

# How to customize the Windows 8.1 interface

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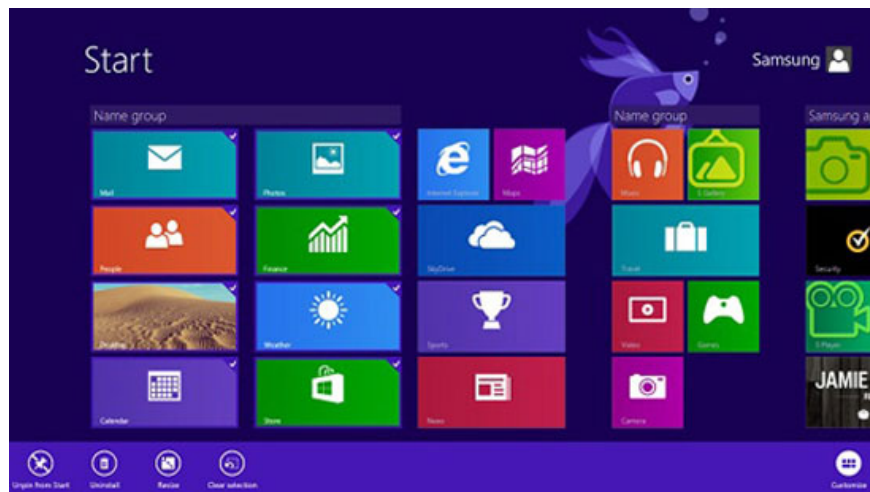
With **Windows 8.1** , Microsoft added a few custom settings to '*mimic*' the traditional Windows experience, such as **boot-to-desktop mode** ( *booting into desktop mode* ); choose to use desktop wallpaper as the background for Start screen, there are many new tile sizes and lots of desktop wallpaper options. Here's how to customize the Windows 8.1 computer interface.

## Resize batches of tiles:

1. Right-click on the tile you want to resize. This tile will be marked with a blue bar above the group with the words '*Name this group*'.



2. Right-click all the tiles you want to resize to enlarge or shrink multiple tiles at once.

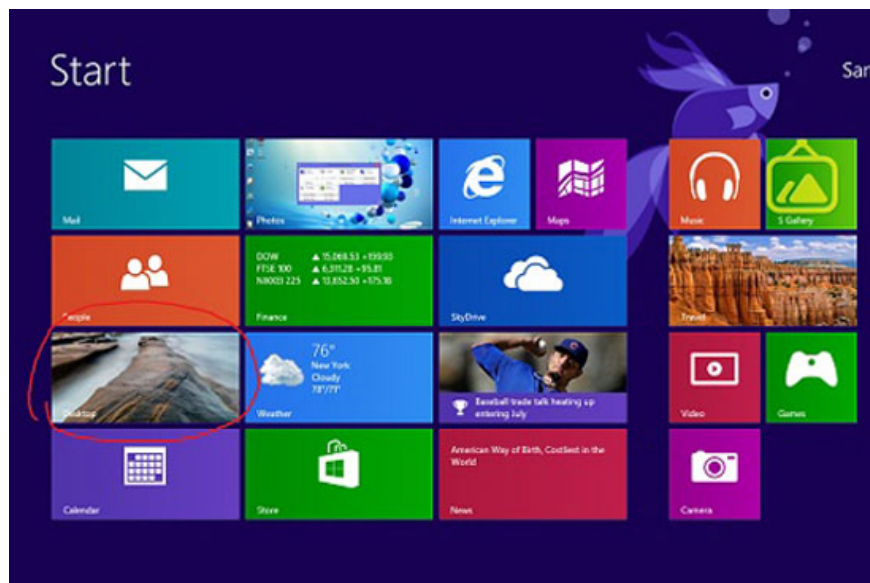


3. **Scroll down to the green taskbar** at the bottom of the screen and press ' *Resize* '. A submenu will appear with four size options: **Large** (*large* ), **Wide** (*wide* ), **Medium** (*medium* ) and **Small** (*small* ) . The ' **Large** ' option will only appear when you are **resizing in bulk. tile for a while** , not when you change the size of individual files.

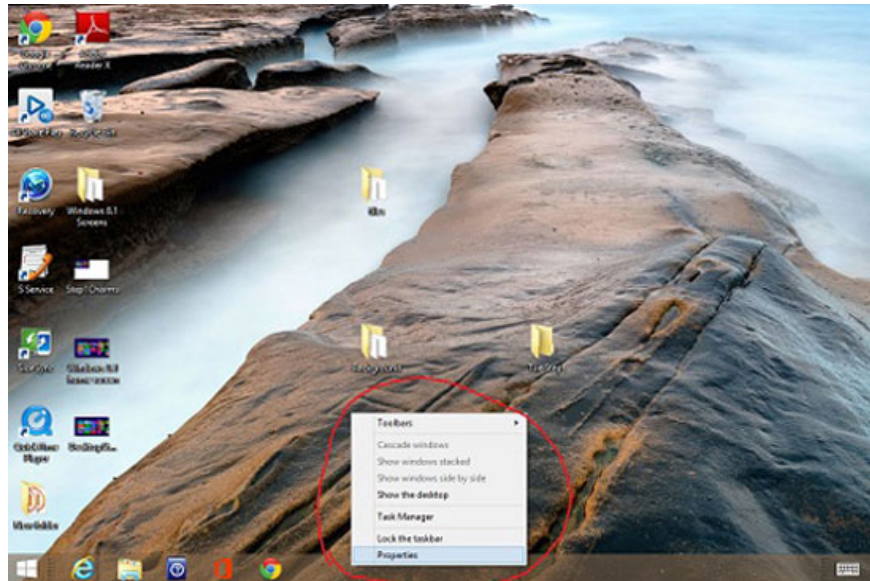


## Use the same wallpaper for both desktop and Start screens:

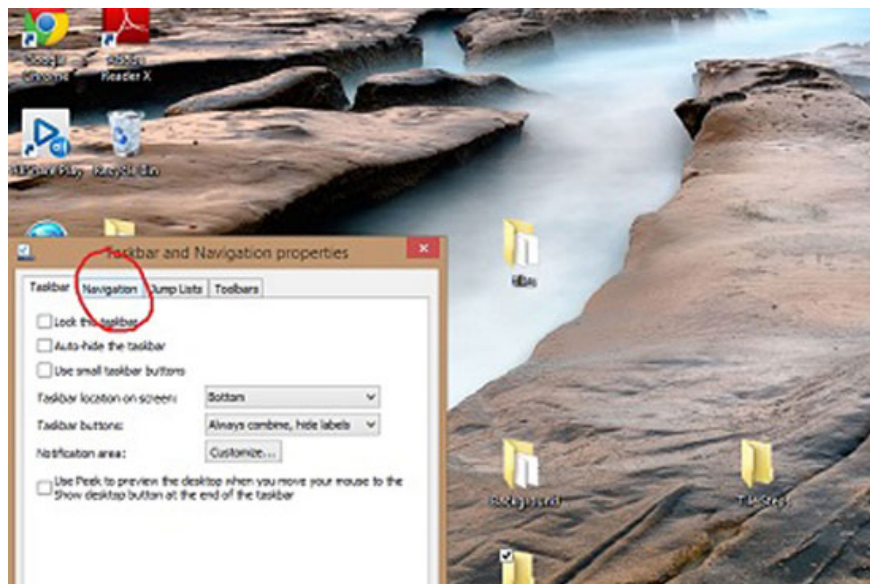
1. Click the ' *Desktop* ' tile on the **Start** screen.



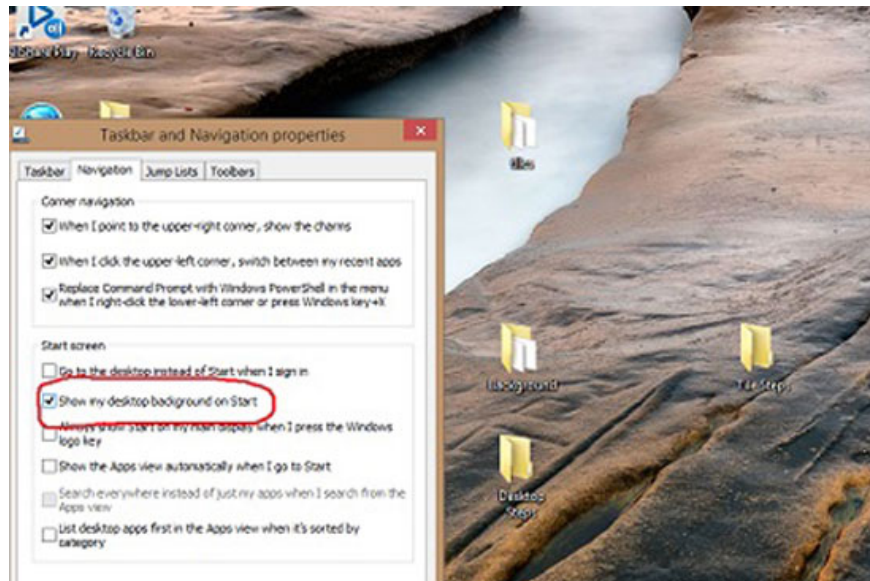
2. Right-click the **taskbar** at the bottom of the screen and select ' *Properties* '.



3. Click the **Navigation** tab.



4. Check the '**Show my desktop background on Start**' box under the '**Start screen**' section.



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