

# Specify how to group Taskbar buttons in Windows 10

Windows includes a special desktop toolbar called the Taskbar, which shows up by default at the bottom of the screen. The taskbar allows you to find, view, open, and switch between your applications.

You can also view the date and time, system icons and items running in the background on the notification area.

In addition, you can make the taskbar look what you want, manage your calendar, pin your favorite apps to it, resize, change the screen position, and specify how taskbar buttons are. Group together, as you open multiple windows.

If you have multiple monitors, you can set separate group options for the main taskbar button and other taskbars.

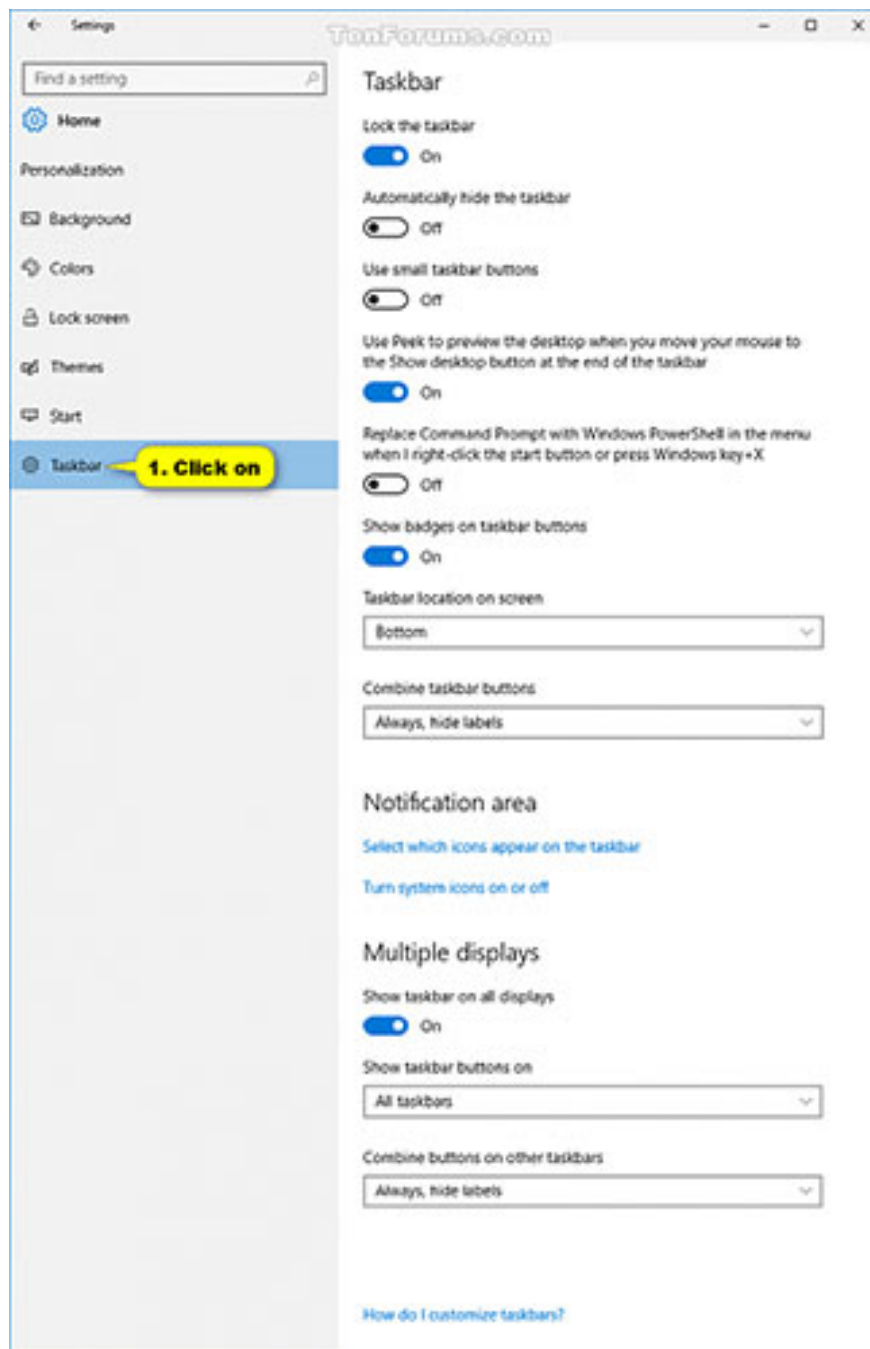
Taskbar button group option:

1. **Always combine, hide labels** - This is the default setting. Each application appears as a single button (icon), even when multiple windows for an application are open.
2. **Combine when taskbar is full** - This setting shows each open window as an individual button. When the taskbar becomes 'crowded', apps with multiple open windows merge into a single app button. Clicking this button displays a list of all open windows.
3. **Never combine** - This setting displays each window as an individual button and never combines them, no matter how many windows are open. As more applications and windows open, the buttons become smaller.

This guide will show you how to specify taskbar button combination option in Windows 10.

## Change the button on the main taskbar in Settings

1. Open **Settings** and click the **Personalization** icon .
2. Click the **Taskbar** on the left and select the **Combine taskbar buttons setting** you want in the **Taskbar** section on the right.
3. Now, you can close **Settings** if you want.



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## Change buttons on other taskbars in Settings

1. Open **Settings** and click the **Personalization** icon .
2. Click the **Taskbar** on the left side and turn **on Show taskbar on all displays** in the **Multiple displays** section if not already done.
3. Select the **Combine buttons on other taskbars setting** you want.
4. Now, you can close **Settings** if you want.

## Change buttons on the main taskbar with BAT file

The downloadable .bat files below will change the DWORD value in the registry key below.

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USERSoftwareMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionExplorerAdvanced

**TaskbarGlomLevel** DWORD

**0** = Always combine, hide labels

**1** = Combine when taskbar is full

**2** = Never combine

1. Do step 2 ( **Always** option ), step 3 ( **Full** option ) or step 4 ( **Never** option ) below, depending on what you want to do.

2. Set the Always Combine, Hide Labels settings for the main Taskbar.

**Note** : This is the default setting.

Download the Main\_Taskbar\_Always\_combine\_hide\_labels.bat file and go to step 5 below.

3. Set the Combine when Taskbar is Full setting for the main Taskbar

Download the file Main\_Taskbar\_Combine\_when\_taskbar\_is\_full.bat and go to step 5 below.

4. Set the Never Combine setting for the main Taskbar

Download the Main\_Taskbar\_Never\_combine.bat file and go to step 5 below.

5. Save the .bat file to the desktop.

6. Unblock the .bat file.

7. Run the .bat file.

8. You should now see the screen flashing and a Command Prompt will quickly open and close when Explorer is restarted to apply registry changes.

9. When done, you can delete the downloaded .bat file if you want.

## Change buttons on other taskbars with BAT files

The downloadable .bat files below are for the registry key and the values ??below.

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USERSOFTWAREMicrosoftWindowsCurrentVersionExplorerAdvanced

**MMTaskbarEnabled** DWORD

**1** = Show taskbar on multiple displays (Show taskbar on multiple displays)

**MMTaskbarGlomLevel** DWORD

**0** = Always combine, hide labels

**1** = Combine when taskbar is full

**2** = Never combine

1. Do step 2 ( **Always** option ), step 3 ( **Full** option ) or step 4 ( **Never** option ) below, depending on what you want to do.

2. Set Always Combine, Hide Labels settings for other Taskbar (This is the default setting)

Download the file `Other_Taskbars_Always_combine_hide_labels.bat` and go to step 5 below.

3. Set the Combine when Taskbar is Full setting for other Taskbar

Download the file `Other_Taskbars_Combine_when_taskbar_is_full.bat` and go to step 5 below.

4. Set the Never Combine setting for other Taskbar

Download the file `Other_Taskbars_Never_combine.bat` and go to step 5 below.

5. Save the .bat file to the desktop.

6. Unblock the .bat file.

7. Run the .bat file.

8. Now, you should see a flashing screen, along with a Command Prompt that quickly opens and closes when Explorer is restarted, to apply registry changes.

9. When done, you can delete the downloaded .bat file if you want.

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