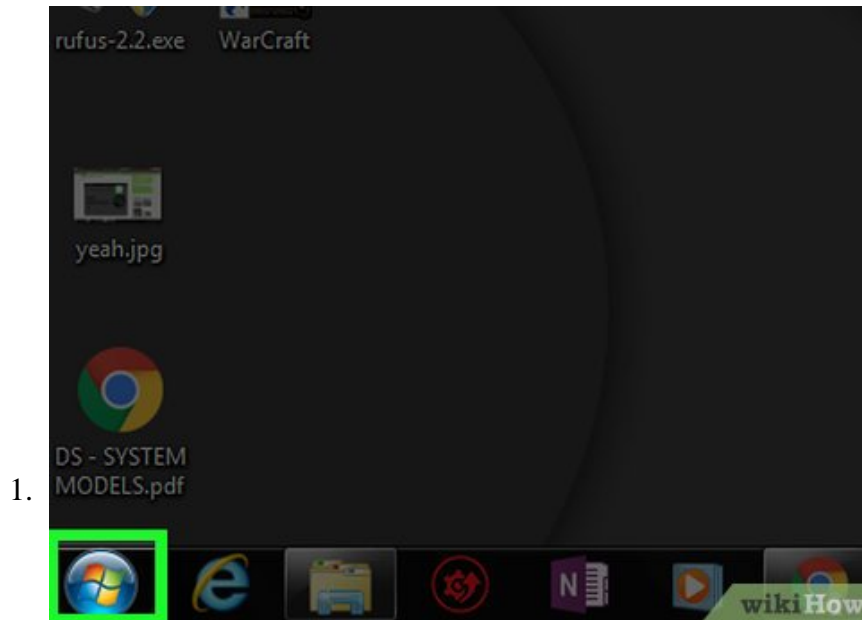


How to Customize the Size of the Windows 7 Taskbar Icons

This wikiHow teaches you how to enlarge or shrink the taskbar icons in Windows 7. Taskbar icons are the icons that appear in the bar at the bottom of your computer's screen. You can safely adjust taskbar icon properties, as well as you...

Method 1 of 3:

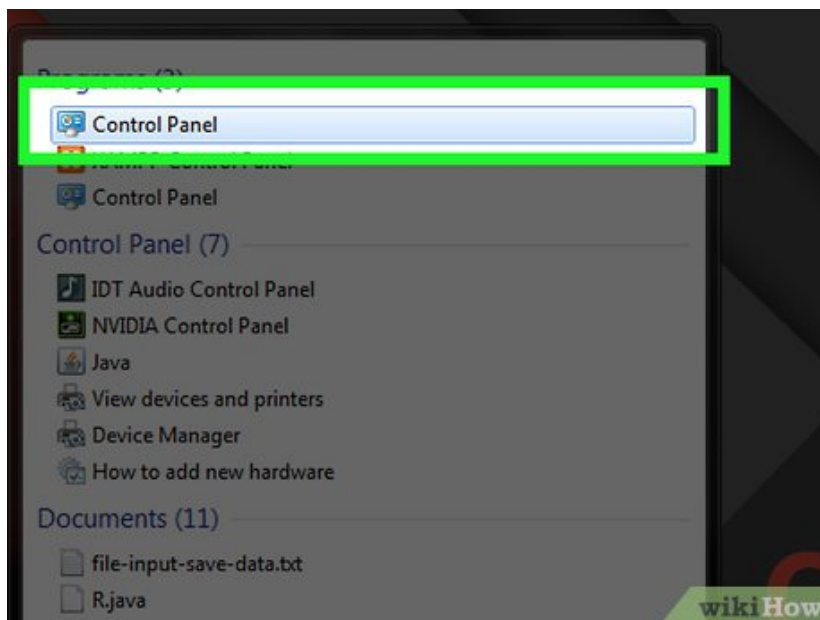
Using Small Icons



Open Start



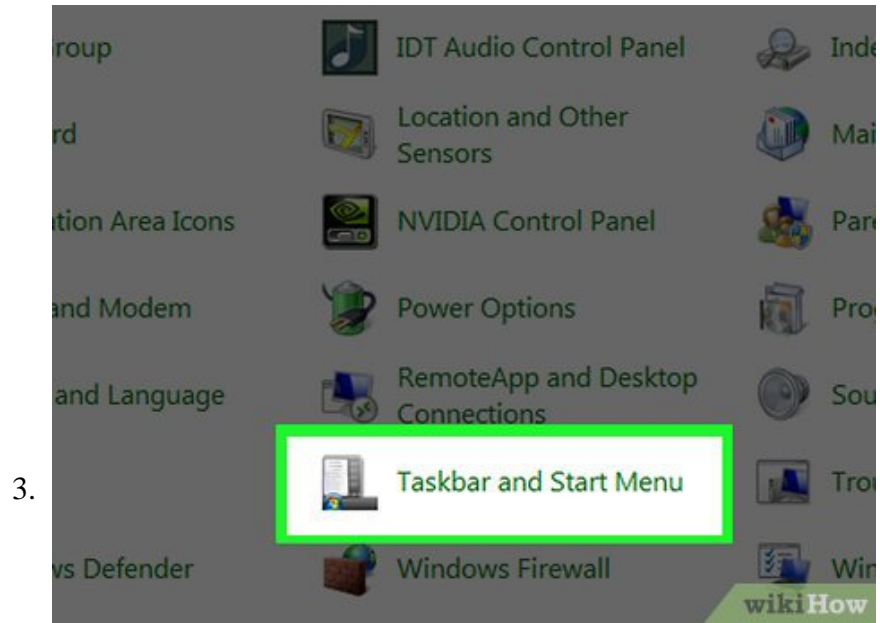
. Click the Windows logo on a blue background in the bottom-left corner of the screen.



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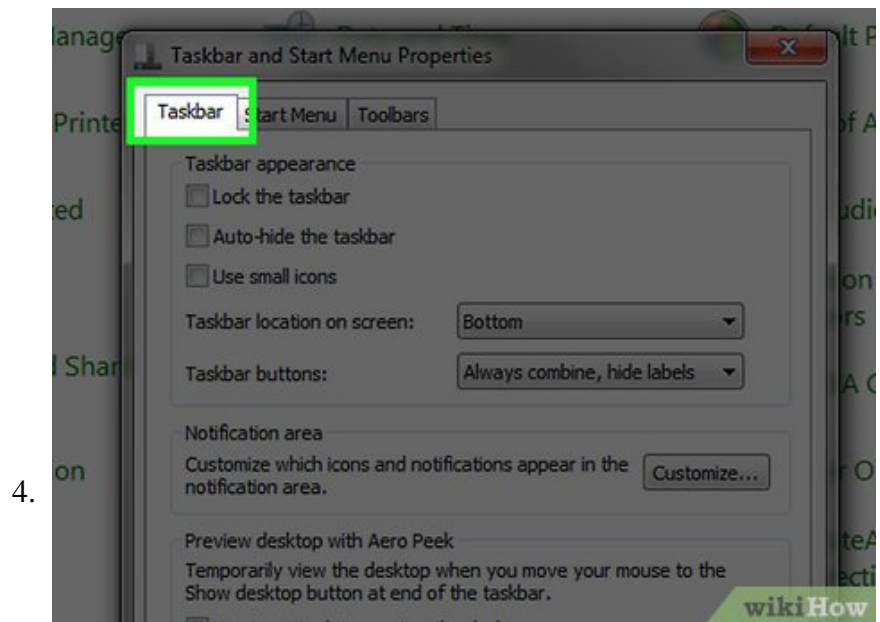
Click . This tab is on the right side of the Start menu.

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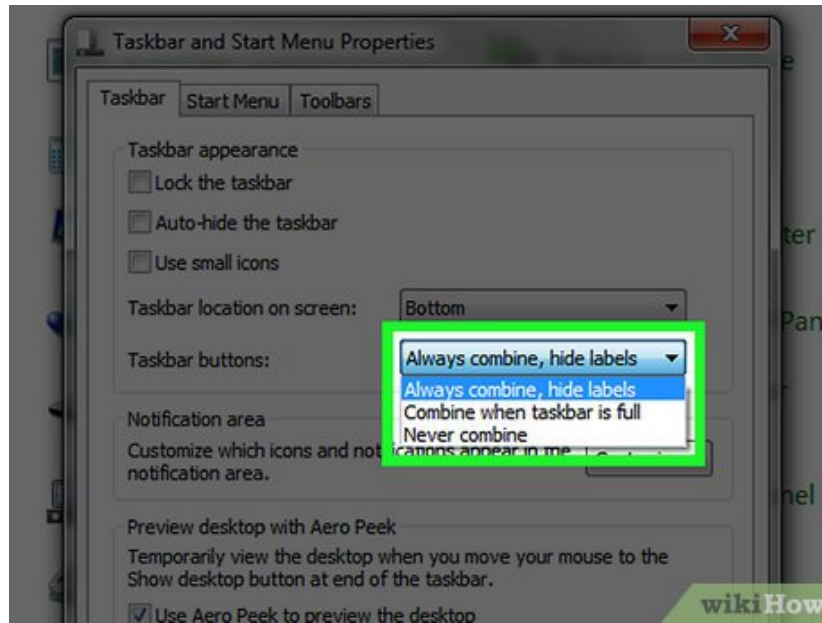
Click **Task Bar and Start Menu**. It's toward the bottom of the Control Panel page. Doing so will open the Taskbar window.

1. If you don't see this option, click the "View by" drop-down box in the top-right side of the window, then click **Large Icons**.



Click the **Taskbar** tab. This option is in the top-left side of the window.

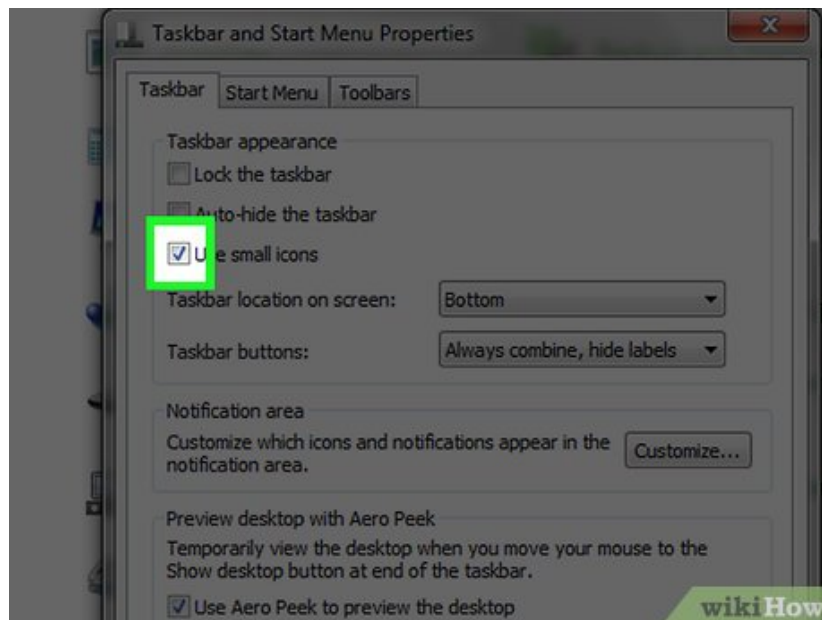
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Select a taskbar button type. Click the "Taskbar buttons" drop-down box, then click one of the following options:

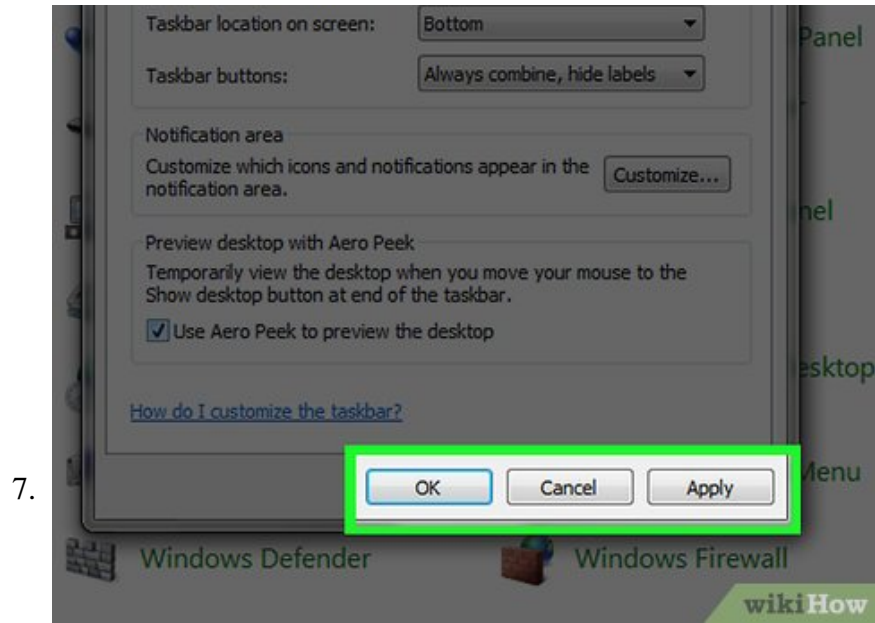
1. **Always combine, hide labels** - Condenses taskbar buttons into squares that display the program's icon, but not its label. Multiple windows from one program will fit into one taskbar button.
2. **Combine when taskbar is full** - Displays rectangular taskbar buttons individually and with labels until the taskbar fills up, at which point buttons are combined into the square configuration mentioned above.
3. **Never combine** - Taskbar buttons will remain rectangular with labels regardless of how many there are.

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Check the "Use small icons" box. This box is near the top of the page. Doing so will shrink your Windows 7 icons on the taskbar.

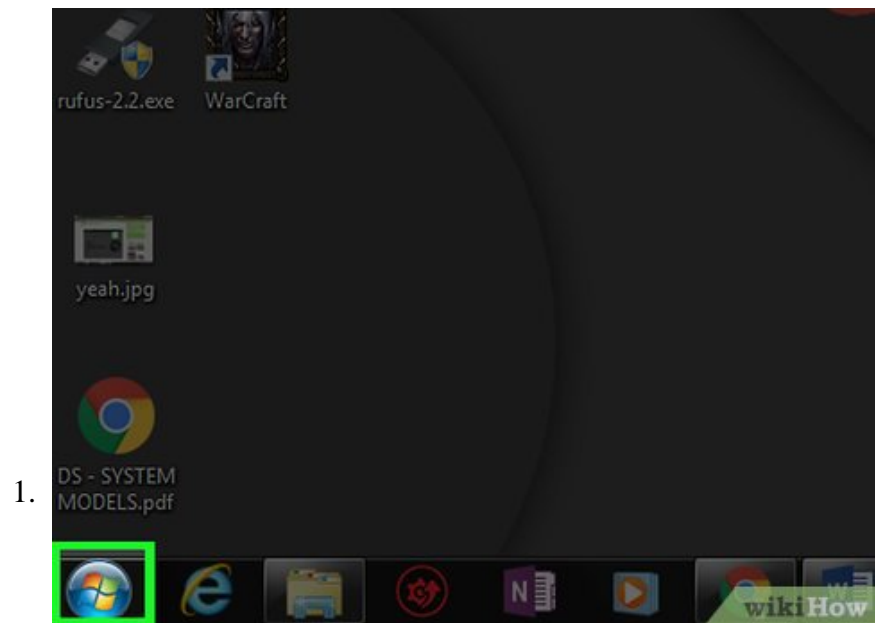
1. If this box is already checked, your computer is displaying small icons in the taskbar.



Click **Apply**, then click **OK**. This will save your changes and refresh the screen. Once the screen refreshes, your taskbar icons should be smaller (or larger) than they were before.

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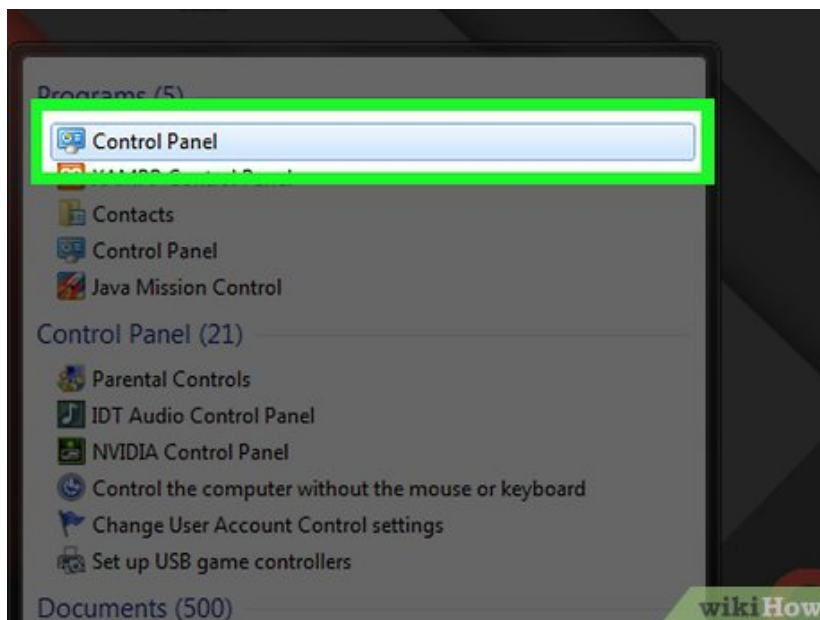
Adjusting Screen Resolution



Open Start



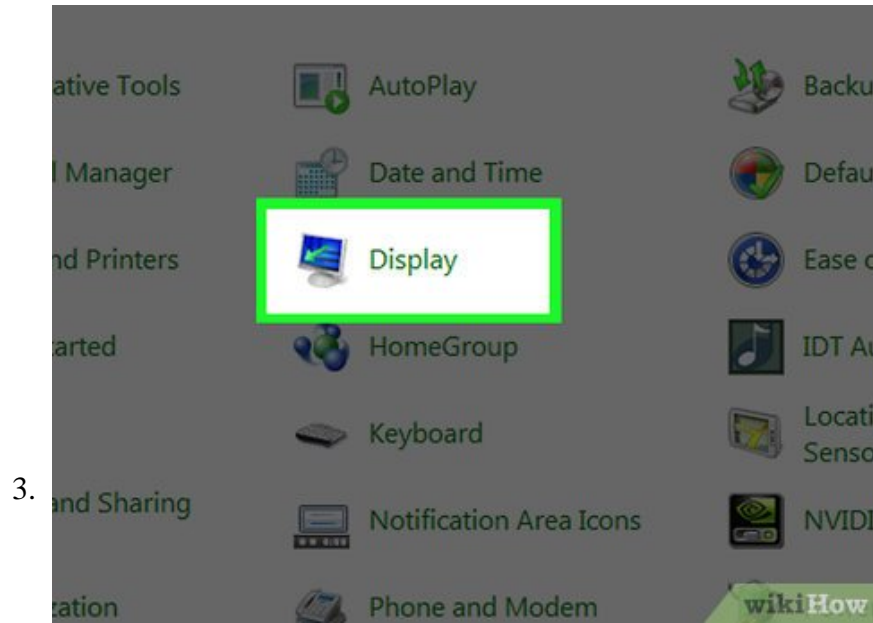
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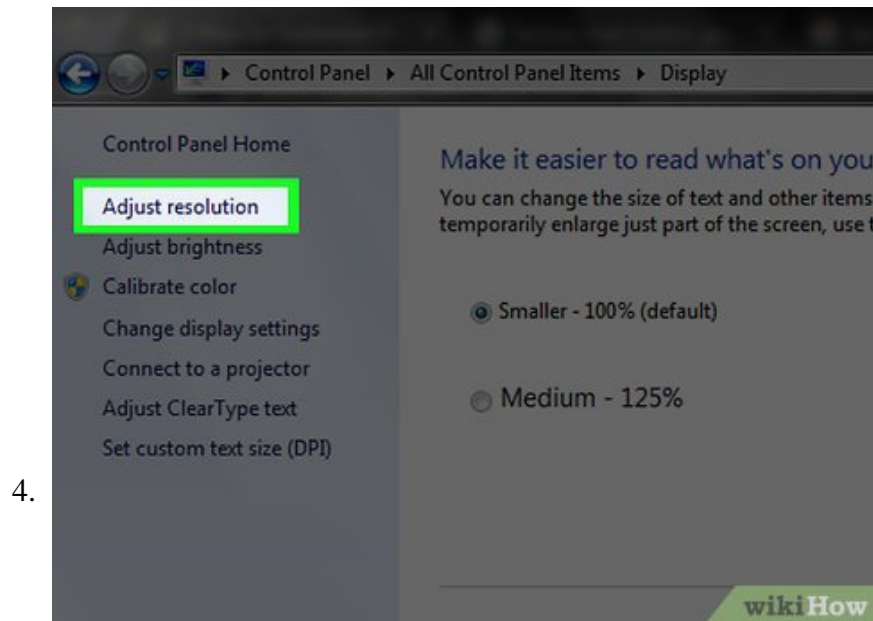
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Click . This tab is on the right side of the Start menu.

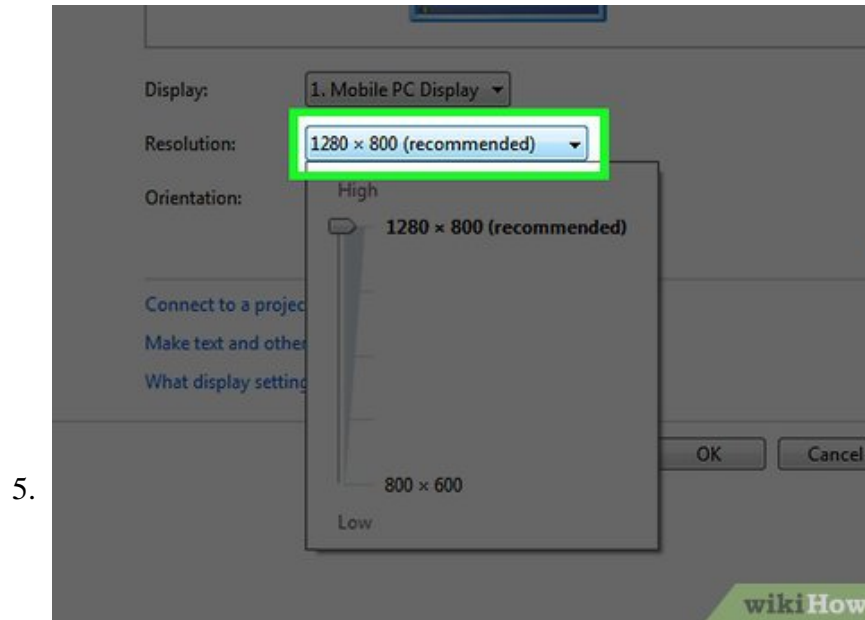
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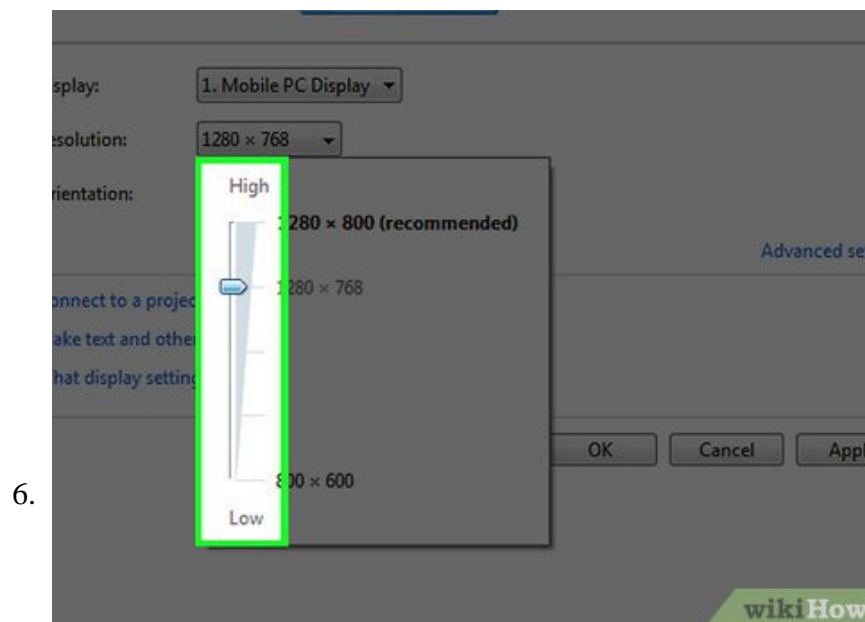
- Click [Display](#). It's toward the top of the Control Panel page. Doing so will open the Display window.
1. If you don't see this option, click the "View by" drop-down box in the top-right side of the window, then click **Large Icons**.



- Click [Adjust resolution](#). This link is in the upper-right side of the page.

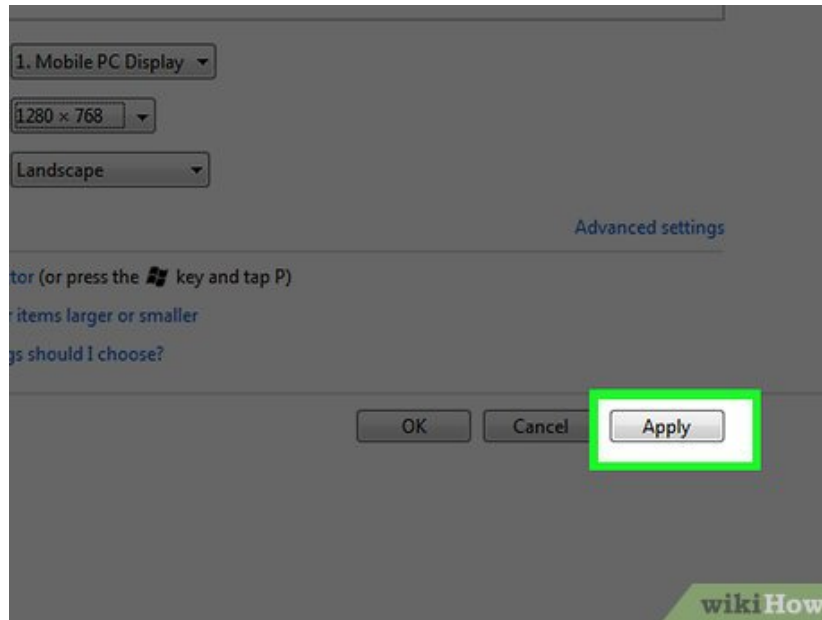


Click the "Resolution" drop-down box. It's in the middle of the page. Doing so will prompt a drop-down menu with all of your monitor's possible resolutions listed.



Increase or decrease your screen's resolution. Click and drag the slider up to increase resolution and make icons smaller, or drag the slider down to decrease resolution and make the icons larger.

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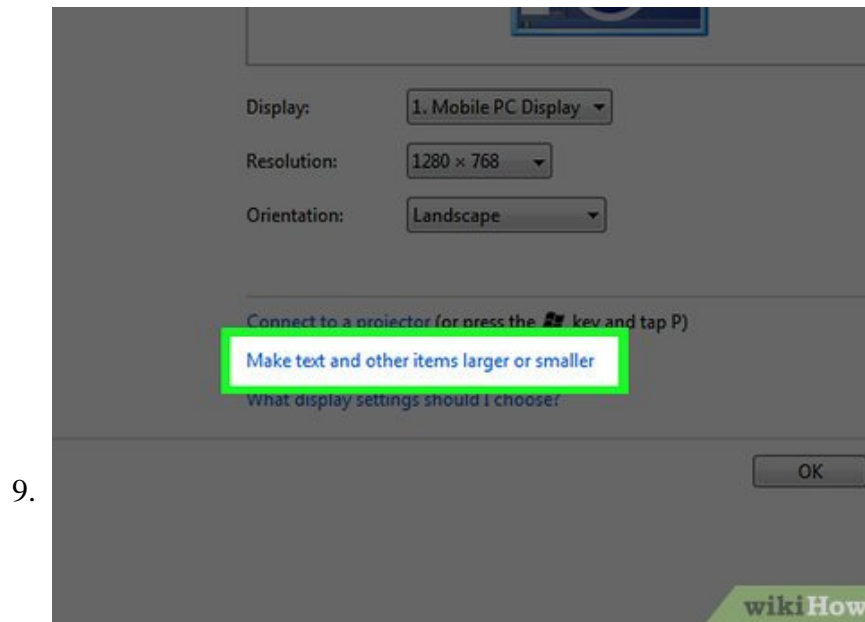


Click **Apply**.

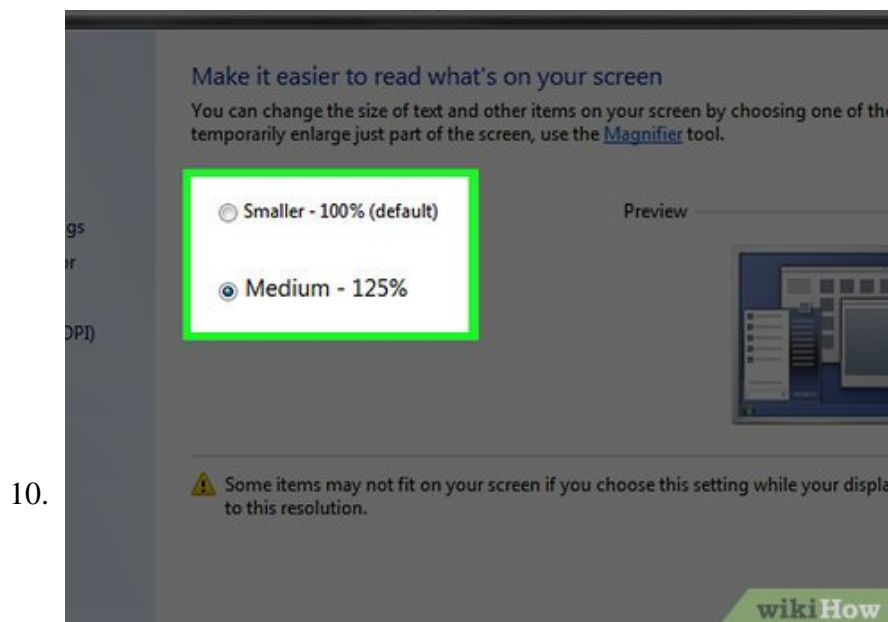
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Click **Keep changes** when prompted.

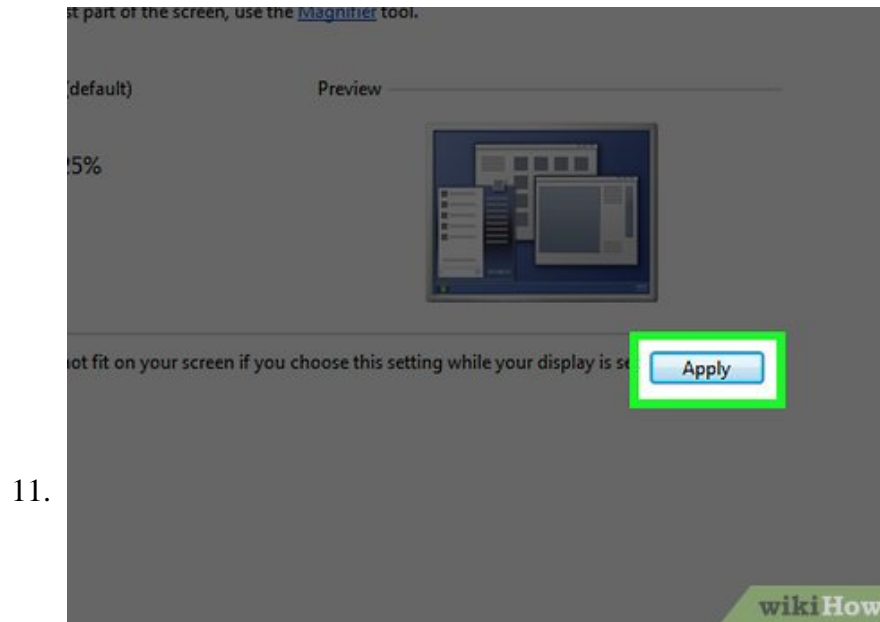


Click **Make text and other items larger or smaller**. This link is in the middle of the page. Doing so takes you to the Appearance and Personalization menu.

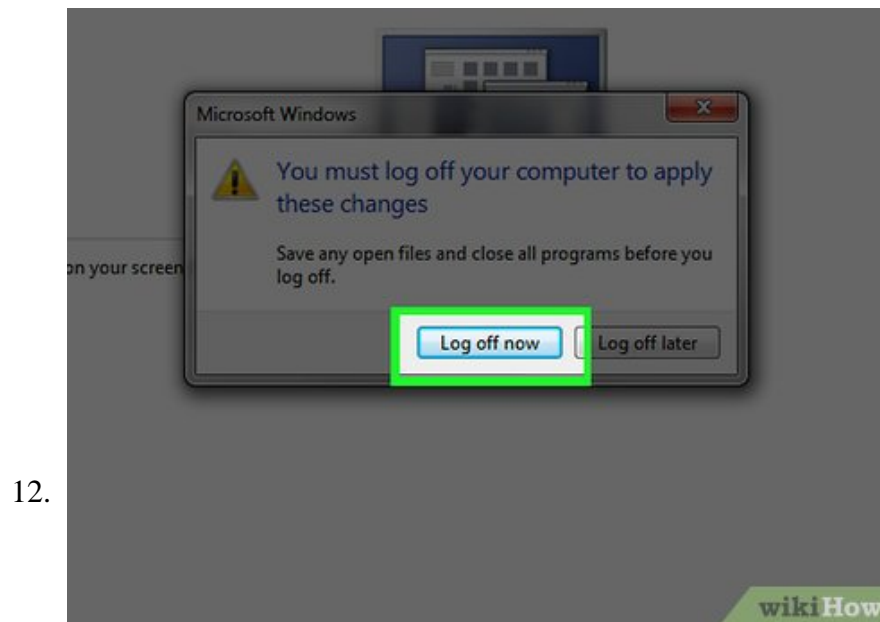


Select a size option. Click the circular button to the left of one of the following options:

1. **Smaller - 100%**
2. **Medium - 125%**
3. **Larger - 150%** - Not all monitors will have this option.



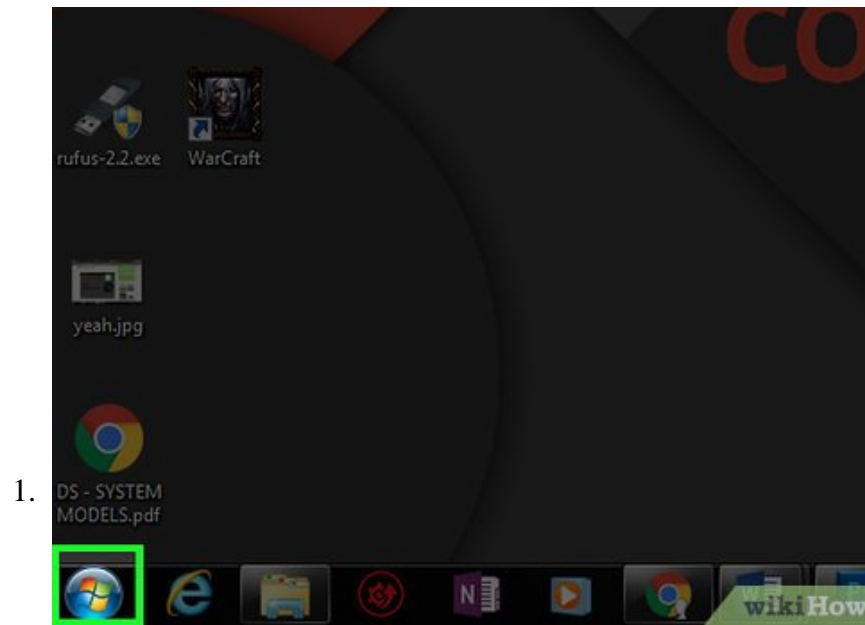
Click **Apply**. It's in the lower-right side of the page.



Click **Log off now** when prompted. Doing so will log you out of your account. Once you log back in, all of your icons will be larger or smaller depending on the options you chose.

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Setting a Custom Icon Size

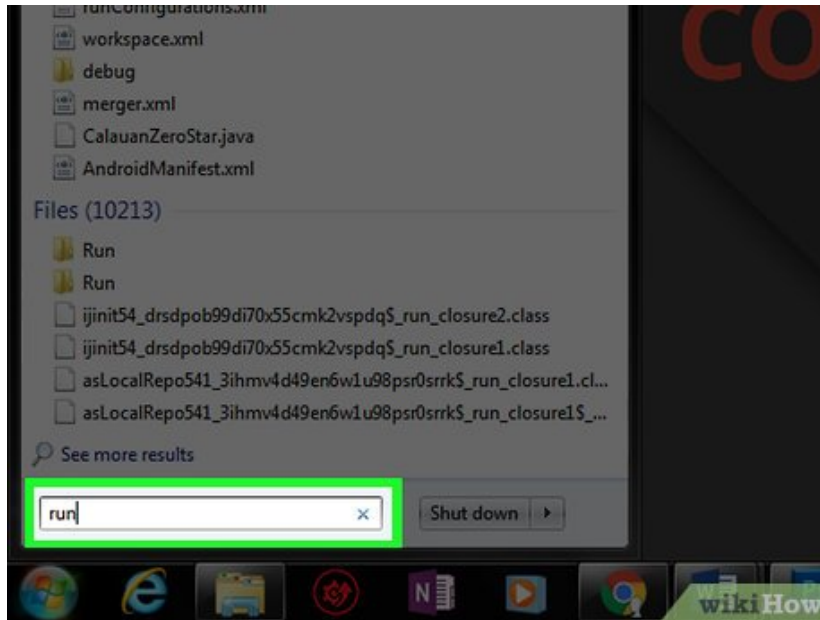


Open Start



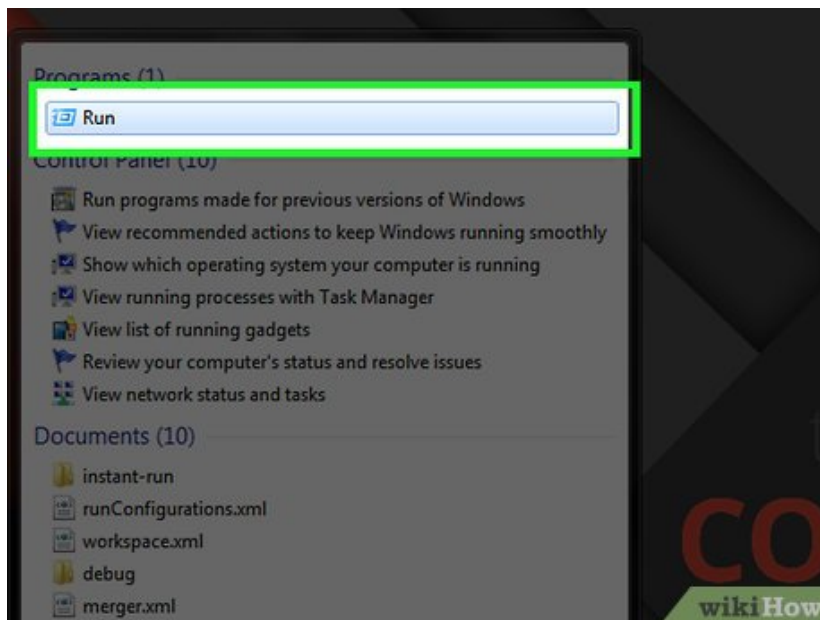
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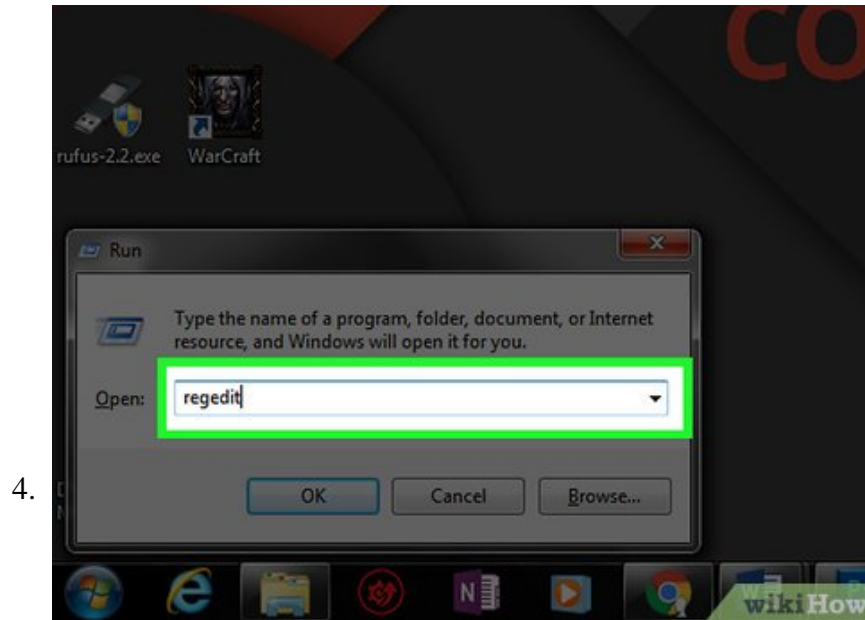


Type **run** into Start. Doing so searches your computer for the Run program.

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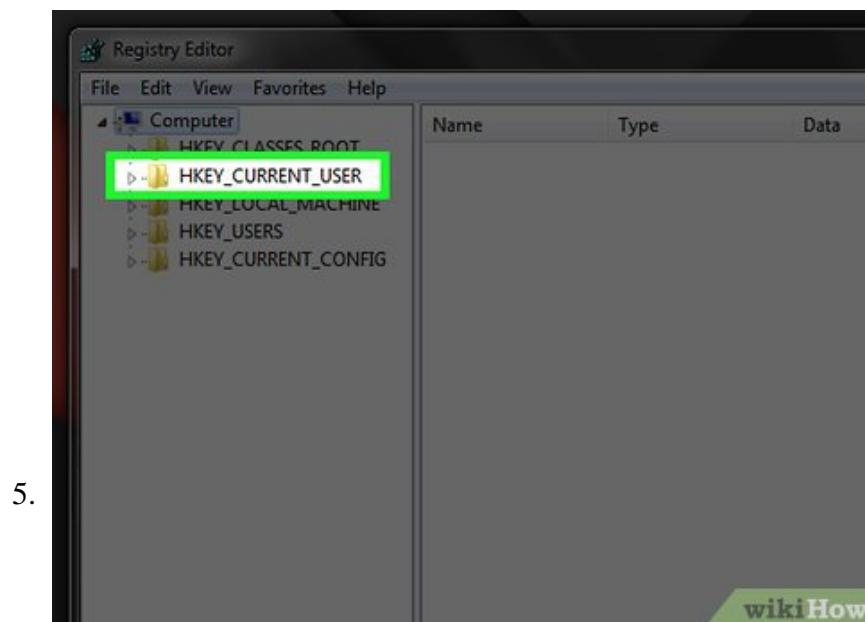


Click **Run**. This program, which resembles a speeding envelope, should be at the top of the Start window.



Type **regedit** into Run, then click **OK**. Doing so will open the Registry Editor program.

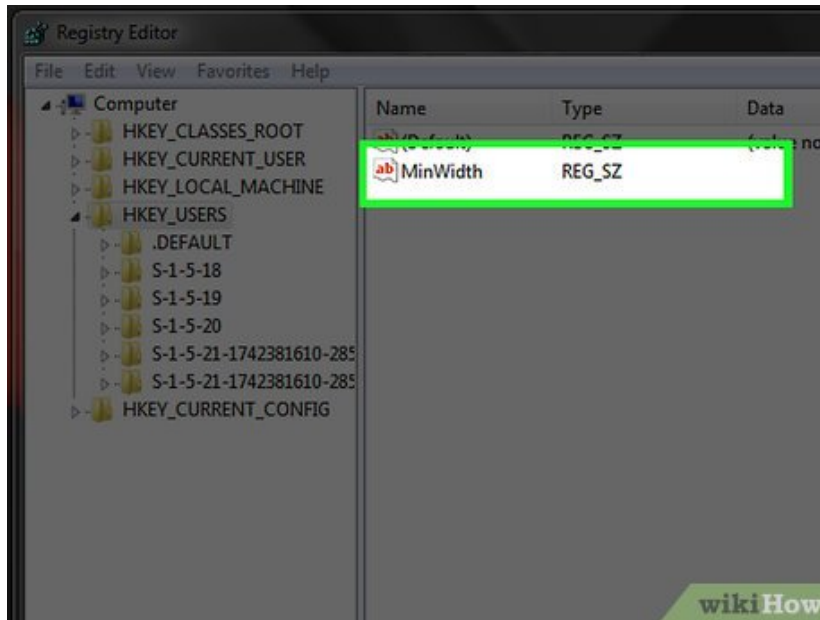
1. You may have to click **Yes** when prompted before you can continue.



Open the WindowMetrics folder. To do so:

1. Double-click **HKEY_CURRENT_USER**. It's in the top-left side of the Registry Editor window.
2. Double-click **Control Panel**.
3. Double-click **Desktop**.
4. Click **WindowMetrics**.

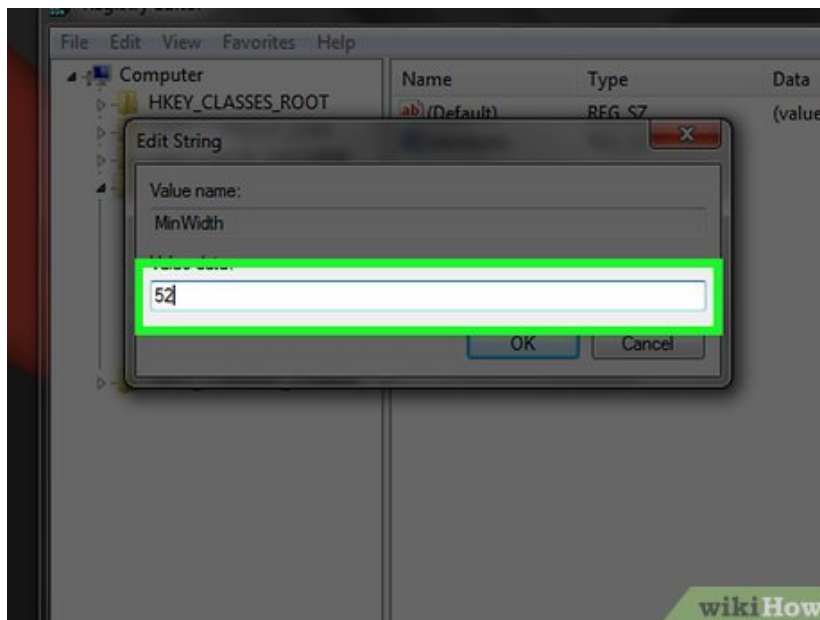
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Double-click `MinWidth`. This item should be on the right side of the Registry Editor window. Double-clicking it opens it in a new window.

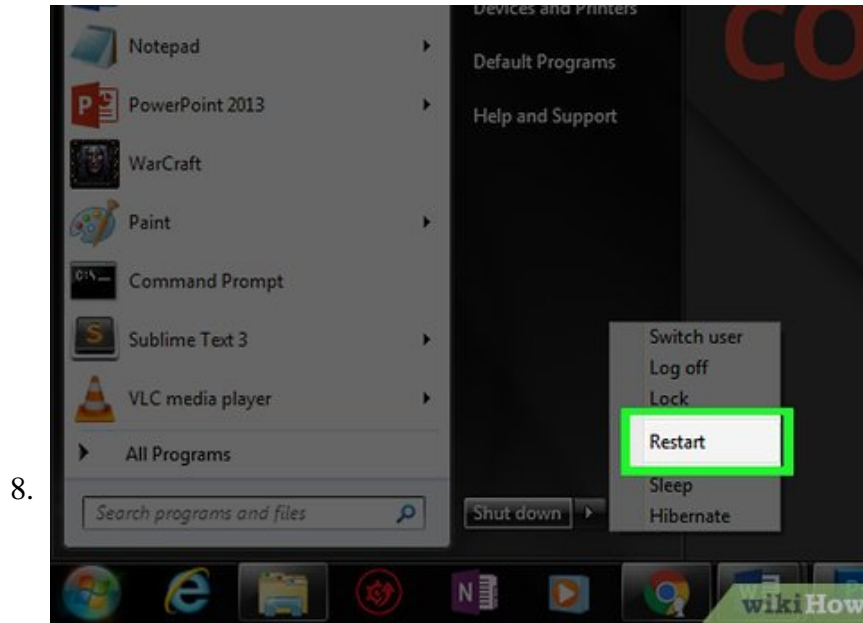
1. If you don't see the `MinWidth` item, first do the following: click **Edit**, select **New**, click **String Value**, type in `MinWidth`, and press `Enter`.

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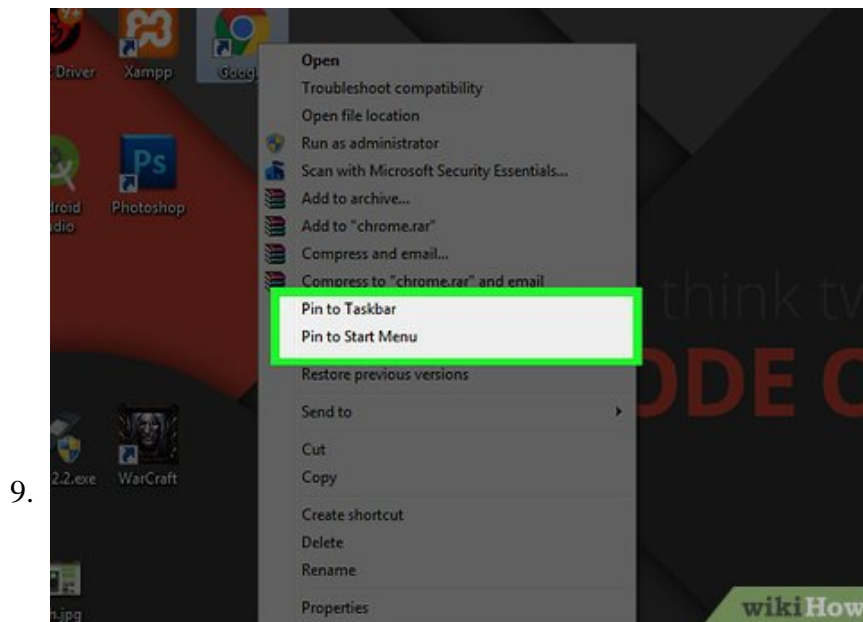


Enter in the new width. Type in a new width for icons, then press `Enter`. The default width for regular icons is 52, and the minimum you can enter is 32—anything smaller, and the icons will not display properly.

1. You can enter values larger than 52, though icons too large will cause problems on the taskbar.



Restart your computer. Open **Start**, click **?**, and click **Restart** to restart your computer.



Re-pin your icons. Windows caches icon images when applications are pinned, so you will need to re-pin any pinned icons for the new size to take effect. Right-click on each pinned icon and select "Unpin". You can then re-pin the program by right-clicking on it in the Start Menu and selecting **Pin to Taskbar**.^[1]

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