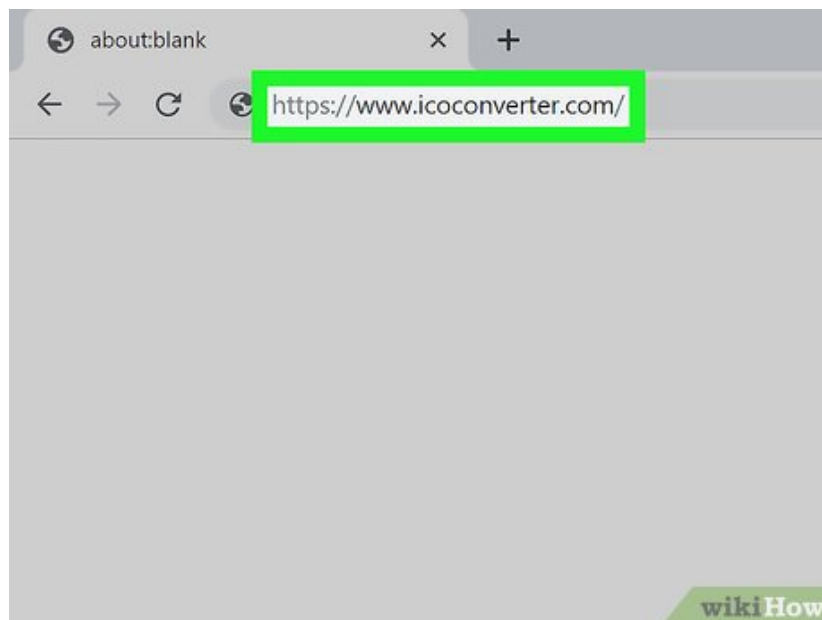


# How to Make an ICO File

This wikiHow teaches you how to convert an image file to the ICO format. You can use an ICO file as an icon for any file, folder or program on your computer. You can use an online converter to quickly convert any image to ICO, or manually...

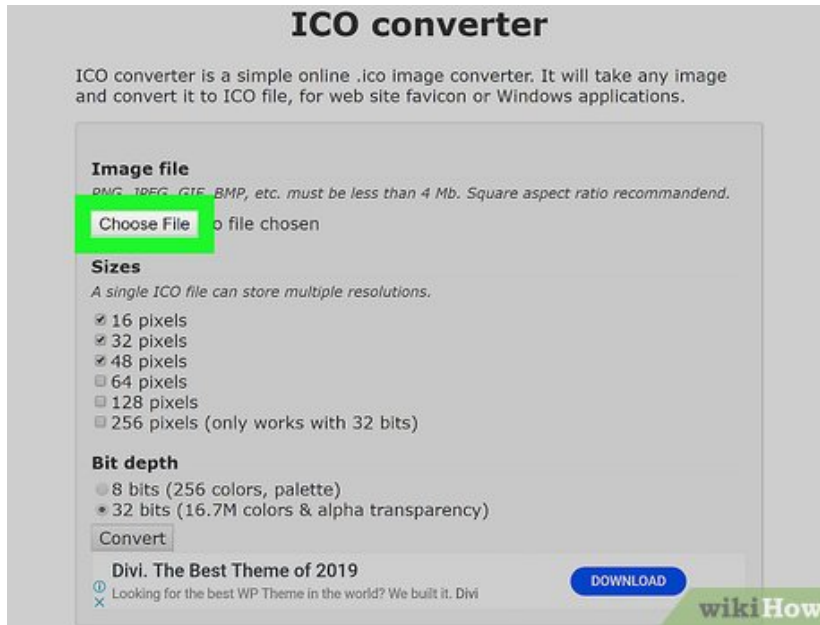
## Using a File Converter



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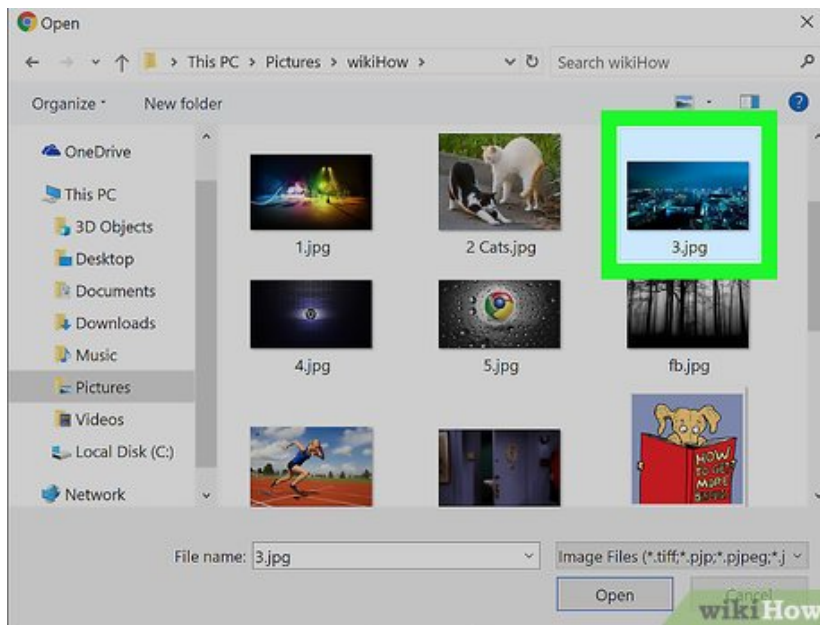
**Open <https://www.icoconverter.com> in your internet browser.** Type or paste this URL into your browser's address, and press `?Enter` or `?Return` on your keyboard.

1. ICO Converter is a free, third-party online file converter. You can convert most image file formats like **PNG**, **JPEG**, **GIF**, and **BMP** to ICO here.
2. You can easily find similar alternatives like **ICOConvert** (<https://icoconvert.com>) and **Online-Convert** (<https://image.online-convert.com/convert-to-ico>) with a quick Google search.
3. You can use online file converters in all desktop and mobile internet browsers.



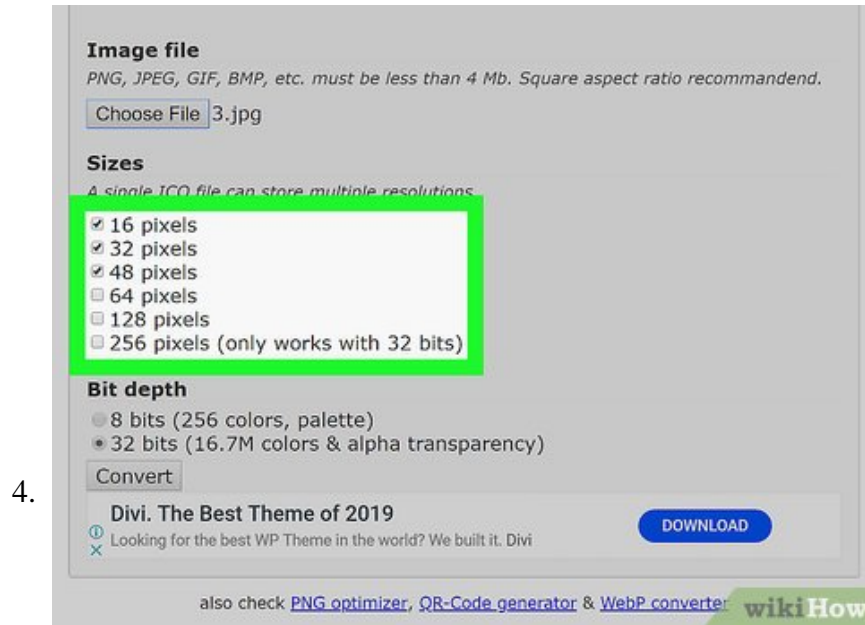
2.

Click the **Choose File** button. This button is under the "Image file" heading at the top. It will open your file navigator window, and allow you to select your image.



3.

Select the image file you want to convert. Click the image file in the file navigator window, and click **Open** to select it.

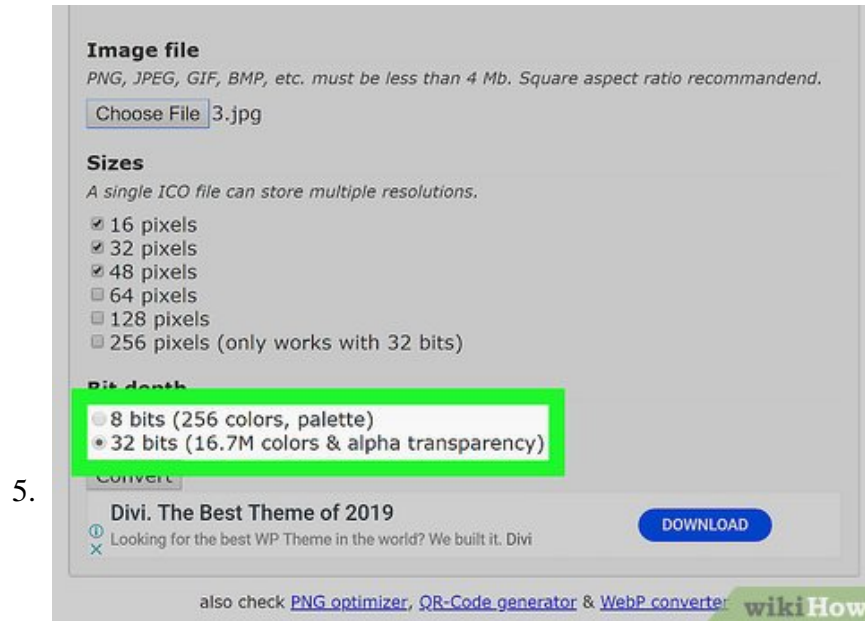


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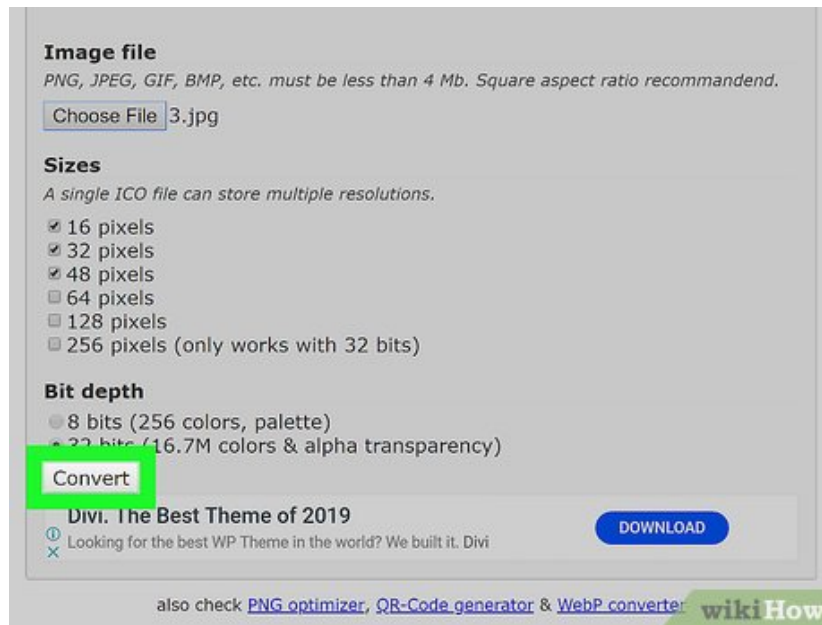
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box next to all the resolutions you want. An ICO file can store multiple resolutions of the image, and automatically use different icon sizes scaled on different screens.

1. You can select as many sizes as you want under "Sizes" here.



Select a color palette under "Bit rate." You can select **8 bits** here for a simpler icon with basic shapes and colors, or **32 bits** for a realistic color palette.

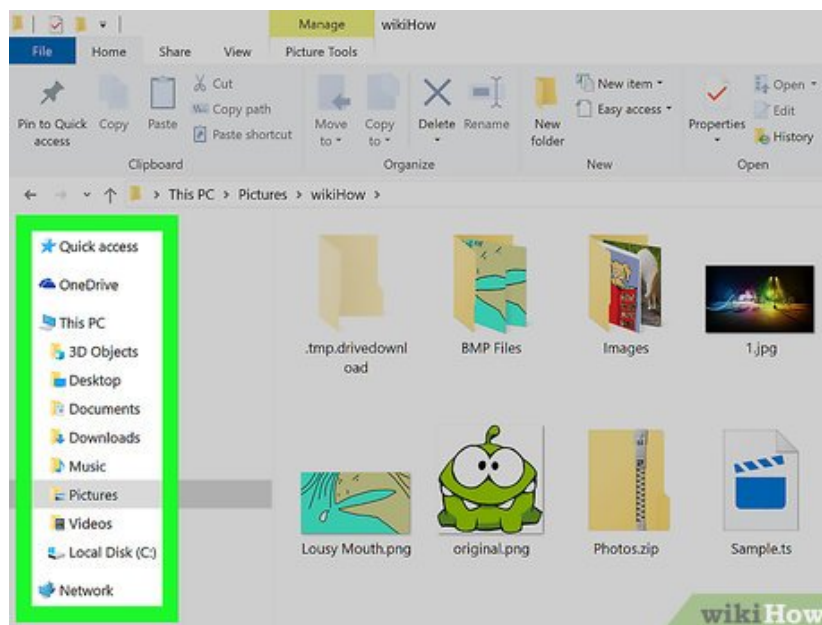


6.

Click the **Convert** button. This button is at the bottom of the converter. This will convert your image to an ICO icon, and download the ICO file to your browser's default folder for downloads.

1. If you don't have a default folder set for your downloads, you'll be prompted to select a saving location.

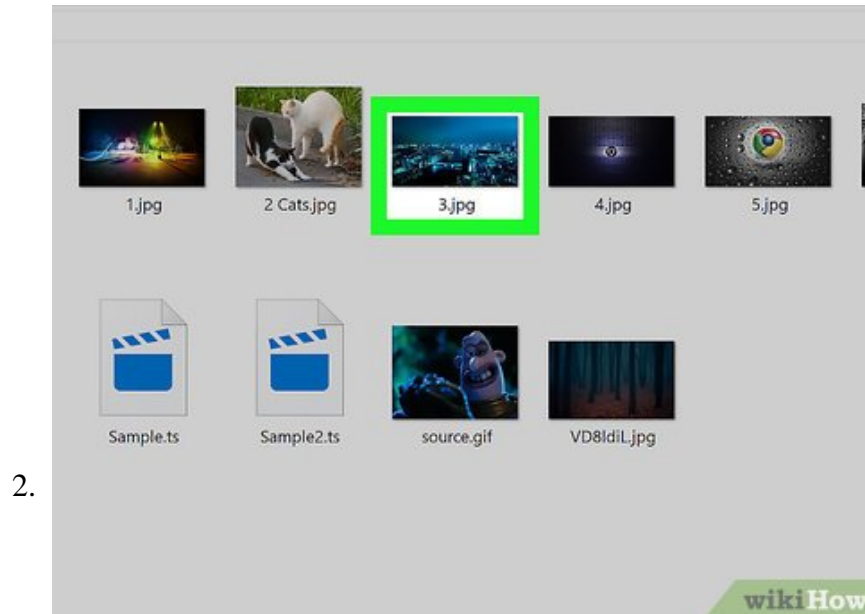
## Renaming a File



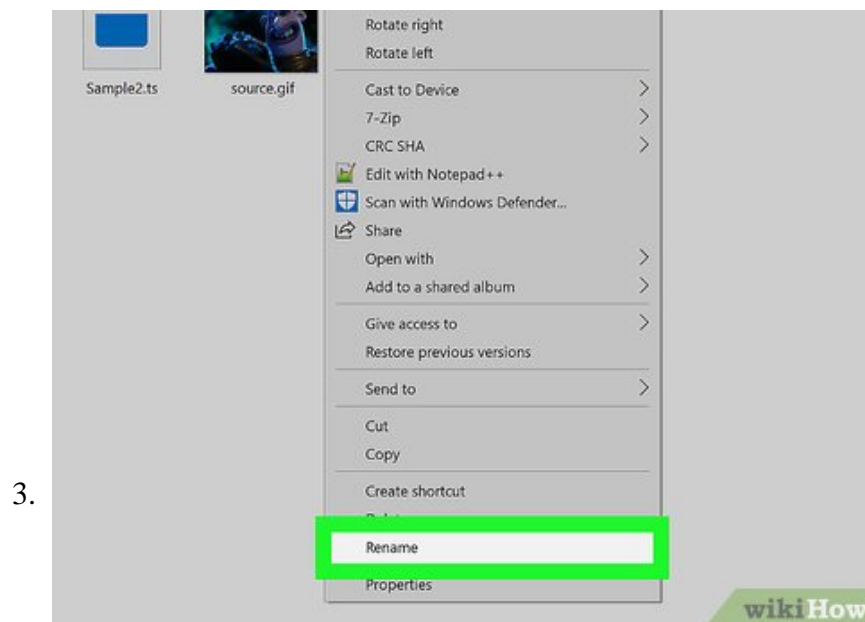
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**Find the image file you want to make an ICO.** You can manually change any file's format to ICO on your computer.

1. You can change any file to ICO format, but files other than image formats will produce an error when you open the converted file.

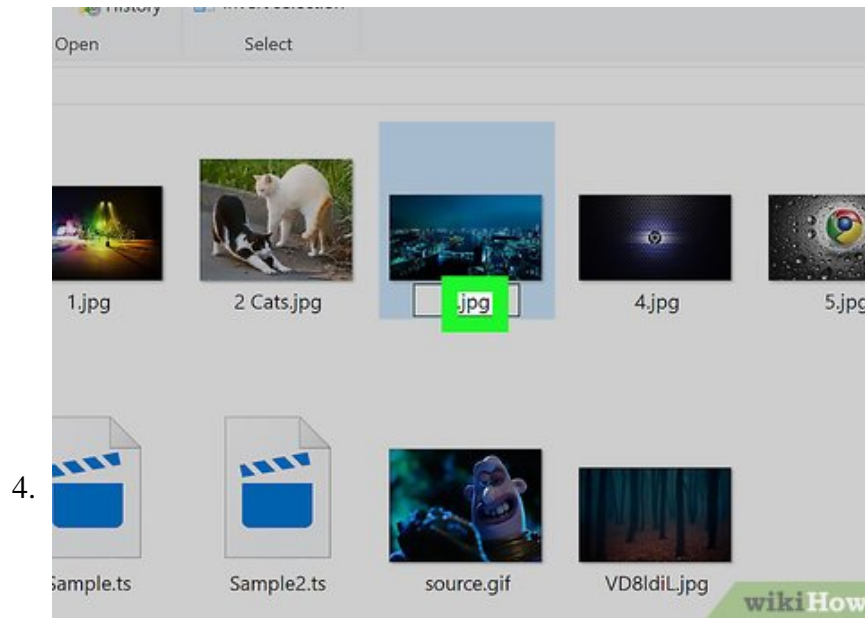


**Right-click the image file you want to use.** This will open your right-click options on a drop-down menu.



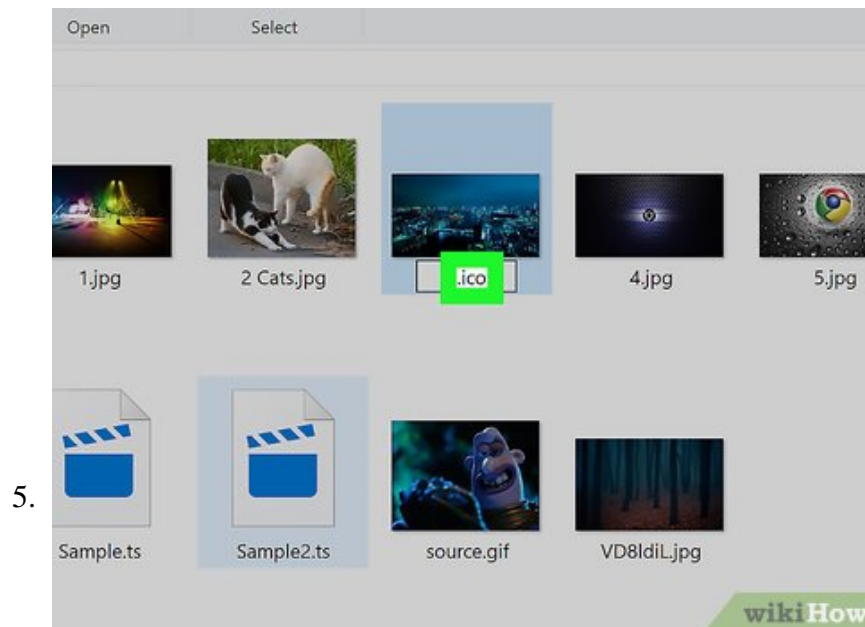
**Select **Rename** on the right-click menu.** This will allow you to change the selected image file's name, and convert it to a different format.

1. On Windows, you can just press **F12** to rename a file.
2. On Mac, you can select a file and press **? Return** on your keyboard to rename.



**Delete the current file format at the end of the file name.** You may see an image format extension like ".png" or ".jpg" at the end of the file name. Make sure to delete this extension before you add your new ICO extension.

1. If you can't see the file format extension at the end of the name, make sure to check out this article for Windows or this article for Mac to enable file extensions.



**Type `.ico` at the end of the file name.** This will instantly convert your image file to ICO format. You can now use it as an icon for files, folders, apps, and other explorer items.

1. When you're prompted, confirm your action in the confirmation pop-up to apply the format changes to your file.

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