

How to hide and show the Taskbar on a Windows computer

The taskbar hide/show feature is built into the Windows operating system. If you want a larger workspace, this article will provide you with effective and convenient ways to hide or show the taskbar on your Windows computer.

The Taskbar is frequently used by users due to its convenience. Displaying the Taskbar allows computer users to quickly access programs and applications on their computer, along with many other special features. The Windows Taskbar is quite important and convenient for accessing the Start Menu, the applications you are currently using, applications that are installed and displayed by default on the Taskbar, viewing the clock, etc.



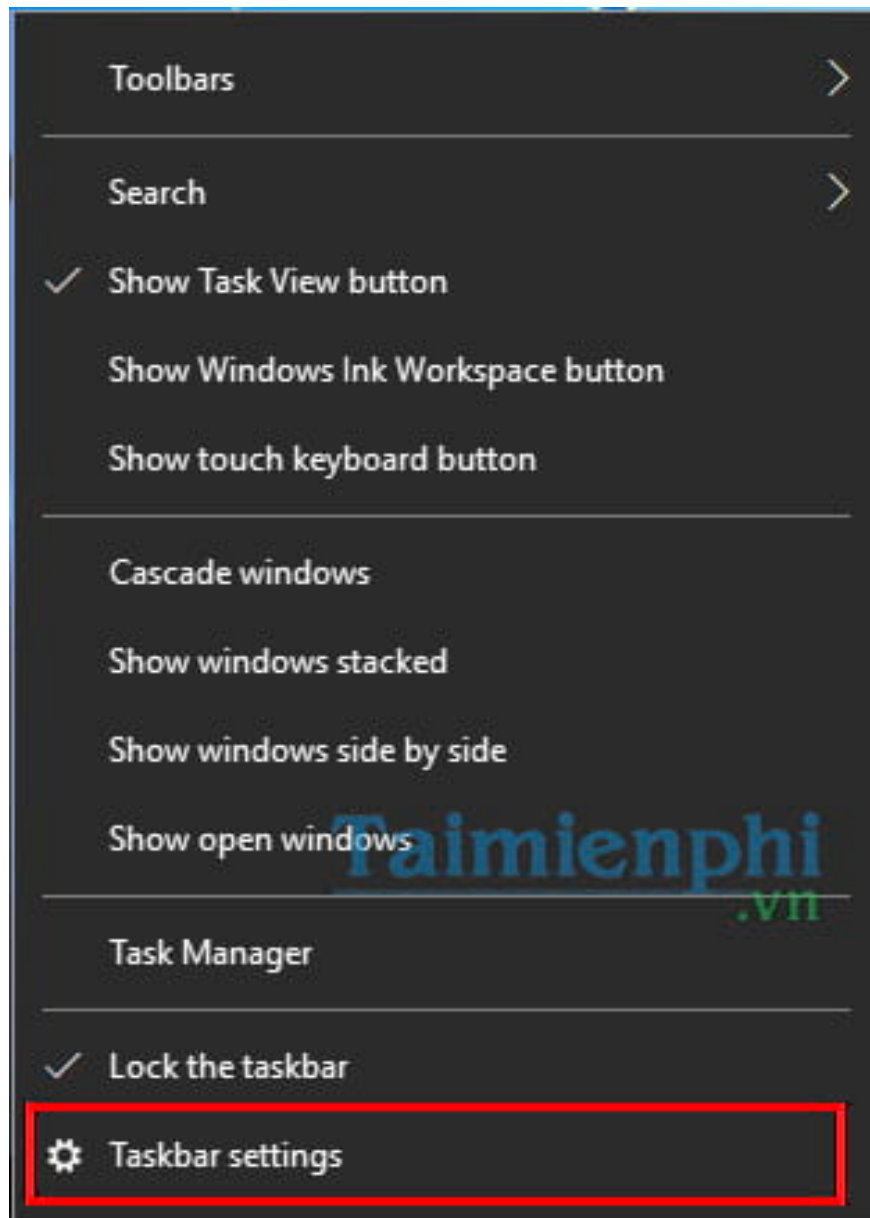
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However, many users don't want to display this taskbar for work reasons, because the screen is too small, or because they don't want anyone to see what they're doing. Therefore, if you're planning to hide the Taskbar on your Windows computer but don't know how, this article from Taimienphi will guide you on how to hide and show the Taskbar on Windows 10, 8.1, 8, and 7 to suit your needs.

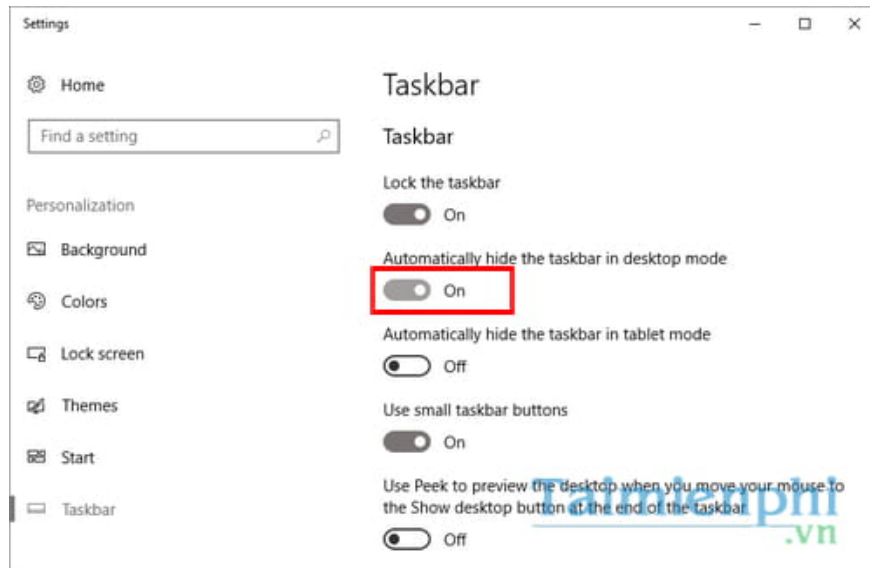
Instructions on how to hide and show the Taskbar on Windows

1. Hide or show the Taskbar on Windows 10

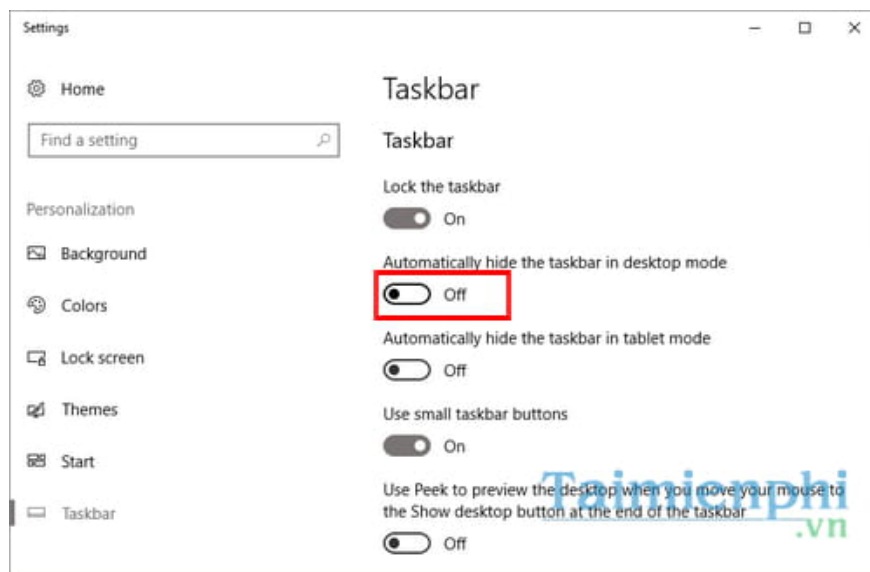
Step 1: On the user interface, right-click on the Taskbar and select **Taskbar Settings** .



Step 2: The Taskbar Settings dialog box will appear. Toggle the switch for the " **Automatically hide the taskbar in the desktop mode**" option to "On ," as shown in the image below.

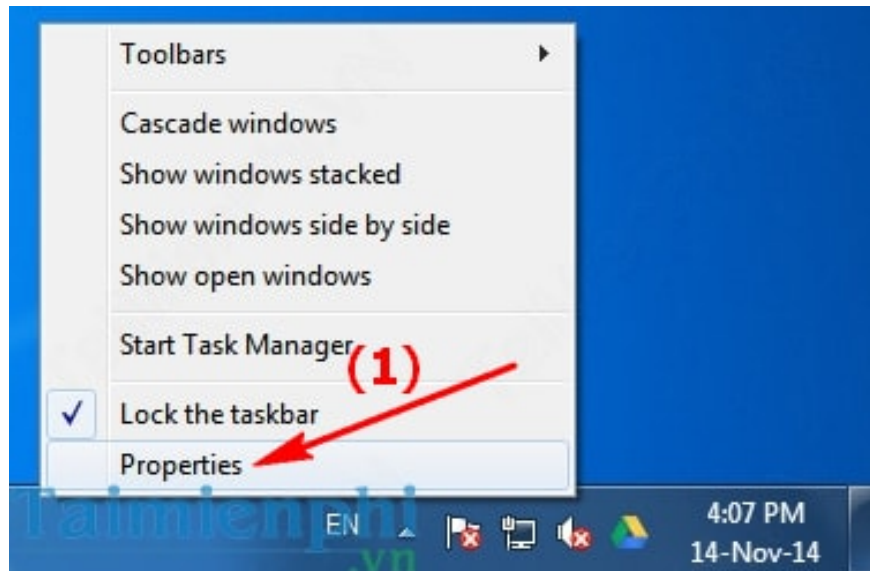


The taskbar will immediately be "minimized" to the bottom, allowing you to work comfortably without worrying about anyone seeing the programs you're running. To restore the taskbar to its original state, simply toggle the switch back to the **Off** position .

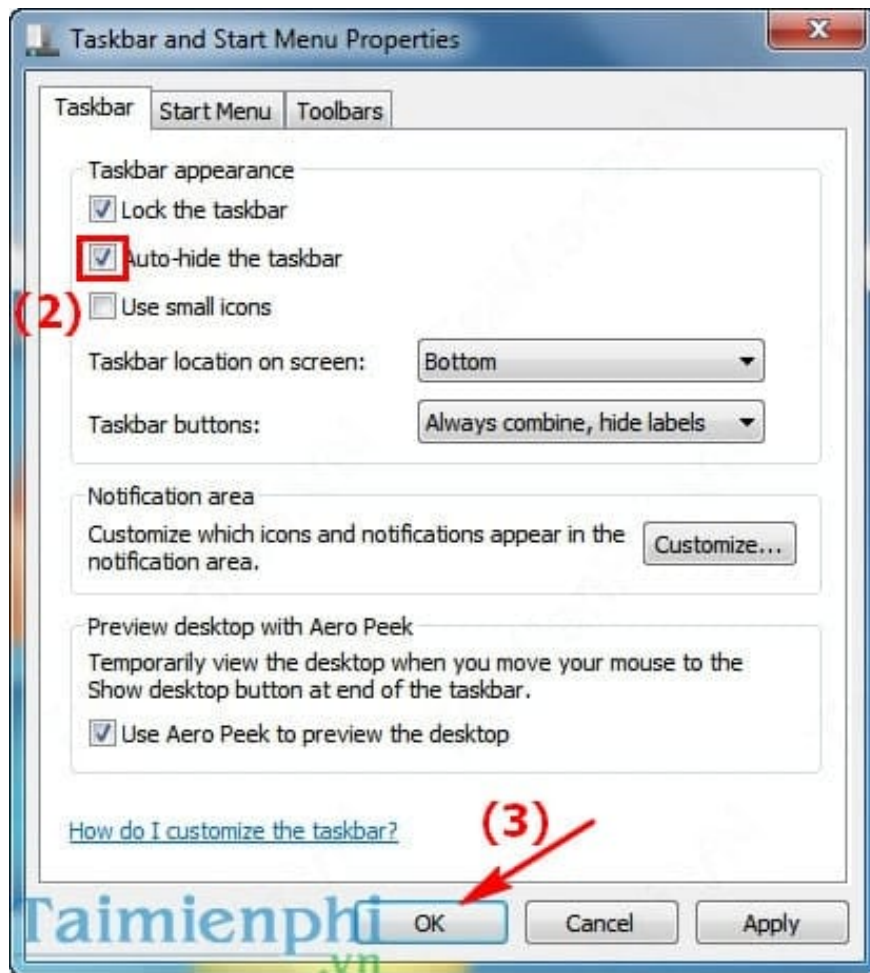


2. Hide and show the Taskbar on Windows 7

Step 1 : Right-click on the Taskbar and select **Properties**



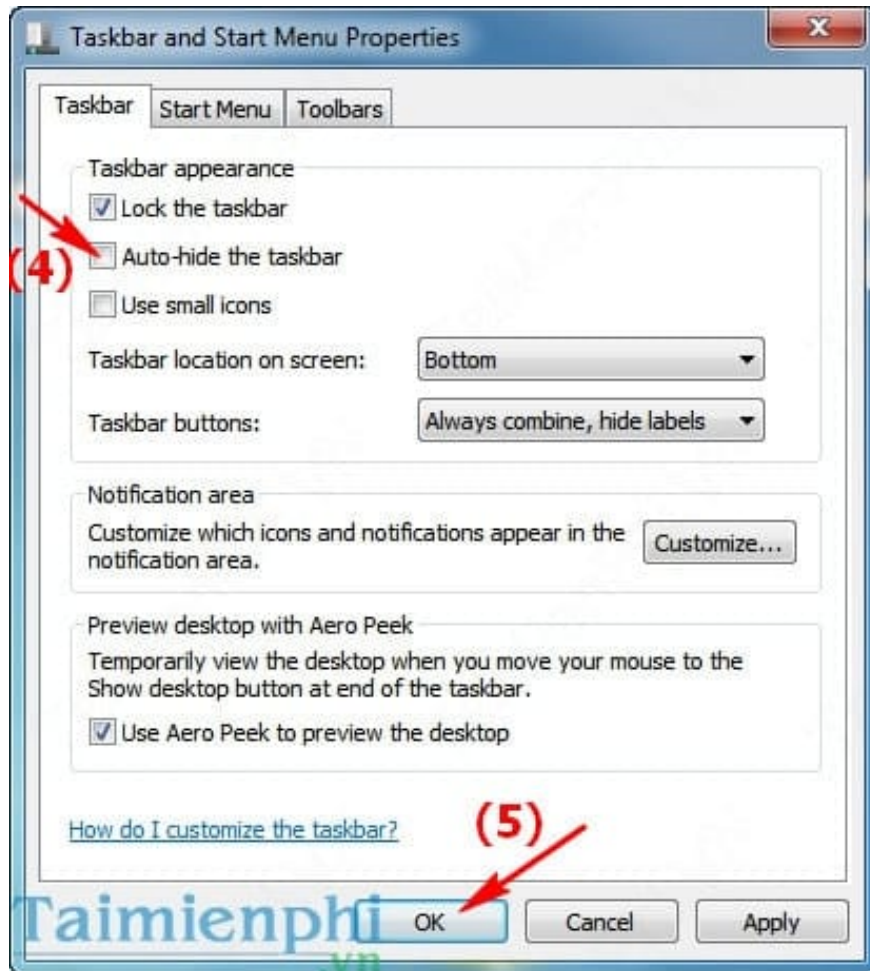
Step 2 : In the Taskbar Start Menu Properties window, check the box next to "Auto-hide the taskbar" to hide the taskbar. Finally, click **OK** to save the settings.



And the Taskbar has been hidden from the computer; to use it, simply move your mouse cursor to the Taskbar location and it will appear.

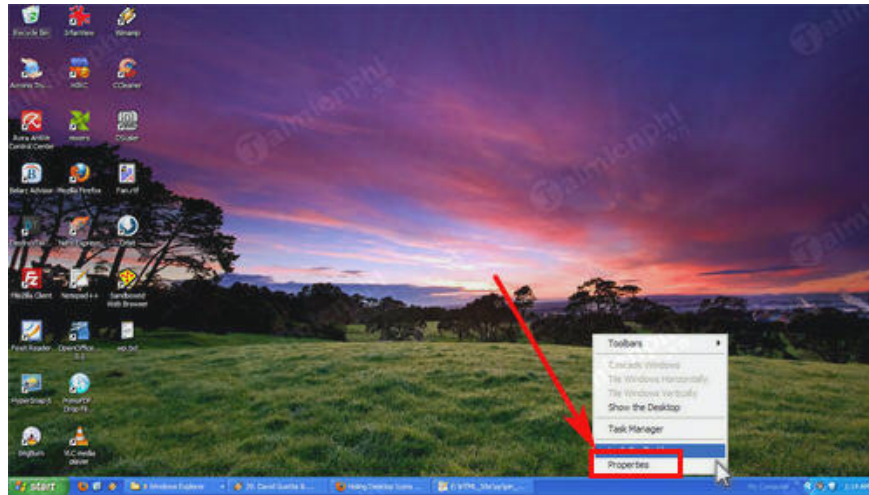


- To display the Taskbar again, repeat the process: in **the Taskbar Start Menu Properties** window , uncheck the "**Auto-hide the taskbar**" option . Finally, click **OK** to save the settings.



3. Hide and show the Taskbar on Windows XP

Step 1: Right-click on the Taskbar and select Properties.



Step 2: Select **"Auto-hide the taskbar"** to enable the taskbar hiding/showing feature, then select OK to confirm. From now on, simply hover your mouse over the taskbar and it will automatically appear; move your mouse away and it will automatically hide.



Above, we have guided you on how to hide and show the Taskbar on Windows. You can customize it to suit your needs. Additionally, you can also use **Taskbar Eliminator** to easily hide and show the Taskbar on your Windows system.

By default, the Taskbar displays the names of applications you install or customize. However, this feature takes up a significant amount of screen space, and users often want to hide application names to free up space and create a cleaner look. To do this, please read our guide on how to hide and **show application names on the Taskbar** ; this will allow you to customize your Windows taskbar in a very useful way.

If you're using Windows 11, check out the following article for the most effective and quickest way to hide the Windows 11 Taskbar.

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