

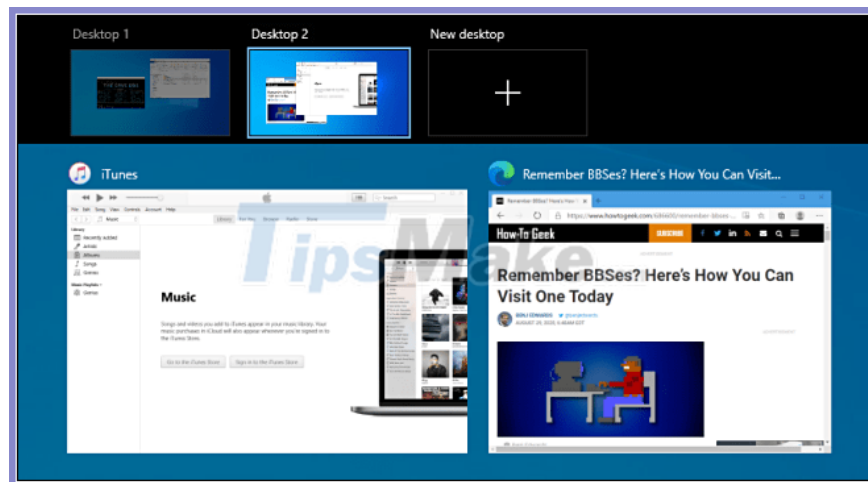
How to quickly switch between virtual desktops on Windows 10

Virtual desktops are a handy way to incorporate lots of workspaces in Windows 10. There are a number of ways to quickly switch between virtual desktops, including some lesser known shortcuts.

Shortcut to switch between virtual desktops

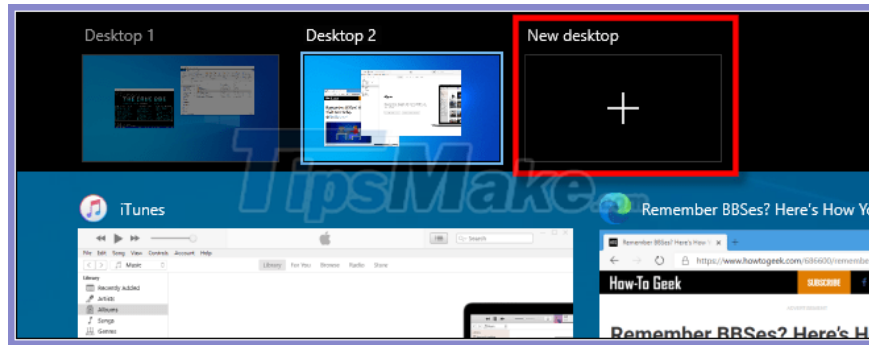
To quickly switch between virtual desktops in Windows 10 using a keyboard shortcut, press **Windows + Ctrl + Left arrow** to switch to a lower numbered desktop or **Windows + Ctrl + Right arrow** for a higher numbered desktop. If there is a virtual desktop set in the 'direction' you specify with the arrow keys, the workspace will immediately switch over.

To quickly see the virtual desktops you have, press **Windows + Tab** . You will then see a screen called **Task View** , listing available virtual desktops with their thumbnails.



To use the keyboard and switch between virtual desktops on this desktop, press **Tab** until one of the thumbnails in the top row is highlighted. Then navigate between them by pressing the arrow keys, then press **Enter**. **Task View** will close and you will see the selected screen.

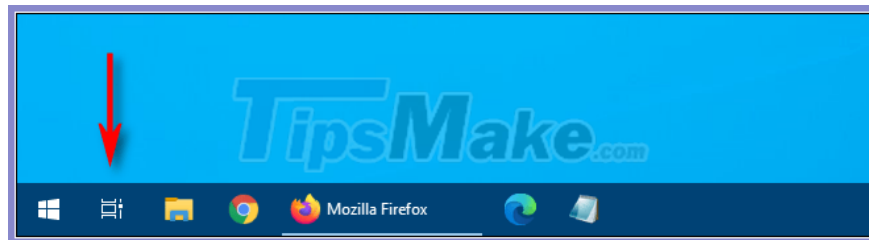
If you want to add a new virtual desktop via your keyboard, press **Windows + Ctrl + D** or just press **Windows + Tab** to reopen **Task View** . Using **Tab** and the arrow keys, select **New Desktop** , and then press **Enter**.



A new virtual desktop will appear. When you're done managing desktops, select one and press **Enter** or just press **Escape** to return to the desktop.

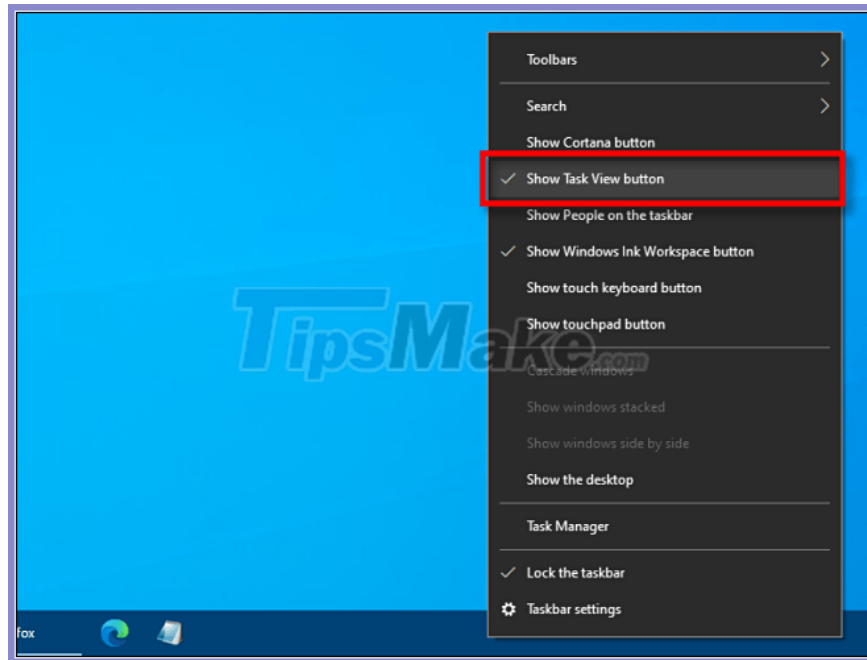
Use the Taskbar to switch between virtual desktops

If you want to quickly switch between virtual desktops via the Taskbar, click the **Task View** button or press **Windows + Tab**.



Next, click on the desktop you want to switch to.

If you don't see the **Task View** button on the taskbar, right-click the Taskbar, and then click **Show Task View Button**. Now it will have a check mark next to this option.



Once Task View is displayed, you can click this button at any time to manage your virtual desktop, which is certainly very helpful!

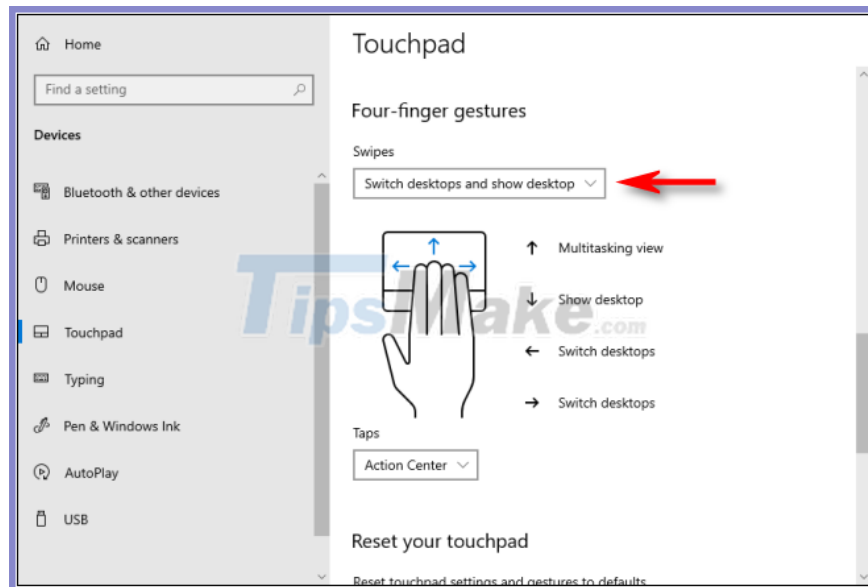
Use trackpad gestures to switch between virtual desktops

By default, Windows 10 reserves a handful of four-finger touchpad gestures for switching between virtual desktops. To use them, place four fingers on the touchpad at once and swipe them in a specific direction. As follows:

1. **4-finger swipe upwards** : Open Task View (like pressing **Windows + Tab**).
2. **4-finger swipe left**: Switch to virtual desktop with lower numbering.
3. **4-finger swipe right** : Switch to a virtual desktop with higher numbers.
4. **4-finger swipe down** : Display current desktop.

If these gestures don't work, you may have turned them off in **Settings**. To enable them, click the Windows button on the taskbar and then select the gear icon to open the Settings menu. Next, navigate to **Devices > Touchpad** . Scroll down until you see options for **Four-Fingered Gestures** .

In the **Swipes** drop-down menu , choose **Switch desktops and show desktop** .



Alternatively, you can also assign these functions to three-finger gestures on the same **Touchpad settings** screen

Then, close the **Settings** window . If your device supports multi-touch touchpad gestures, you can now use these swipe gestures to control the virtual desktop.

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