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This basically allows you to remove and restore an connected external monitor as needed, without having to physically disconnect and reconnect the monitor or turn the monitor on or off.

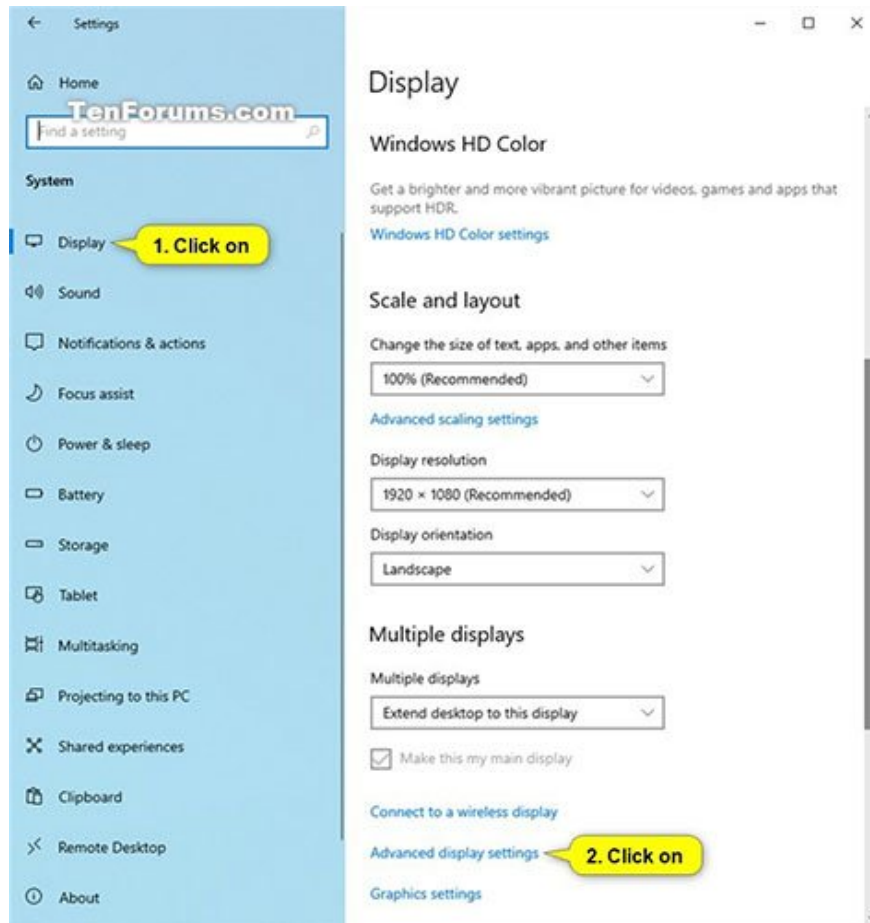
This guide will show you how to remove the screen from the desktop to prevent Windows 10 from using the screen and restore it when desired.

Remove the screen from the desktop in Settings

Note:

1. You must be logged in as an admin to use this option.
2. This option is independent of option 2 below.

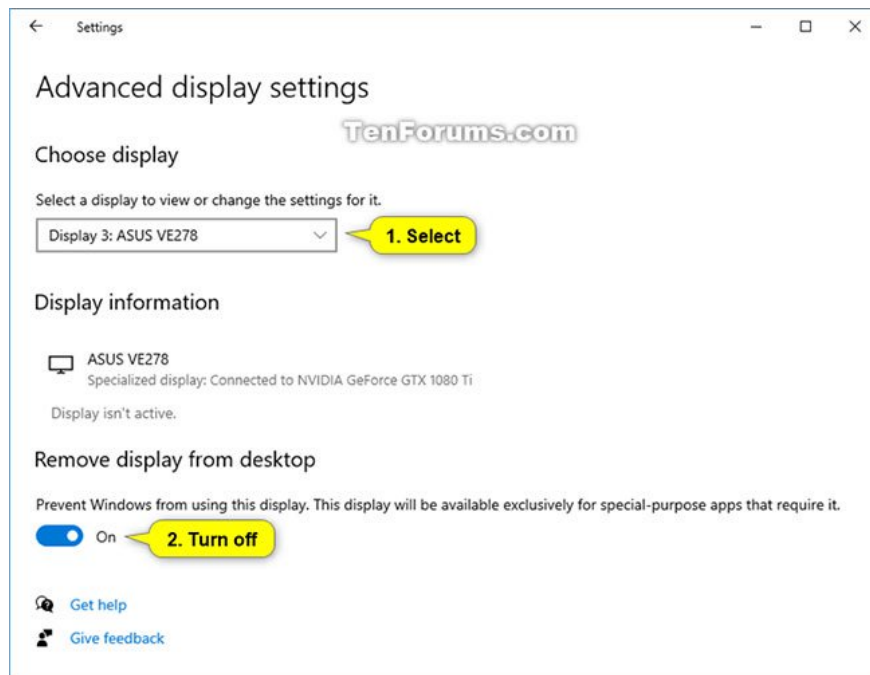
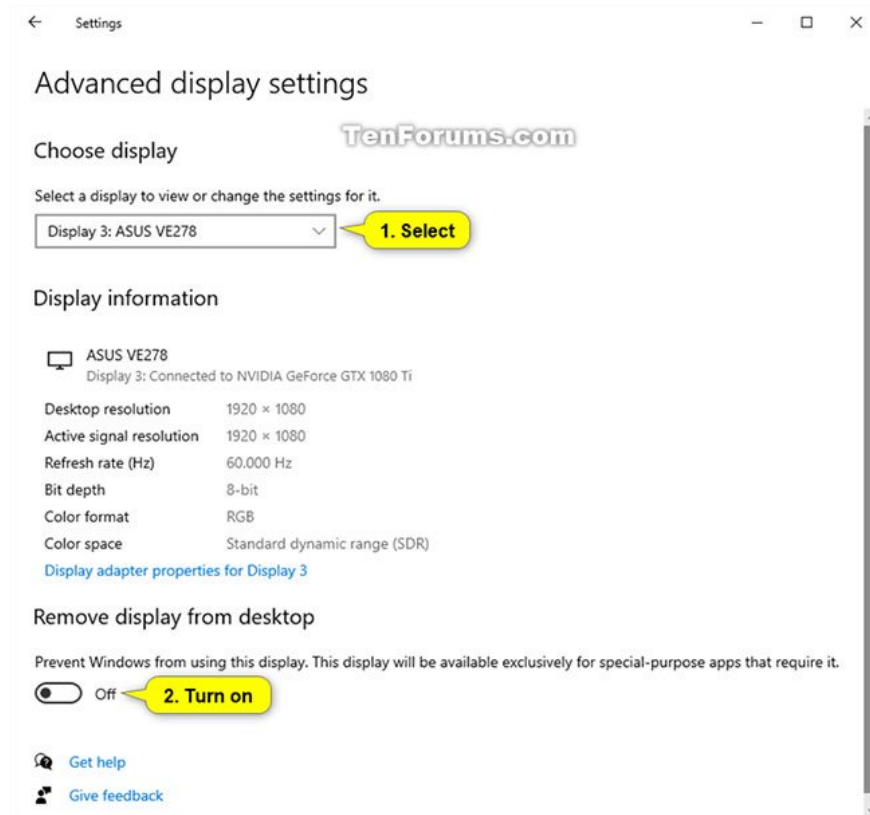
1. Open **Settings** and click on the **System** icon .
2. Click **Display** on the left side and click the **Advanced display settings link** on the bottom right.



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3. Select the screen you want to remove or restore in the **Choose display** drop-down menu .

4. Turn on (remove) or turn off (restore) the **Remove display from desktop** option, depending on what you want and the current state of the screen.



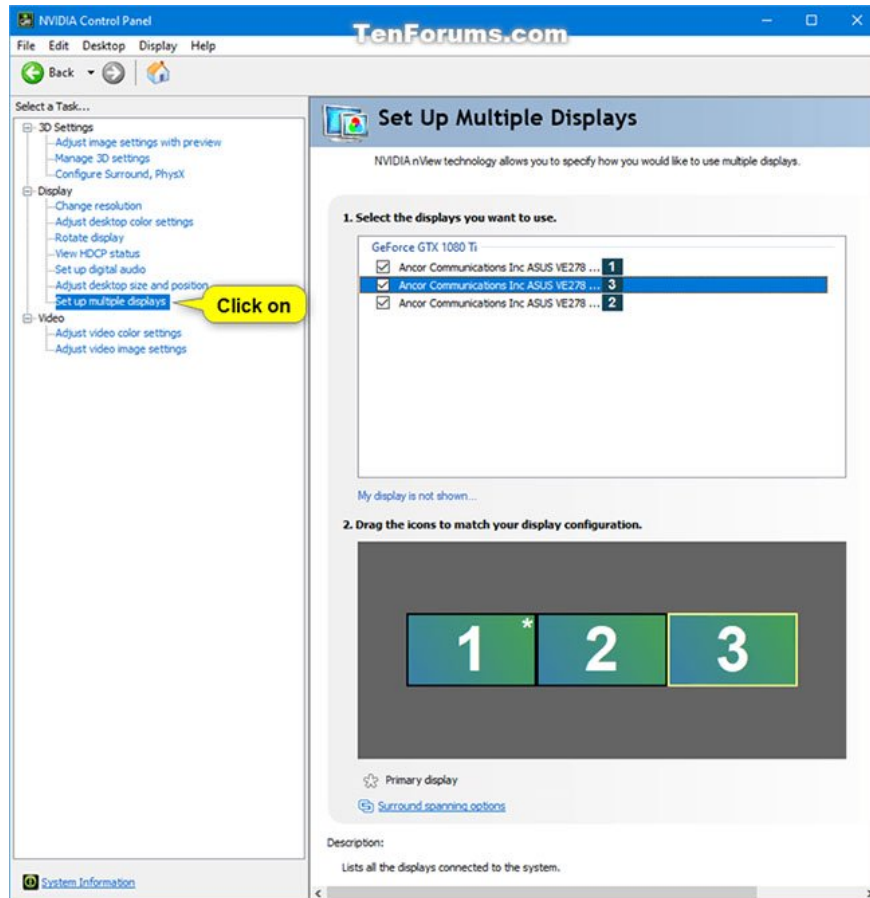
5. You can now close **Settings** if desired.

Remove the monitor from the desktop in the NVIDIA Control Panel

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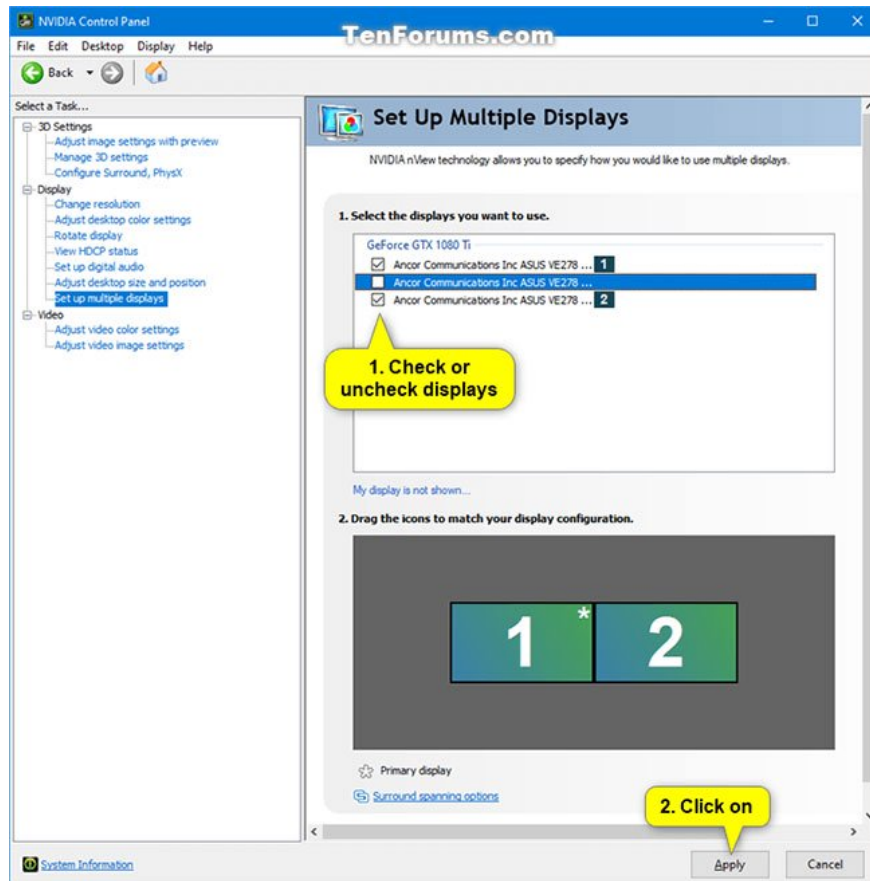
1. This option is only available if you have installed drivers and NVIDIA graphics.
2. This option is independent of option 1 above.

1. Open the **NVIDIA Control Panel** (for example, from the context menu on the screen or the notification icon).
2. Click the **Set up multiple displays** link in **Display** on the left.



Click the Set up multiple displays link

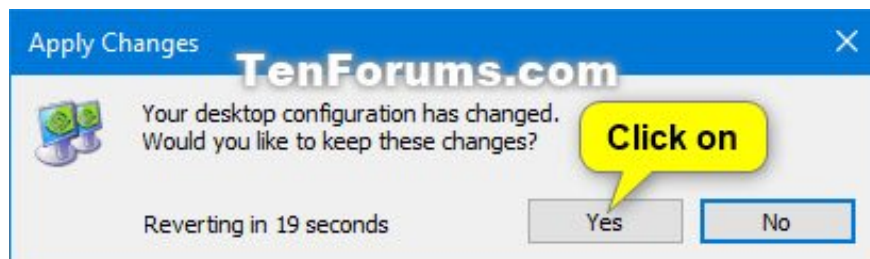
3. In the **Select the displays** section you want to use on the right, select (restore) or deselect (remove) the screen, depending on what you want and click **Apply**.



Select (restore) or deselect (remove) the screen

4. Click **Yes** in the **Apply Changes** dialog box when prompted to confirm.

Note : If needed, the changes will revert automatically after 20 seconds if you wait and don't click **Yes** before the time is up.



Click Yes in the Apply Changes dialog box when prompted to confirm

5. You can now close the **NVIDIA Control Panel** if desired.

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