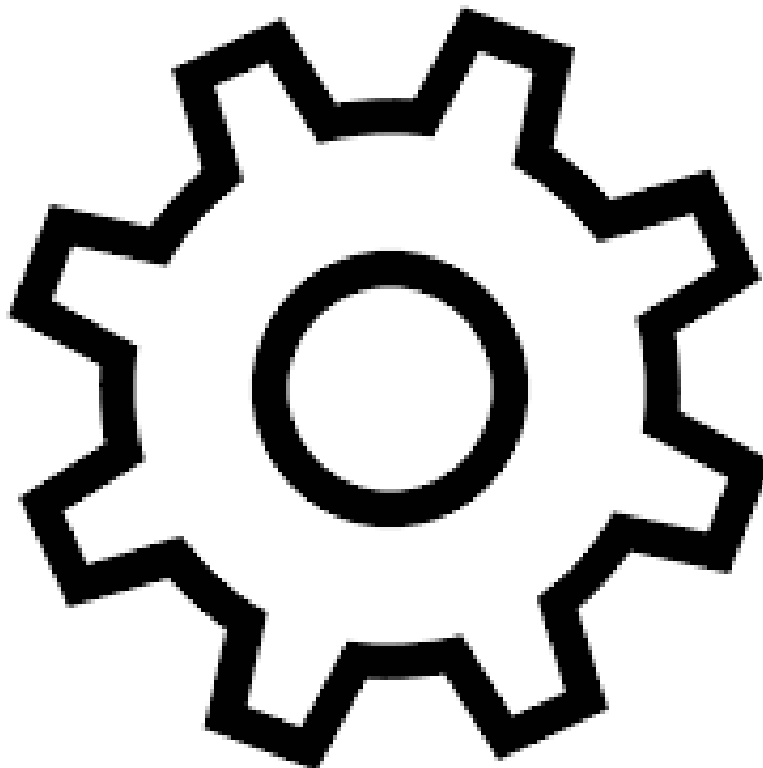
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Start menu on your computer. This button looks like the Windows icon in the lower-left corner of your screen. It will open your Start menu.

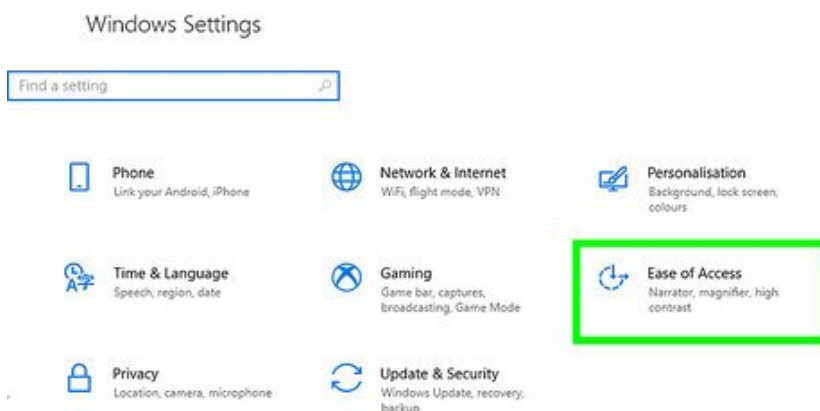


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gear icon on the bottom-left. This is your **Settings** button in the lower-left corner of the Start menu. It will open your PC Settings in a new window.

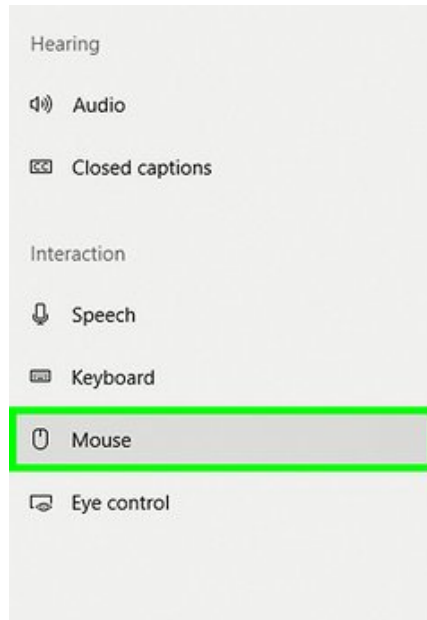
1. On some older versions of Windows, you can open **Control Center** from the Start menu, select **Ease of Access** here, and click **Change how your mouse works**. This will give you the same options as here.



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Click **Ease of Access** in the Settings window. This will open your accessibility options on a new menu.

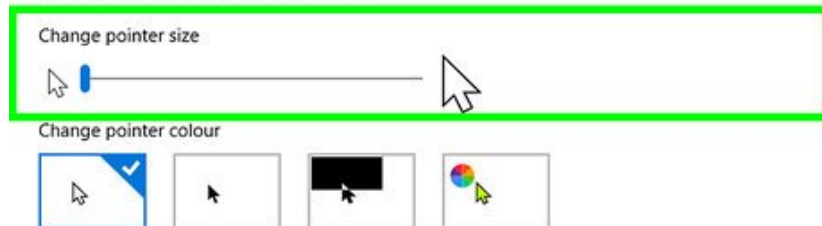


Click **Mouse** on the left-menu. You will find a navigation menu on the left-hand side of the Ease of Access menu. Select **Mouse** here to see your mouse and cursor options.

Cursor & pointer

Make pointer, cursor and touch feedback easier to see.

Change pointer size and colour



5. Make the cursor easier to see when typing



Select the size of pointer you want to use under "Pointer size." Click one of the three options here to change your cursor's size.

1. You can select a small, medium or large cursor here.

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Change cursor thickness



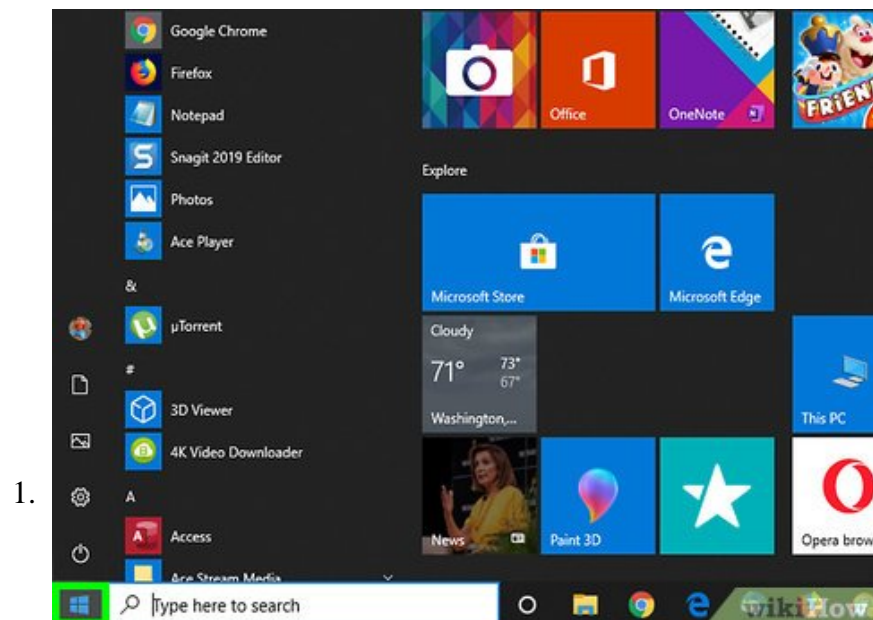
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Select a color for your cursor under "Pointer color." Just click the option you want to use under this heading to change your cursor's color. You can select a:

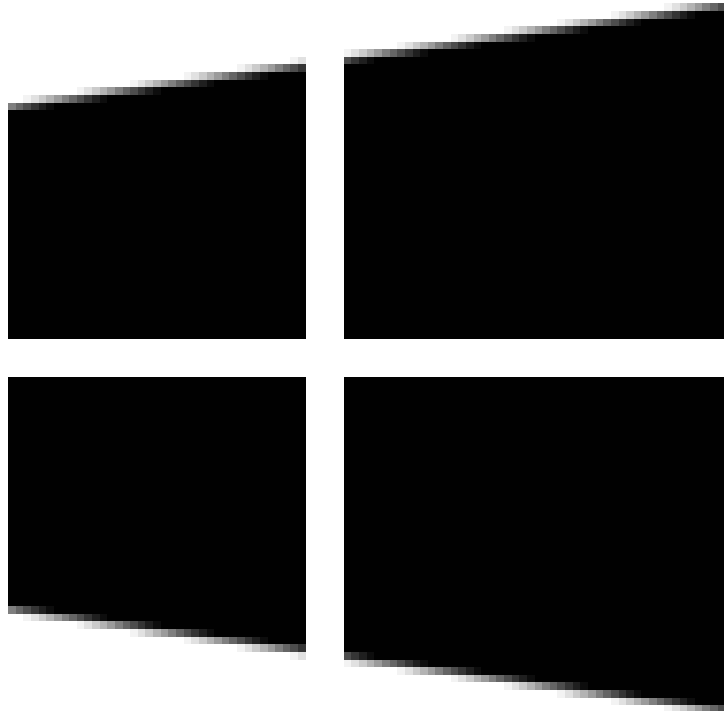
1. **White** pointer, which will always be white.
2. **Black** pointer, which will always be black.
3. **Inverting** pointer, which will automatically adapt to the background color to look white on darker backgrounds, and black on lighter backgrounds.

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Using Mouse Properties on Windows

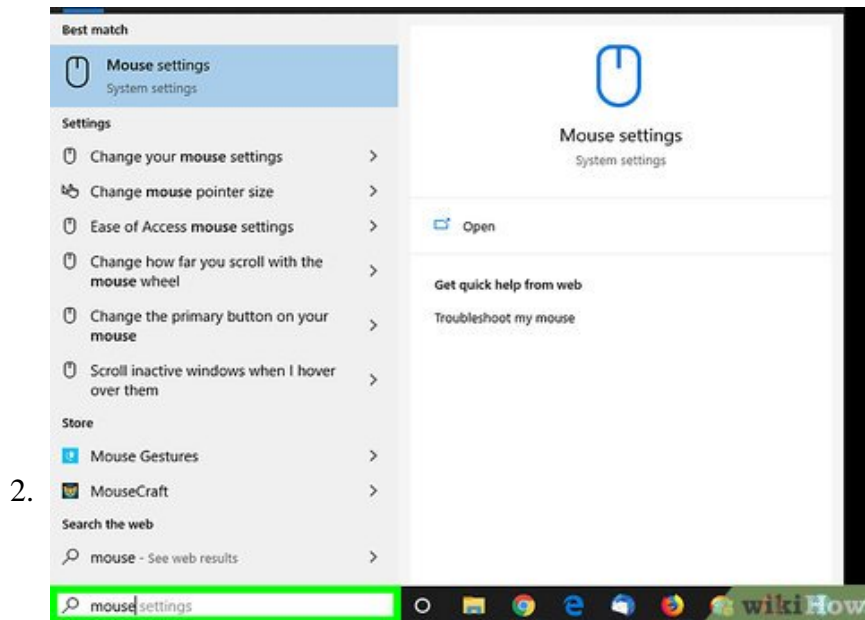


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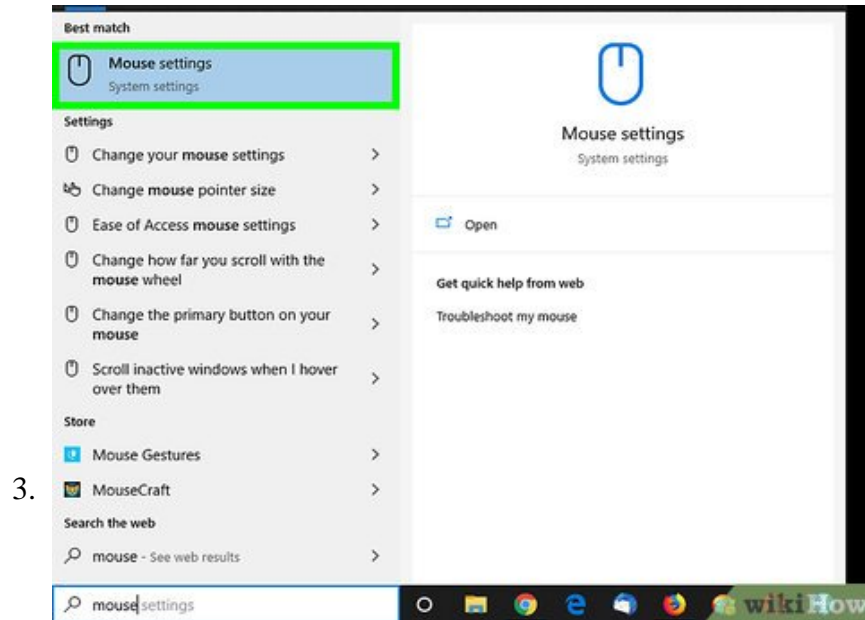


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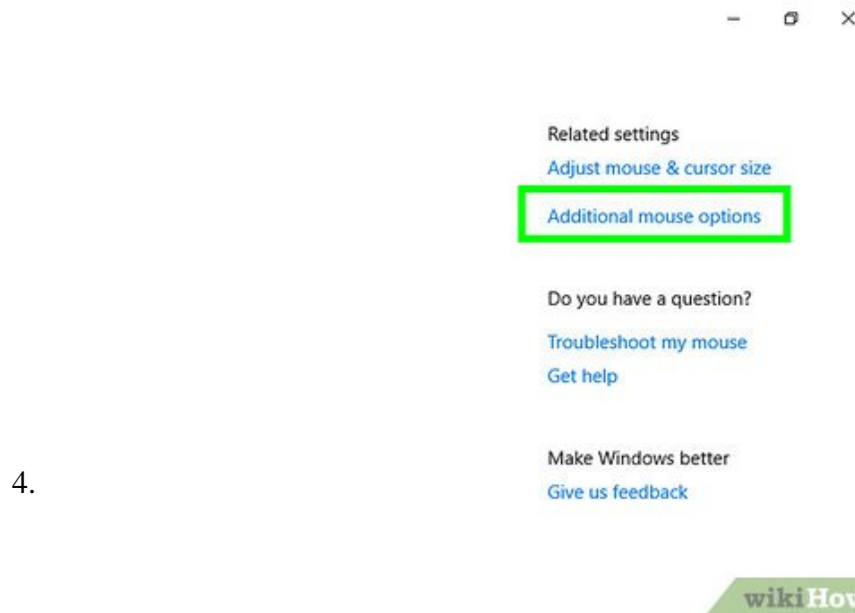
1. Alternatively, you can click the search or Cortana button next to the Start menu icon.



Type Mouse on your keyboard. This will search your system, and show the matching results on the menu.

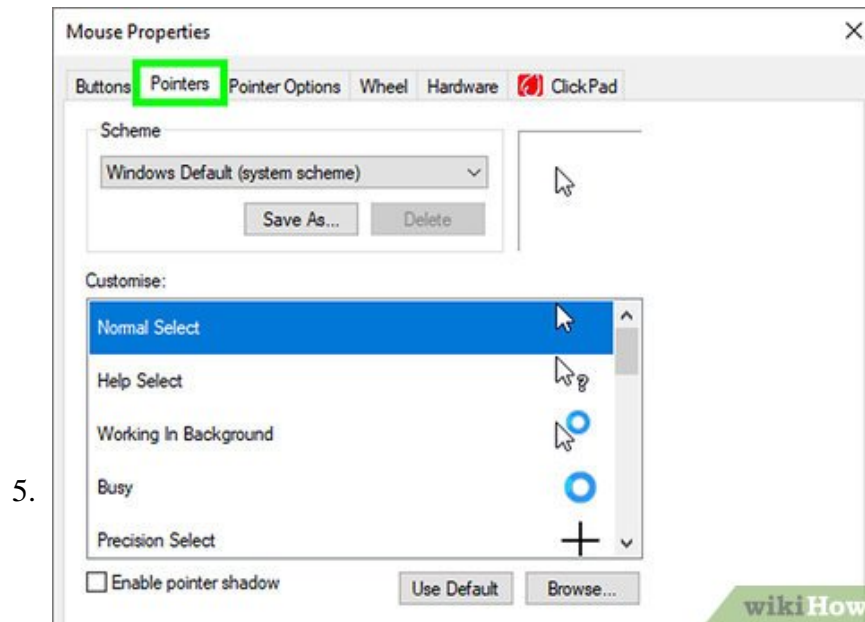


Click the **Mouse Settings** (Win 10) or **Mouse** option at the top. Your mouse settings should be the top result in the search.

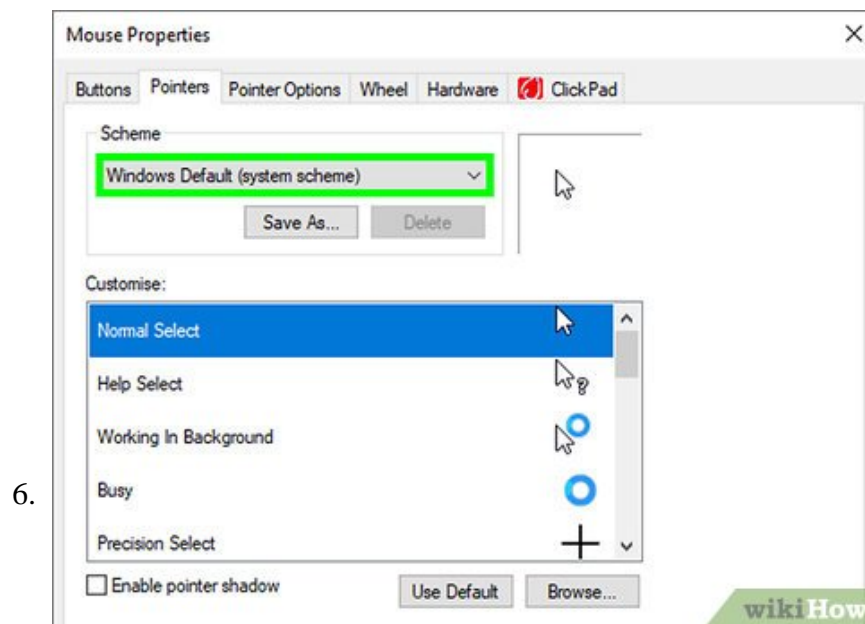


Click **Additional mouse options** (Win 10 only) at the bottom. This is a blue link at the bottom of the Mouse Settings window on Windows 10. It will open Mouse Properties.

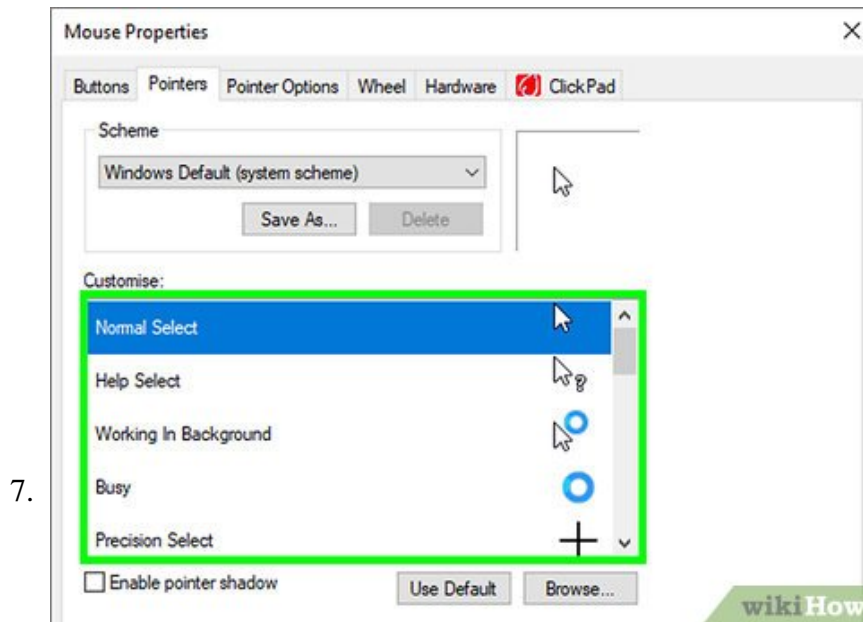
1. You can skip this step if you're using an older version of Windows.



Click the **Pointers** tab at the top of **Mouse Properties**. This button is next to **Buttons** at the top of the Mouse Properties window.

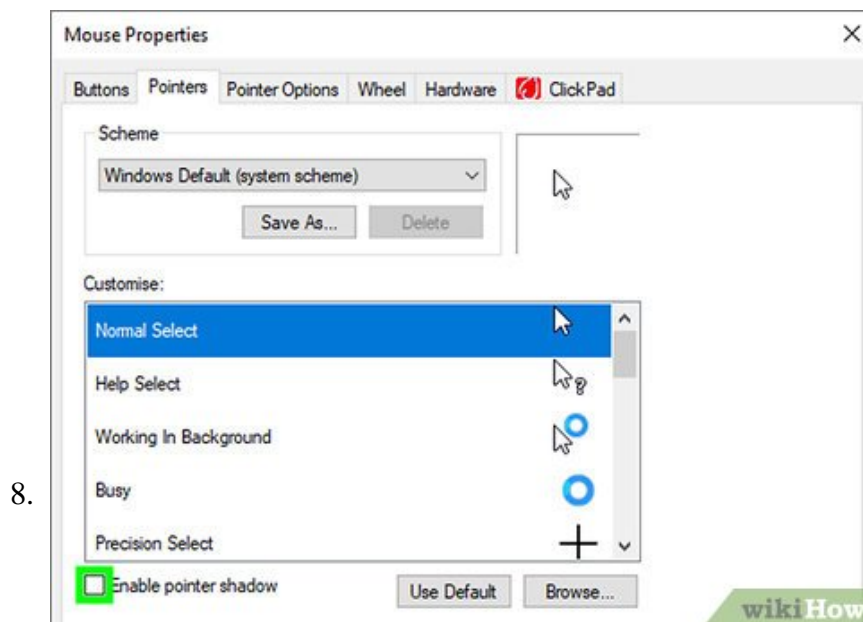


Click the drop-down menu below "Scheme." This will open all your cursor options in a drop-down menu.

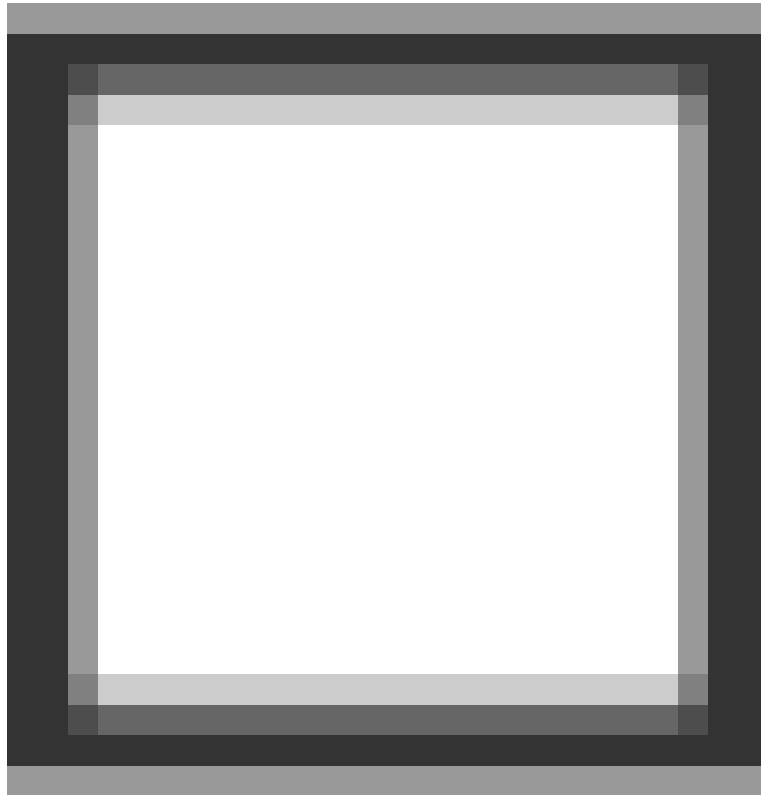


Select the cursor set you want to use. You can select an option on the menu here to preview the entire set.

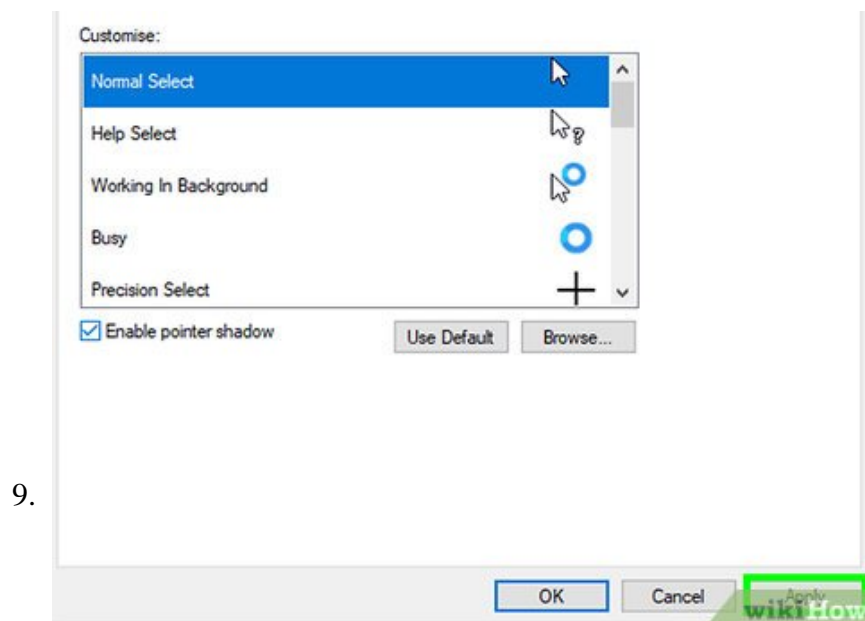
1. If you have a custom, third-party cursor or cursor set downloaded to your computer, click the **Browse** button on the bottom-right of this window, and select the custom cursor on your computer.
2. You can find free cursor packs at various web sites such as <http://www.rw-designer.com/cursor-library> and <https://www.deviantart.com/customization/skins/windows/cursors/popular-all-time>.



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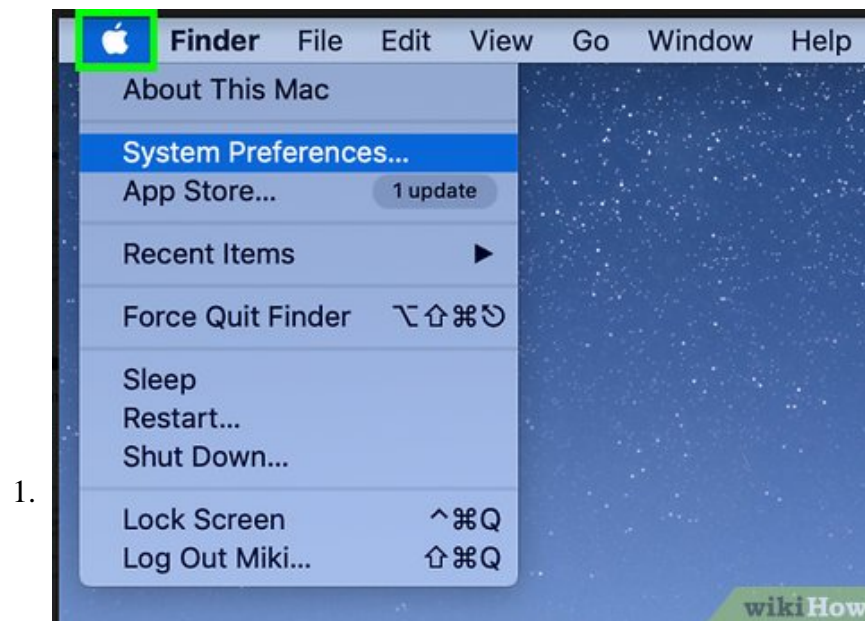
"Enable pointer shadow" box (optional). This option is in the lower-left corner of the pop-up window. When it's checked, your cursor will always have a tiny shadow beneath the cursor icon.



Click the **Apply button.** This button is in the lower-right corner of the pop-up window. It will apply your new settings, and change your cursor to the selected scheme.

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Changing Mouse Size on Mac

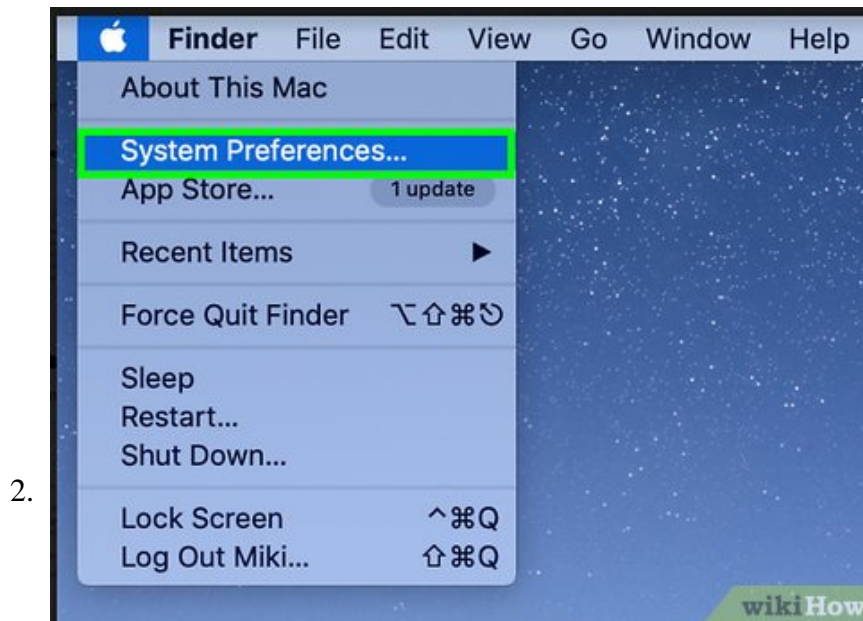


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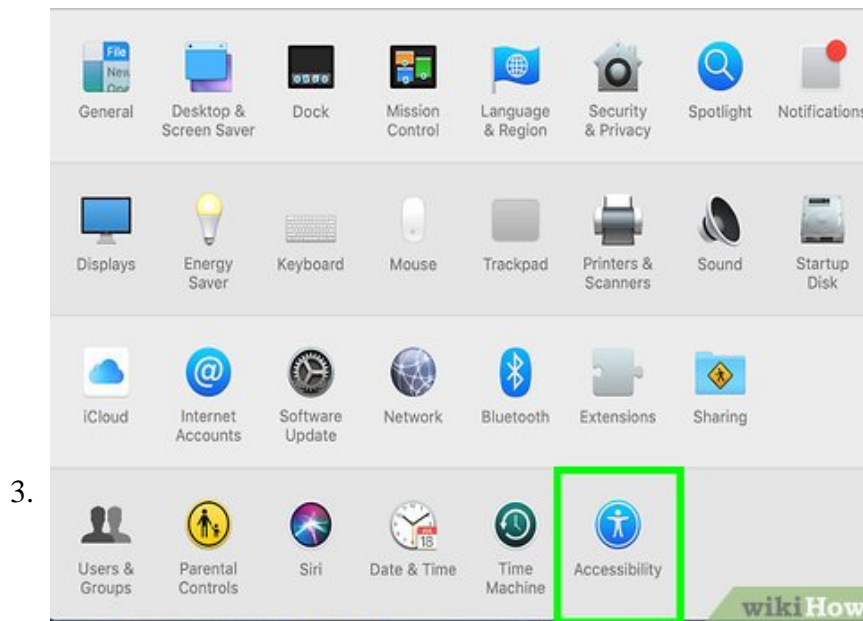


Apple menu on the menu bar. This button is in the upper-left corner of your screen. It will open a drop-down menu.

1. MacOS only allows you to change the cursor size; it does not offer custom cursor designs. However, you can download and use third-party cursor icons.

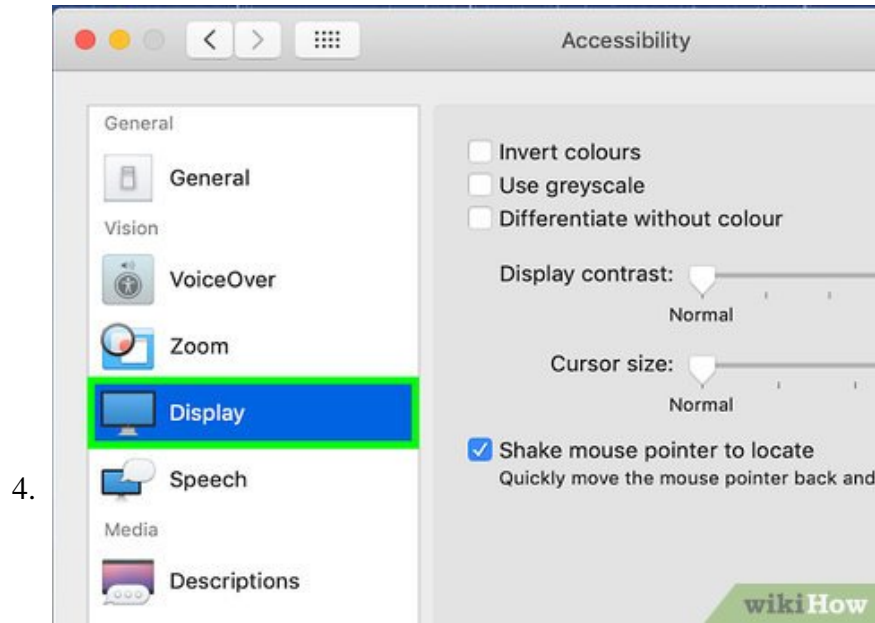


Click **System Preferences** on the menu. This will open your Mac's settings panel in a new window.

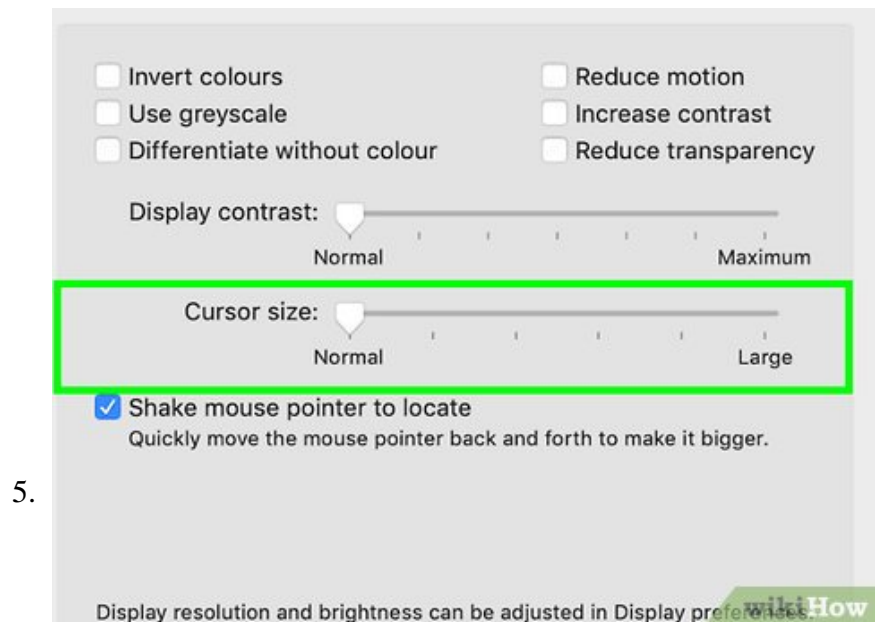


Click the **Accessibility** option in System Preferences. This option looks like a white human icon in a blue circle. You can find it on the fourth row of options.

1. On older Mac versions, this option may be named **Universal Access**.

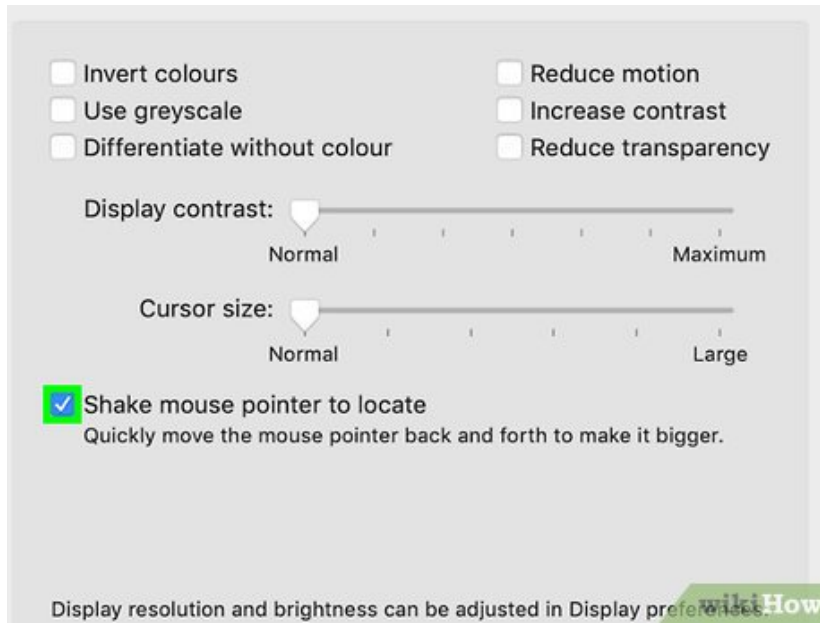


Click the **Display** option on the left-menu. In the Accessibility menu, find and click the **Display** option on the sidebar on the left-hand side.



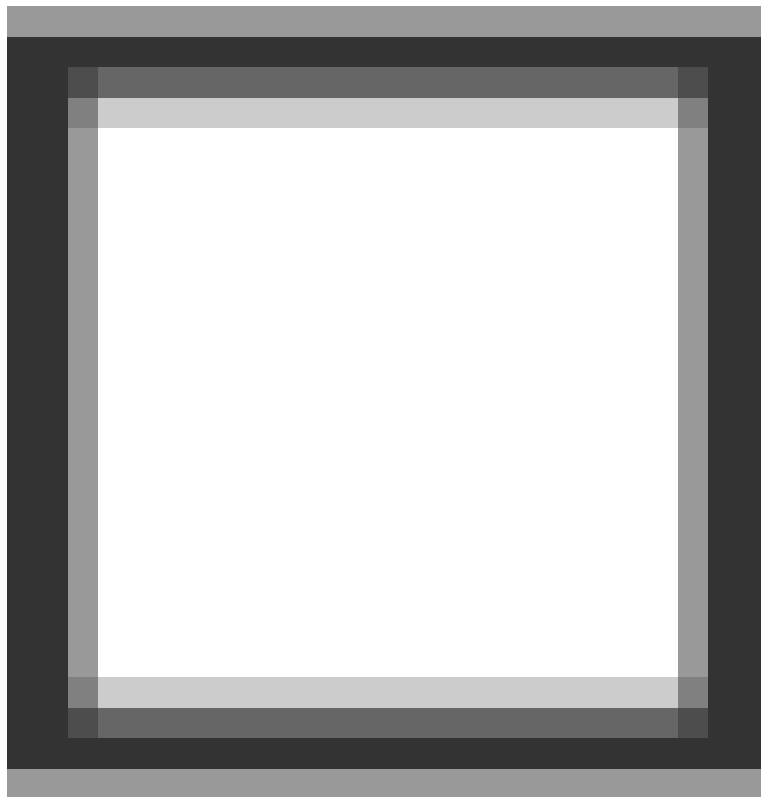
Click and drag the **Cursor size** slider. This slider allows you to manually adjust your cursor's size to your liking.

1. Your new settings will be saved automatically. You can close System Preferences when you're done adjusting.



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Check the



"Shake mouse pointer to locate" option (optional). You can find this option below the "Cursor size" slider.

1. When this option is enabled, you can quickly shake your mouse to temporarily make it bigger, and easily find its location on your screen.

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Downloading Custom Cursors on Mac



Open <http://www.rw-designer.com/gallery> in your internet browser. Type or paste this URL into your browser's address bar, and press **Return** to open the RW-Designer cursor gallery.

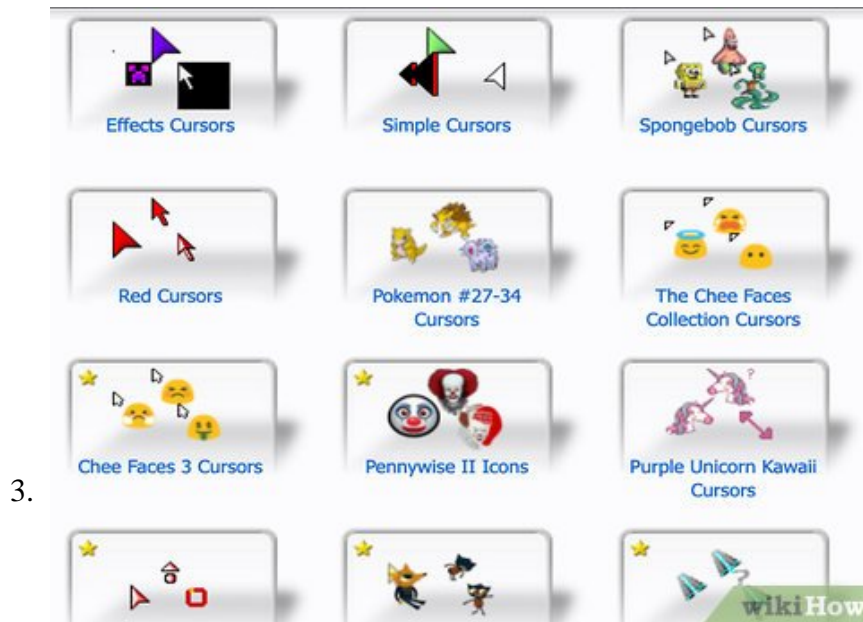
1. This is an online, community-driven cursor gallery. You can find and download a variety of popular cursor icons here.
2. Alternatively, you can check out other websites and online galleries to find different cursor icons.

Latest additions

20 most recent icon and cursor sets fulfilling [quality criteria](#).



Click a cursor to see its details. When you find a cursor pack you like, click on it to see the pack details on a new page.



Scroll down and click the cursor you want to download. You can download and use any cursor that ends with the ".cur" format extension.

1. Make sure to select a ".cur" cursor here. Animated cursor designs with the ".ani" format will not work on Mac.

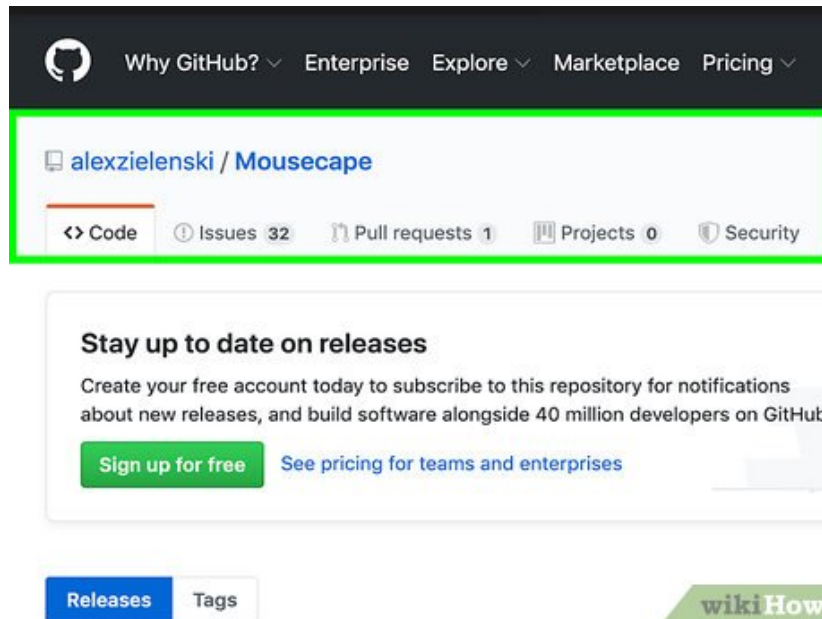


Click the **Download** button. This will download the selected cursor design to your Downloads folder.

1. You will now have to use a third-party app to apply this custom design to your cursor.
2. You can use **Mousecape** - a tiny, free, open-source app to use these custom cursor images on Mac. You can check out the following methods to find out how.

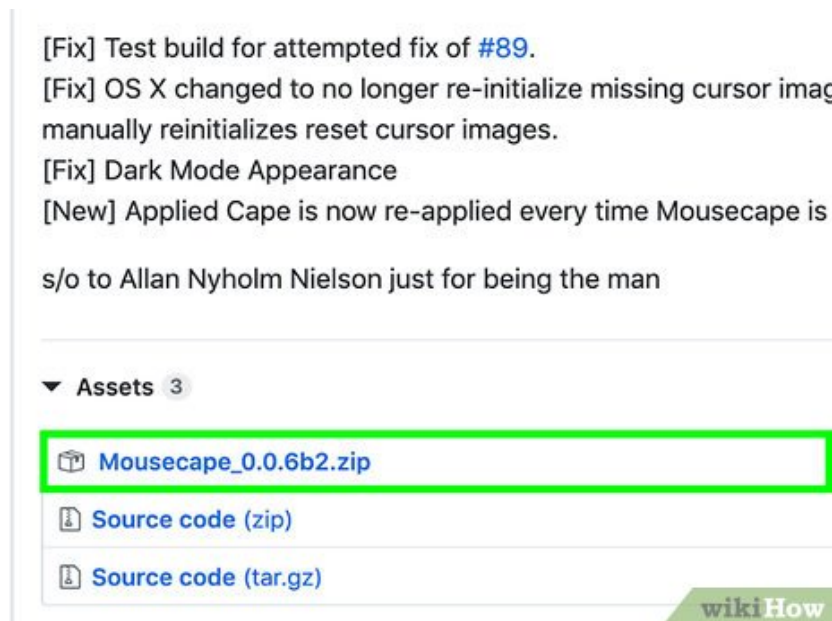
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Creating a Mac Cursor in Mousecape



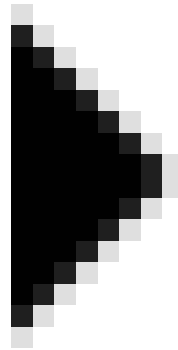
Open <https://github.com/alexzielenski/Mousecape/releases/tag/0.0.6b2>. Type or paste this link into your browser's address bar, and press `? Return` to open the Mousecape page on GitHub.

1. Mousecape is a free, open-source app for **Mac OS** computers to use custom cursor designs.
2. This link will open the latest version of Mousecape available (0.0.6b2). You can always check the <https://github.com/alexzielenski/Mousecape/releases> page to see if a newer version comes out.

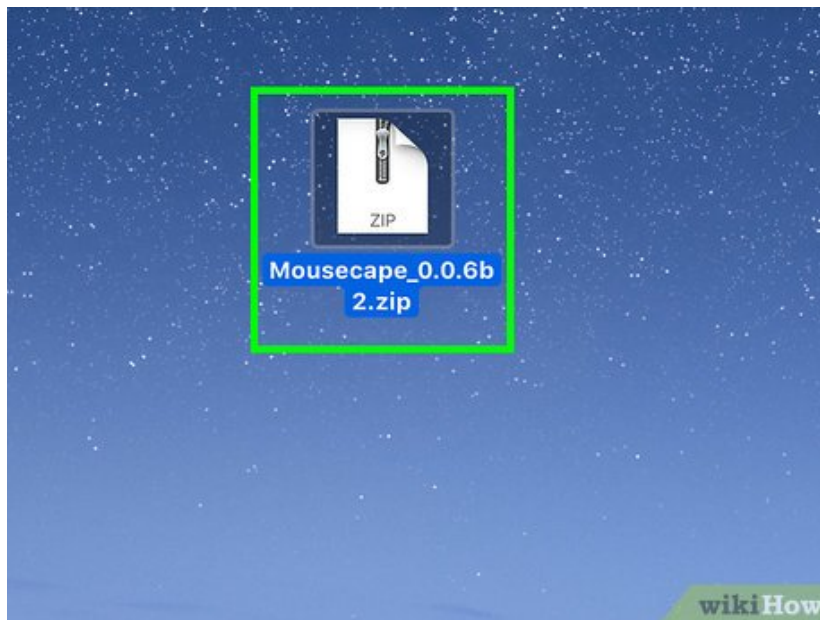


Click [Mousecape_0.0.6b2.zip](#) under the "Assets" heading. You can find it at the bottom. This will download the Mousecape app to your computer in a compressed ZIP file.

1. If you don't see anything under "Assets", click the

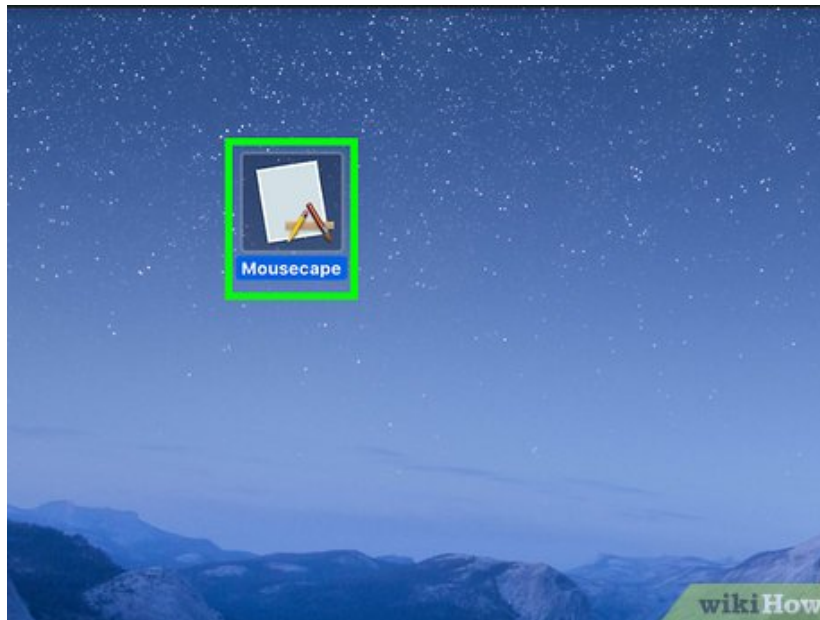


drop-down icon to expand the "Assets" list.



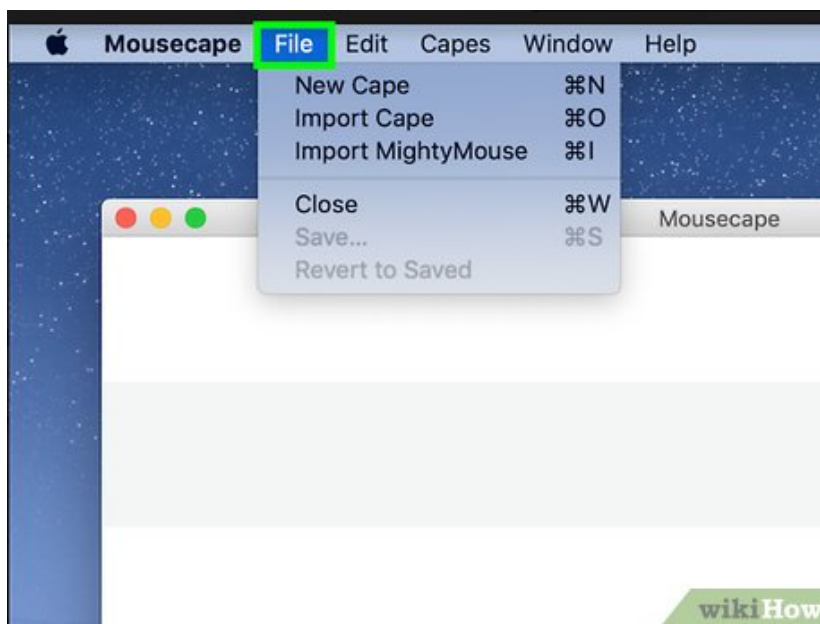
Open the "Mousecape_0.0.6b2.zip" file in your Downloads folder. This will extract the **Mousecape** app to your computer.

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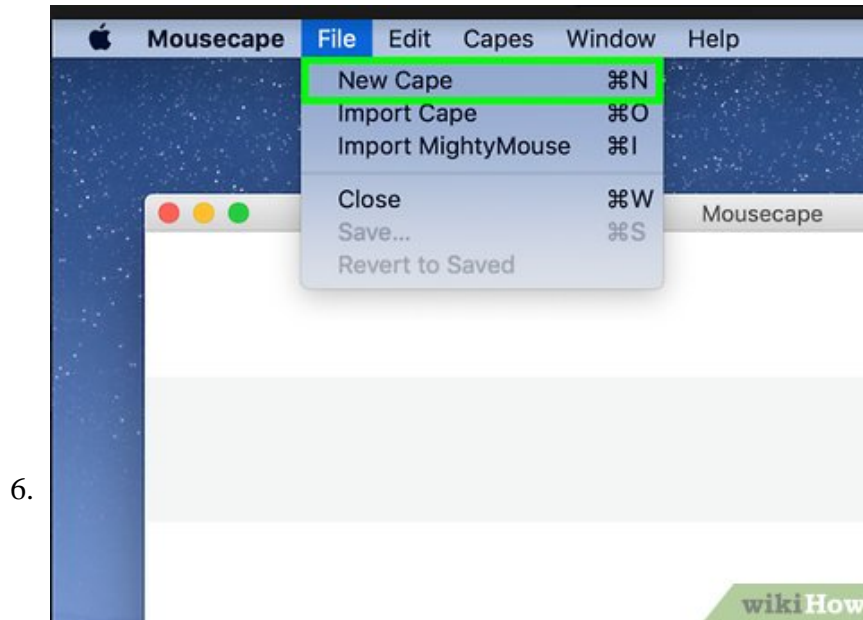


Double-click the **Mousecape** app. After extracting the downloaded ZIP file, open the Mousecape app to use it on your Mac.

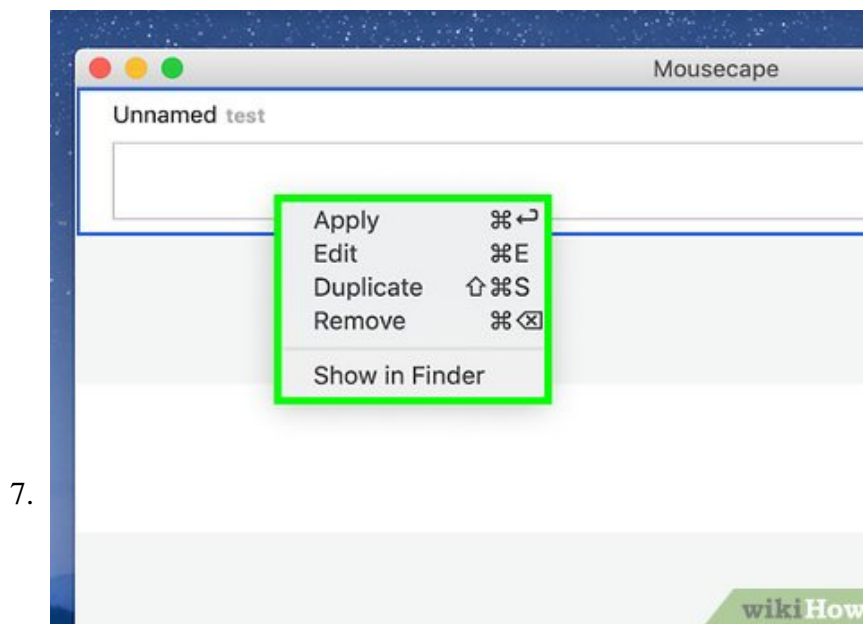
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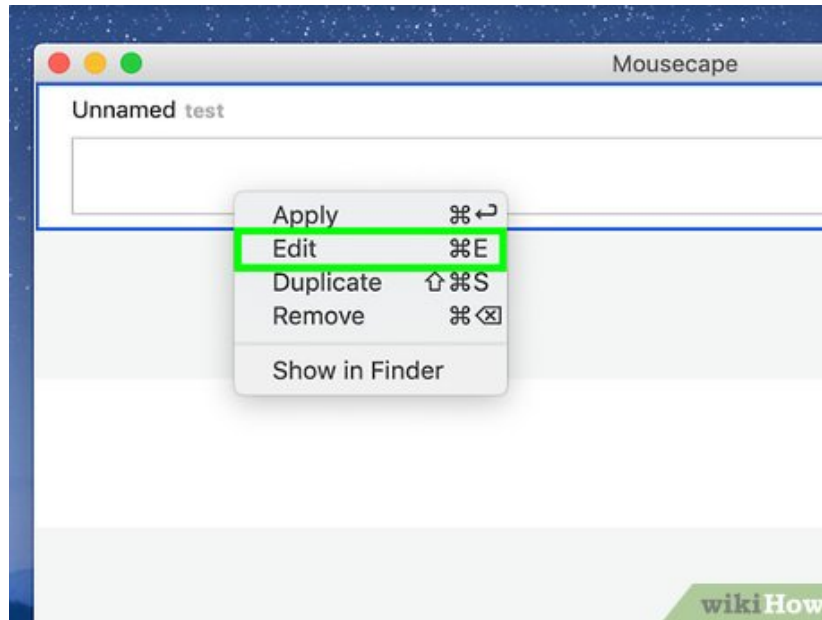
Click the **File** tab on the menu bar. After opening the Mousecape app, click this button on the menu bar in the upper-left corner of your screen.



Click **New Cape** on the "File" menu. This will create a new "Unnamed" entry in the Mousecape window.



Right-click the new "Unnamed" entry in Mousecape. This will open your right-click options.

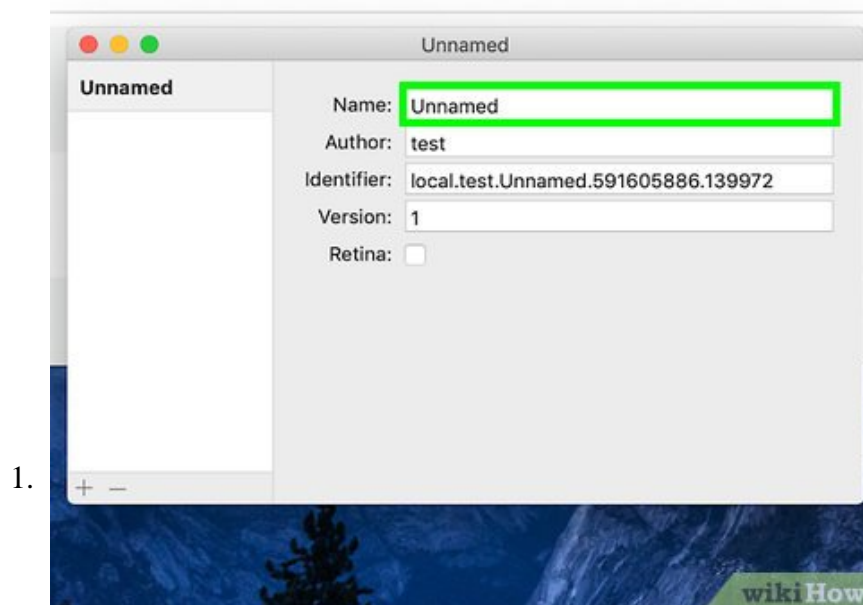


Click **Edit** on the right-click menu. This will open the new entry's properties in a dialogue box.

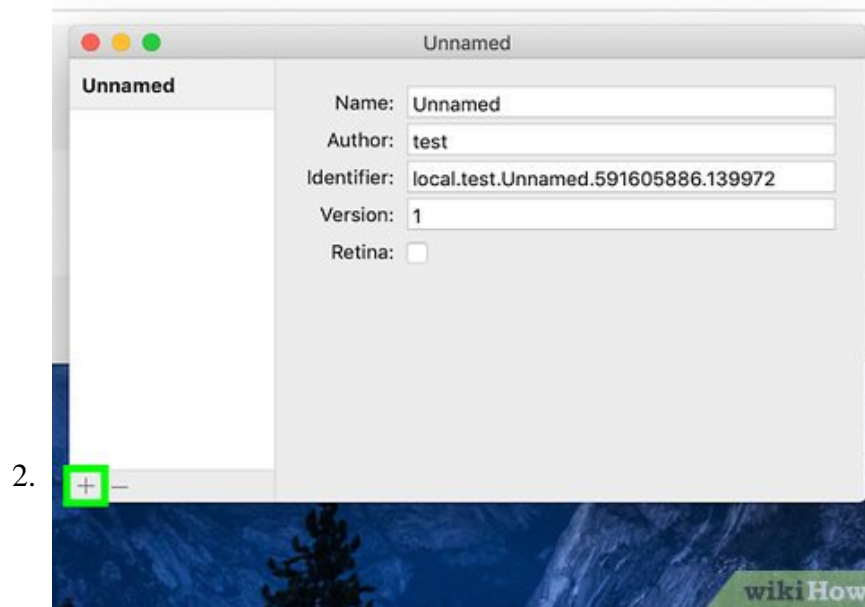
1. This will open a new window to customize this new cursor cape.
2. Make sure to check out the following methods in order to find out how to customize and use new cursors with Mousecape on Mac.

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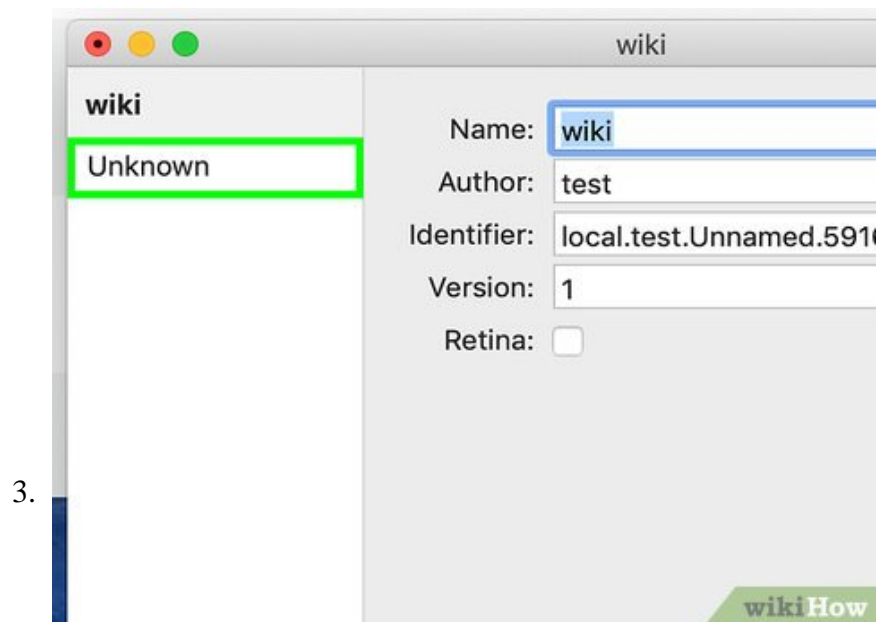
Customizing a Cursor in Mousecape



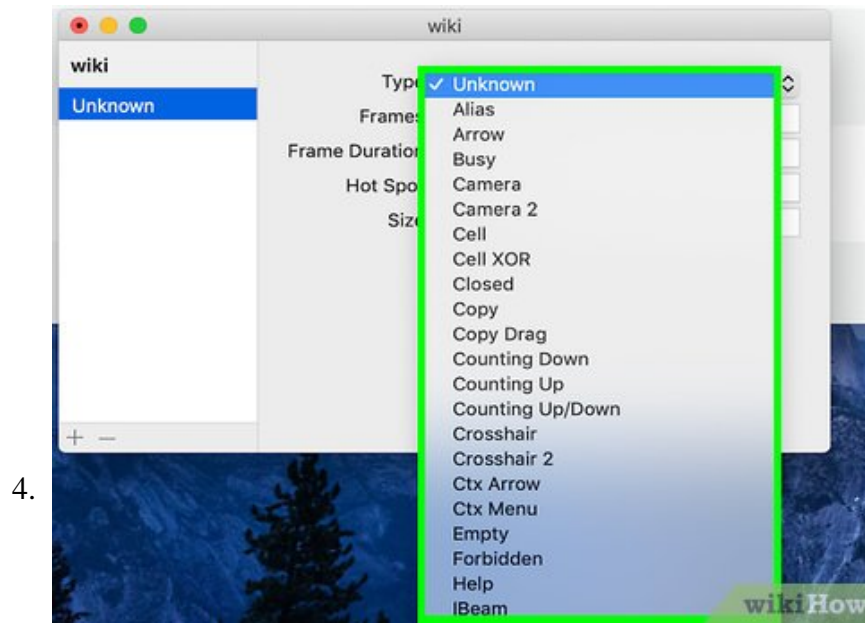
Enter a name for your new cursor in the "Name" field. In the editing window, you can delete "Unnamed" in the Name box, and give a custom name to your new cursor.



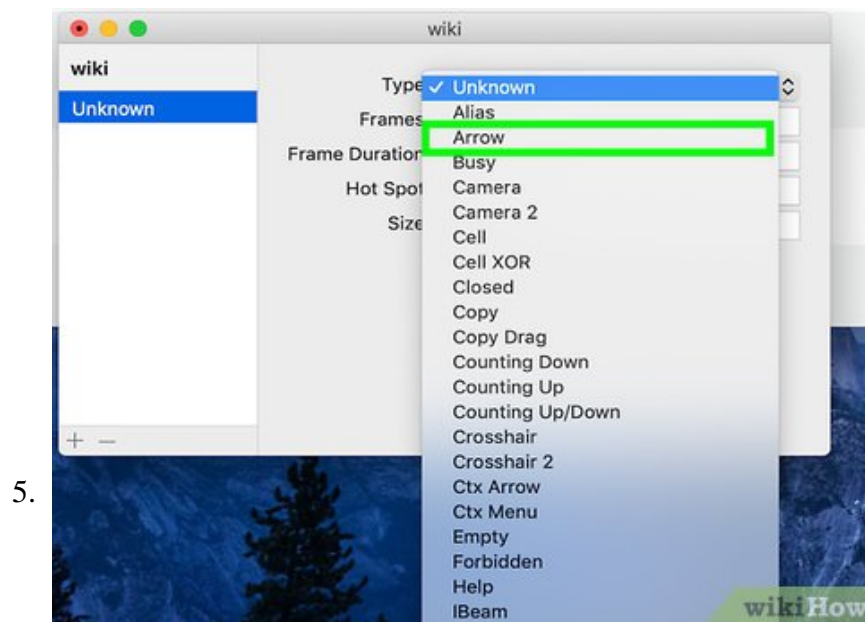
Click the **+** button on the bottom-left. This will add an "Unknown" cursor to this entry on the left menu.



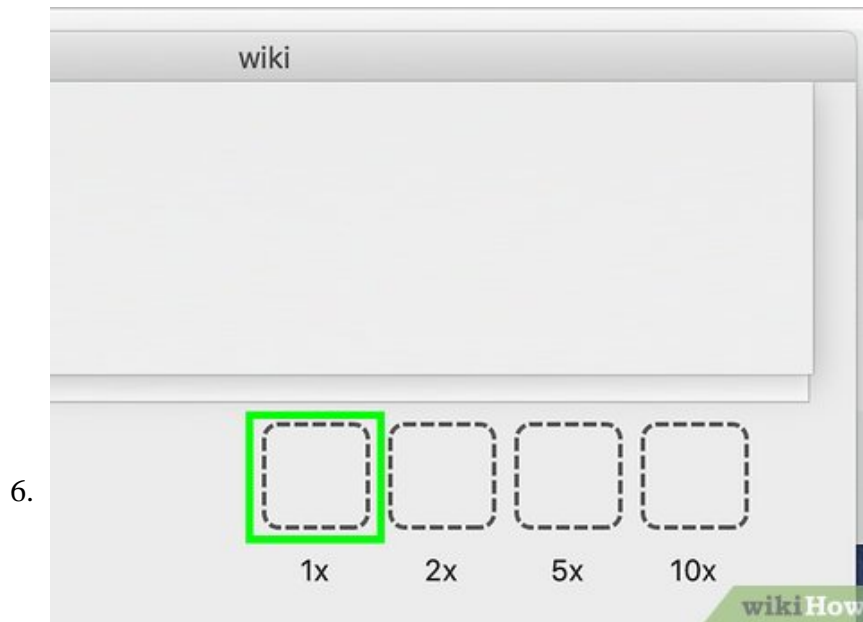
Click **Unknown** on the left menu. You can add your custom cursor design here.



Click the **Type** drop-down. This will open a list of all the different cursor types and functions you can customize.

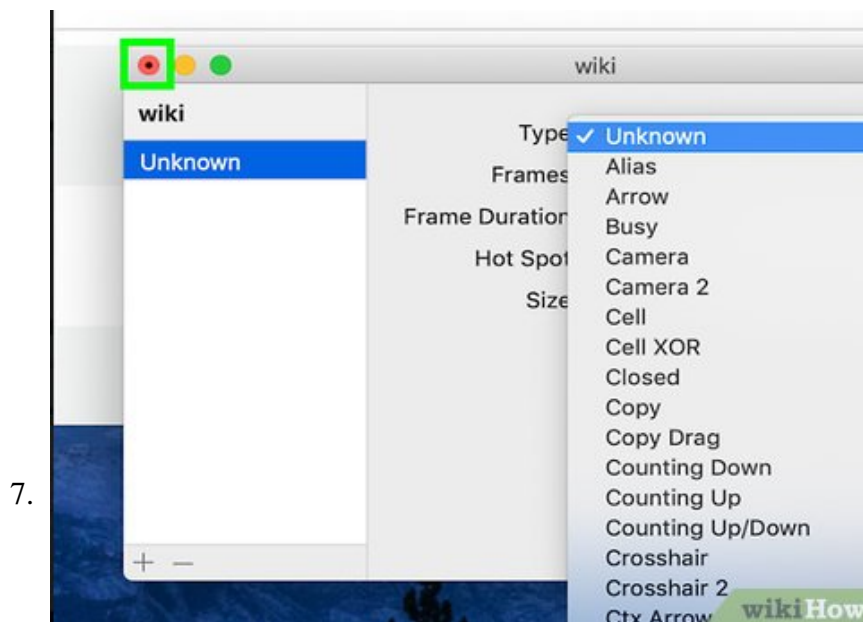


Select **Arrow** in the drop-down. When this option is selected, you can change your pointer cursor arrow's design.

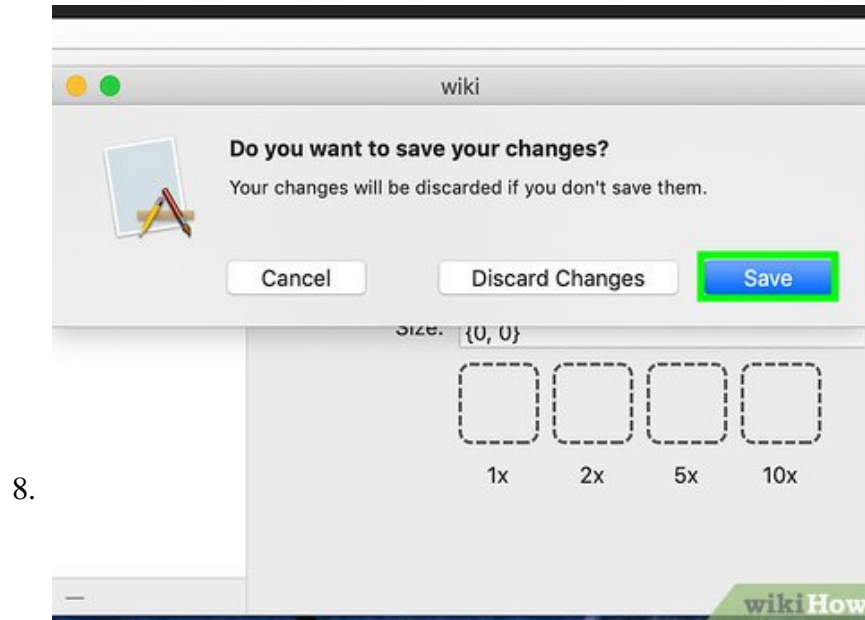


Drag and drop your downloaded ".cur" cursor design to the "1x" box. Find the ".cur" custom cursor you downloaded on your computer, and drag it to the "1x" box at the bottom of the Mousecape editing window.

1. The new cursor design will now show up in the "1x" box here.
2. Optionally, you can change the numbers in the "Size" box here, and adjust your custom cursor's size.



Click the red close button on the top-left of the editing window. You will be asked if you want to save changes to your new design.

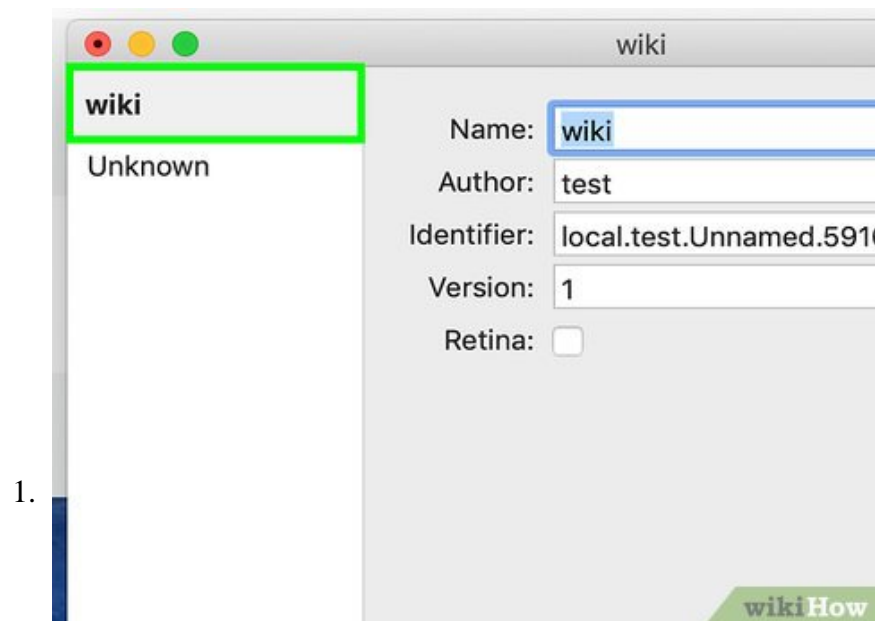


Click **Save** in the pop-up. This will save your new cursor design to Mousecape.

1. You can now apply this new cursor, and start using it any time you want.

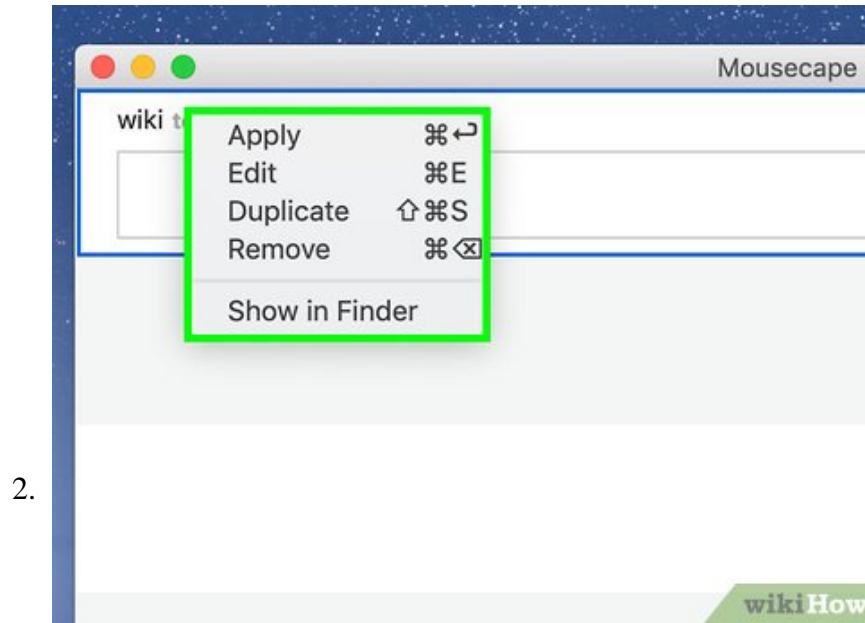
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Using Mousecape

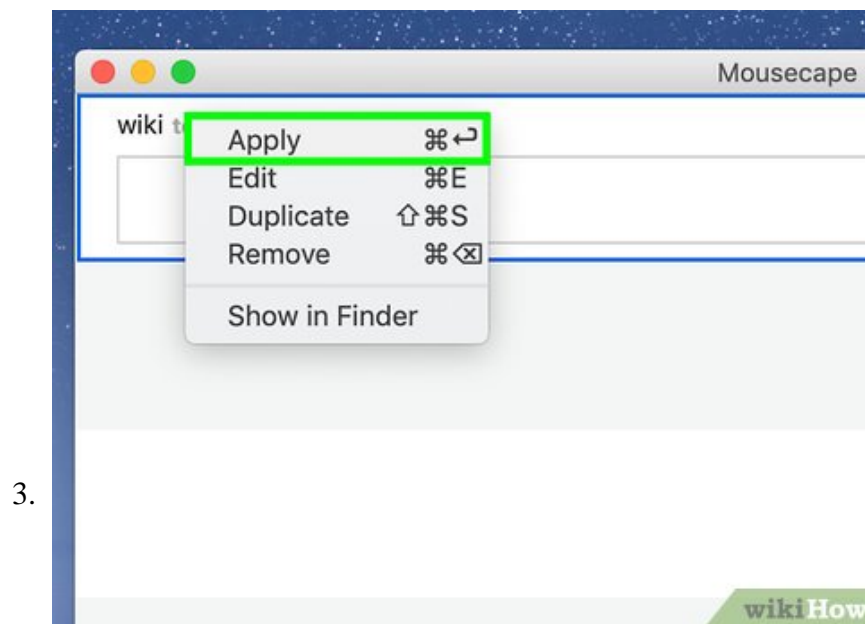


Find the cursor you want to use in the Mousecape window. All your custom cursors are saved and listed here.

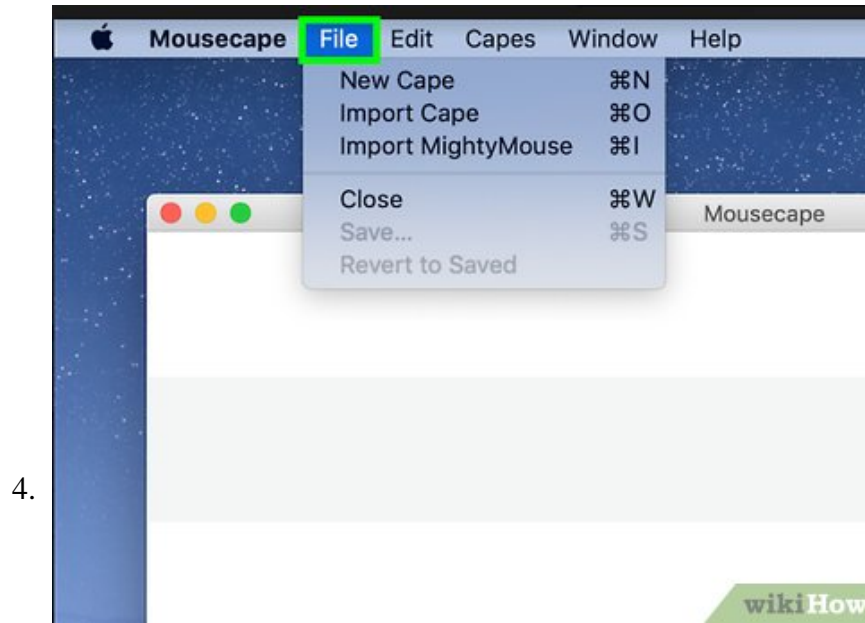
1. Once you create a custom cursor design, it's saved in Mousecape. You can always go back and switch between different cursors any time you want.



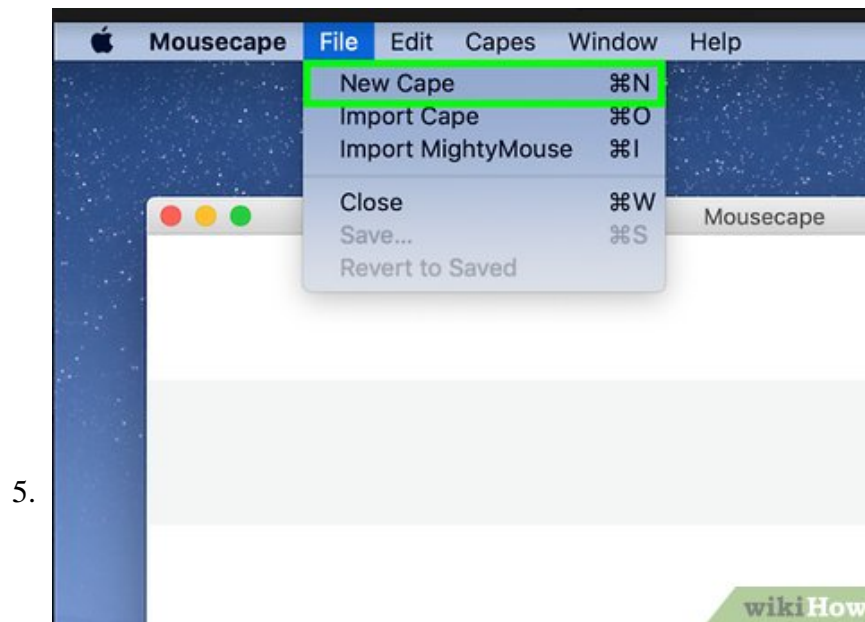
Right-click a cursor entry in the Mousecape window. You will see your right-click options on a drop-down menu.



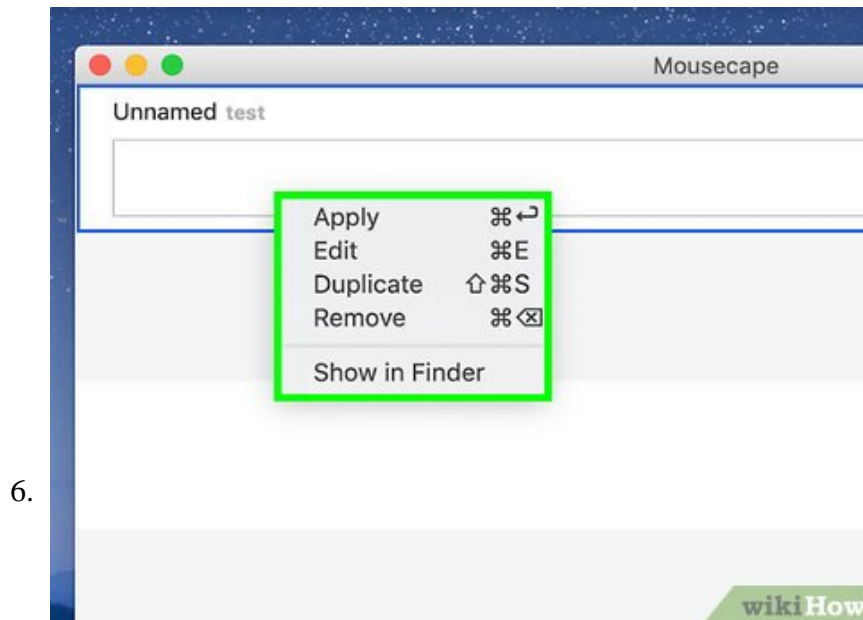
Click on the right-click menu. This will instantly change your cursor to the selected design.



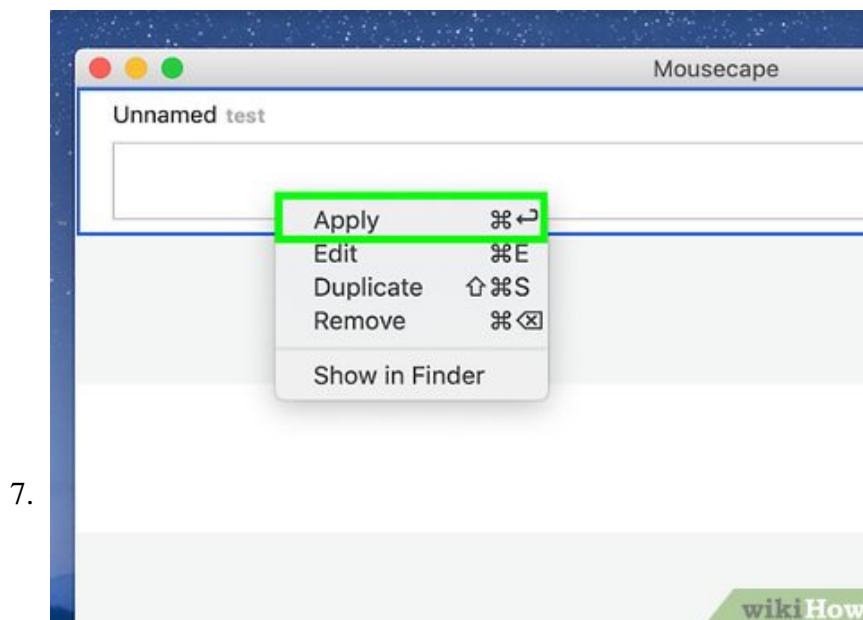
Click **File** on the menu bar. This will open a drop-down menu.



Click **New Cape** on menu. This will create a new, blank "Unnamed" entry in the Mousecape window.



Right-click the new "Unnamed" cursor entry. This will open your options on a right-click menu.



Click on the right-click menu. This will switch your cursor to Mac's default design.

1. You can also right-click a cursor entry here, and select **Remove** to delete the selected design from your computer.

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