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This tutorial will show you how to open the Start menu in Windows 11.The Start menu is comprised of three sections: Pinned, All apps, and Recommended. The Start menu contains shortcuts of all your apps, settings, and files.The Pinned section is at the top of the Start menu. This section consists of pins arranged in a grid. The items in this section are a subset of all the apps installed on the PC; not all installed apps are included in this section by default. The number of rows and items in this view are consistent across device panel sizes. While the initial view of this section displays 18 items, a user can use the pagination control to move through pages of additional pins. The items in this section are a combination of Microsoft-defined apps, dynamically delivered apps, and OEM-configured items. Users can add, move, or remove pins in this section.The All apps section appears when a user clicks/taps on All apps in the upper-right corner of the Start menu. All Apps is a comprehensive list, in alphabetical order, of all installed apps. Users can add or remove items in All apps.The Recommended section is the section below the "Pinned" section on the bottom of the Start menu that shows a list of the users recently added apps and recently opened items. Users can click/tap on More to see a full list of their recently added apps and recently opened items.Starting with Windows 11 build 22631.4391 (23H2) and build 26100.2161 (24H2), All apps is now just All on the Start menu. This change began rolling out with Build 22635.4291.In Windows 11 build 22635.4950 (Beta 23H2), Microsoft is introducing two new views to the All page in the Start menu: grid and category view. Grid and list view shows your apps in alphabetical order and category view groups all your apps into categories, ordered by usage. This change is gradually rolling out so you may not see it right away. Microsoft plans to begin rolling this out to Windows Insiders who are receiving updates based on Windows 11, version 24H2 in the Dev and Beta Channels soon. References: Here's How:1 Perform one of the following actions: (see screenshot below)Click/tap on the Start button on the taskbar.Press the Windows key on the keyboard.Swipe with one finger up from the bottom edge of your touch screen. 2 You can now open an item from the Pinned, All apps, or Recommended section if wanted. (see screenshots below) That's it,Shawn Brink Last edited: Jun 12, 2025 Posts 25,259 Reaction score 21,093 Points 395 Start menu is an integral part of Windows operating system. Windows users use the Start menu to launch apps or programs, perform a search, and access shut down options.All PC users know how to open the Start menu in Windows operating system. However, not all users know all the ways out there to open the Start menu in Windows operating system.Following are the three ways to open the Start menu in Windows 10 and 11. Method 1 of 3Open the Start menu using mouse in Windows 10 or 11Step 1: Hover the mouse pointer over the Start button (Windows logo) on the taskbar and then perform a click on it to open the Start menu.Tip 1: Right-clicking on the Start button opens the a small menu with options to access various system tools such as Disk Management and Device Manager.Tip 2: You can change various settings of the Start menu by visiting the Start menu settings page.Method 2 of 3Open the Start menu via keyboard in Windows 10/11Step 1: Press the Windows logo key on the keyboard to open the Start menu. Method 3 of 3Open the Start menu via keyboard shortcut in Windows 10/11Most users know using Windows logo key to access the Start menu. However, there is another little-known keyboard shortcut that you can also use to open the Start menu. Yes, you can open the Windows 11/10 Start menu without the Windows logo key as well.The keyboard shortcut is Ctrl + Esc. The Ctrl + Esc hotkey is useful to open the Start menu on PCs that do not have a Windows logo key or when the Windows logo key on your keyboard does not work.Our how to restart the Start menu in Windows 10/11 guide might also interest you. Princeton's WordNet1.5 / 2 votesstartnounthe beginning of anything"it was off to a good start"beginning, commencement, first, outset, get-go, start, kickoff, starts time, showtime, offsetnounthe time at which something is supposed to begin"they got an early start", "she knew from the get-go that he was the man for her"start, startingnouna turn to be a starter (in a game at the beginning)"he got his start because one of the regular pitchers was in the hospital"; "this starting meant that the coach thought he was one of their best linemen"startle, jump, startnouna sudden involuntary movement"he awoke with a start"beginning, start, commencementnounthe act of starting something"he was responsible for the beginning of negotiations"start, starting line, scratch, scratch linenouna line indicating the location of the start of a race or a gamestarting signal, startnouna signal to begin (as in a race)"the starting signal was a green light"; "the runners awaited the start"start, head startverbthe advantage gained by beginning early (as in a race)"with an hour's start he will be hard to catch"get down, begin, get, get out, start, set about, set out, commenceverbtake the first step or steps in carrying out an action"We began working at dawn"; "Who will start?"; "Get working as soon as the sun rises!"; "The first tourists began to arrive in Cambodia"; "He began early in the day"; "Let's get down to work now"begin, lead off, start, commenceverbset in motion, cause to start"The U.S. started a war in the Middle East"; "The Iraqis began hostilities"; "begin a new chapter in your life"depart, part, start, start out, set forth, set off, set out, take offverbleave"The family took off for Florida"begin, startverbhave a beginning, in a temporal, spatial, or evaluative sense"The DMZ begins right over the hill"; "The second movement begins after the Allegro"; "Prices for these homes start at \$250,000"originate, initiate, startverbbring into being"He initiated a new program"; "Start a foundation"start, start up, embark on, commenceverbget off the ground"Who started this company?"; "We embarked on an exciting enterprise"; "I start my day with a good breakfast"; "We began the new semester"; "The afternoon session begins at 4 PM"; "The blood shed started when the partisans launched a surprise attack"startle, jump, startverbmove or jump suddenly, as if in surprise or alarm"She startled when I walked into the room"start, start upverbget going or set in motion"We simply could not start the engine"; "start up the computer"start, go, get goingverbbegin or set in motion"I start at eight in the morning"; "Ready, set, go!"start, take upverbbegin work or acting in a certain capacity, office or job"Take up a position"; "start a new job"startverbplay in the starting lineupbegin, startverbhave a beginning characterized in some specified way"The novel begins with a murder"; "My property begins with the three maple trees"; "Her day begins with a workout"; "The semester begins with a convocation ceremony"begin, startverbbegin an event that is implied and limited by the nature or inherent function of the direct object"begin a cigar"; "She started the soup while it was still hot"; "We started physics in 10th grade"start, protrude, pop, pop out, bug out, come outverbbulge outward"His eyes popped"GCIDE3.0 / 2 votesSTARTNounA Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union which provided for stepwise reductions in the number of nuclear weapons possessed by each country.Wiktionary0.0 / 0 votesStartnounA typical button for video games, with varying results. Often, it pauses a game, starts a game or chooses an option.Etymology. The verb start, with initial uppercase letter.Samuel Johnson's Dictionary0.0 / 0 votesStartnounEtymology. from the verb.1. A motion of terror; a sudden twitch or contraction of the frame from fear or alarm.These flaws and starts would well becomeA womans story at a Winters fire.Authorized by her grandam.William Shakespeare.The fright awakened Arcite with a start:Against his bosom bounded his heaving heart.Dryden.2. A sudden rousing to action; excitement.How much had I to do to calm his rage!Now fear I this will give it start again.William Shakespeare. Hamlet.3. Sally; vehement eruption; sudden effusion.Thou art like enough, through vassal fear,Base inclination, and the start of spleen,To fight against me under Percys pay.William Shakespeare.Several starts of fancy off-hand, look well enough; but bring them to the test, and there is nothing in em.Roger L'Estrange.Are they not only to disguise our passions,To set our looks at variance with our thoughts,To check the starts and sallies of the soul?Joseph Addison, Cato.We were well enough pleased with this start of thought.Add.4. Sudden fit; intermittent action.Mought her eyes had cross'd her tongue:For she did speak in starts distractedly.William Shakespeare.They forms are studied and distemp'ring draughts.Upon malicious bravery dost thou come?To start my quiet.William Shakespeare. Othello.The very print of a fox-hoof would start up from the dead.Alexander Pope.3. To move with sudden quickness.The flowers, call'd out of their beds,Start and raise up their droowy heads,John Cleveland.A spirit fit to start into an empire,And look the world to law,John Dryden, Cleomenes.She at the summons rold her eyes around,And snatch'd the starting serpents from the ground.Alexander Pope.4. To shrink; to winch.What trick, what starting hole, canst thou find out to hide thee from this open shame?William Shakespeare, Henry IV.With tryal fire touch me his finger end:If he be chaste, the flame will back descend,And turn him to no pain; but if he start,It is the flesh of a corrupted heart.William Shakespeare.5. To deviate.The lords and gentlemen take all the meanest sort upon themselves; for they are best able to bring them in, whenever any of them starteth out.Edmund Spenser, on Ireland.I rank him with the prodigies of fame,With things which start from natures common rules,With bearded infants, and with teeming mules.Thomas Creech.Keep your soul to the work when ready to start aside, unless you will be a slave to every wild imagination.Isaac Watts.6. To set out from the barrier at a race.It seems to be rather a terminus a quo than a true principle, as the starting post is none of the horses legs.Boyle.Should some god tell me, that I should be bornAnd cry again, his offer I should scorn:Asham'd, when I have ended well my race,To be led back to my first starting place,John Denham.When from the goal they start,The youthful charioteers with heaving heartRush to the race,John Dryden, Virg. Georg.The clangor of the trumpet gives the sign:At once they start, advancing in a line.Dryden.7. To set out on any pursuit.Fair course of passion, where two lovers start,And run together, heart still yokt with heart.Edmund Waller.People, when they have made themselves weary, set up their rest upon the very spot where they started.Roger L'Estrange.When two start into the world together, he that is thrown behind, unless his mind proves generous, will be displeased with the other Collier.Wikipedia0.0 / 0 votesStartStart! is the eleventh UK single released by the band The Jam and their second number-one, following "Going Underground"/"Dreams of Children". Upon its release on 15 August 1980, it debuted at number three, and two weeks later reached number one for one week.Written by Paul Weller and produced by Vic Coppersmith.Heaven and The Jam, "Start!" was the lead single from the band's fifth album Sound Affects. The single's B-side is "Liza Radley". "Start!" is based on both the main guitar riff and bass riff of the Beatles' 1966 song "Taxman" from the album Revolver, written by George Harrison. "Liza Radley" also utilises the "Taxman" bassline as does "Dreams of Children", B-side to "Going Underground", played then as a lead guitar riff. The album version of the song runs at 2:30 and features trumpets in the final section. ChatGPT0.0 / 0 votesstartStart, as a verb, refers to the action of commencing or initiating something. It involves the beginning or initiation of an activity, process, event, or journey. It can also refer to the point in time or the location from which something begins. As a noun, start refers to the beginning or opening stage of something.Webster Dictionary0.0 / 0 votesStartverbto leap; to jumpStartverbto move suddenly, as with a spring or leap, from surprise, pain, or other sudden feeling or emotion, or by a voluntary actStartverbto set out; to commence a course, as a race or journey; to begin; as, to start businessStartverbto become somewhat displaced or loosened; as, a rivet or a seam may start under strain or pressureStartverbto cause to move suddenly; to disturb suddenly; to startle; to alarm; to rouse; to cause to flee or fly; as, the hounds started a foxStartverbto bring onto being or into view; to originate; to inventStartverbto cause to move or act; to set going, running, or flowing; as, to start a railway train; to start a mill; to start a stream of water; to start a rumor; to start a businessStartverbto move suddenly from its place or position; to displace or loosen; to dislocate; as, to start a bone; the storm started the bolts in the vesselStartverbto pour out; to empty; to tap and begin drawing from; as, to start a water caskStartnounthe act of starting; a sudden spring, leap, or motion, caused by surprise, fear, pain, or the like; any sudden motion, or beginning of motionStartnouna contulsive motion, twitch, or spasm; a spasmodic effortStartnouna sudden, unexpected, or sudden and capricious impulse; a sally; as, starts of fancyStartnounthe beginning, as of a journey or a course of action; first motion from a place; act of setting out; the outset, – opposed to finishStartverba tail, or anything projecting like a tailStartverbthe handle, or tail, of a plow; also, any long handleStartverbthe curved or indented front and bottom of a water-wheel bucketStartverbthe arm, or level, of a gin, drawn around by a horseEtymology. [Perh. from D. storten, which has this meaning also.],Wikidata0.0 / 0 votesStartStart is Singaporean Mandopop artist Stefanie Sun's first Mandarin and English studio cover album. It was released on 1 February 2002 by Warner Music Taiwan. The album is a collection of 12 of Sun's and her fans' favourite songs.Chambers 20th Century Dictionary0.0 / 0 votesStartstirt, v. to move suddenly aside; to wince; to deviate; to begin; to proceed; to give way somewhat.v.t. to cause to move suddenly; to disturb suddenly; to rouse suddenly from concealment: to set in motion: to call forth: to invent or discover: to move suddenly from its place: to loosen: to empty: to pour out.n. a sudden movement: a sudden motion of the body: a sudden rousing to action: an unexpected movement: a sally: a sudden fit: the first motion from a point or place: the outset.n. Starter, one who starts.adv. Startful, apt to start.adv. Startingly (Shak.), by fits or starts.ns. Starting-point, the point from which anything starts, or from which motion begins; Starting-post, the post or barrier from which the competitors in a race start or begin the race.adj. Startish, apt to start, skittish.ns. Start-up (Shak.), an upstart; Startuppe (Spens.), a kind of high shoe or half-boot.Start up, to set out after, to pursue; Start up, to rise suddenly, to come suddenly into notice.Get, or Have, the start, to begin before another, to obtain an advantage over another. [M. E. sterten; closely akin to Dut. and Low Ger. storten, to plunge, Ger. stetzen.]Dictionary of Nautical Terms0.0 / 0 votesstartA long handle or tail; whence, by analogy, "start point". Butsometimes applied by navigators to any point from which a departure istaken. Also, the expected place of a struck whale's rising, after havingplunged or sounded.–To start, applied to liquids, is to empty; but ifto any weight, as the anchor, &c., implies to move.–To start breed.–To start out of bags or casks, and stow it in bulk.–To start about end, When a plank has loosened or sprung at the butt-end, by theship's labouring, or other cause.–To start a tack or sheet, To slackit-off, as in tacking or manuvring, "raise tacks and sheets."Editors Contribution0.0 / 0 votesstartTo begin or use. They did start their wedding on the last, it was a nice risky for sure. My game's in good shape. If I look back at Augusta, that was the start of me feeling very confident.Karen Ellis:To address that problem, we need to start to take this into account much more systematically in decision-making. 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Lets get started: There are several ways to access the Windows 11 Start Menu. The easiest one is pressing the Windows key. Open the Windows 11 Start Menu with the Windows keyAnother less-known keyboard shortcut for launching the Start Menu in Windows 11 is:Ctrl + Esc Hold down Ctrl and press Esc on your keyboard to open the Start MenuYou can also click or tap the Start button (its icon is the Windows logo) on your taskbar, and the Start Menu pops up immediately. Where is the Start button on Windows 11?If you're using a tablet or a 2-in-1 device with a touchscreen like the Surface Pro, tapping the Windows 11 Start button is not the only way to access the Start Menu. You can also swipe up from the bottom edge of your touchscreen for the same result. Swipe up to open the Start Menu in Windows 11Either of these methods brings up the Start Menu in the middle of your screen. If you don't like the new location, you can move the Windows 11 Start Menu to the left for a more classic look. The easiest way to launch an app from the Start Menu in Windows 11 is by clicking or tapping its shortcut in the Pinned section. If you can't find what youre looking for, our guide on pinning to Start illustrates how to add almost any type of item to the Pinned section of the Windows 11 Start Menu. Pin to Start adds icons to the Pinned section in Windows 11You can also create folders in the Pinned section to organize your apps more efficiently. Drag and drop one app icon over another, and Windows automatically groups them into a folder. Each folder can hold multiple apps, reducing clutter and making the Start Menu cleaner and easier to navigate. You can name the folders for quick identification and expand or collapse them with a click or a tap. Folders are especially useful if you use many apps and want to organize your Windows 11 Start Menu. A folder in the Pinned sectionBy default, the Pinned section can display a maximum of 18 icons. If you add more items, its divided into pages, as indicated by the small circles on Start Menus right edge. Click/tap a circle, or scroll with your mouse wheel to navigate to another page. Navigate through the apps you Pinned to StartHover over the circles, and small arrows appear next to them. You can also use these arrows to get to the Next Page or Previous Page. Click on the arrows to move between pagesYou can also use the Recommended section at the bottom to open the recently added and most-used apps and files, as well as any other items you accessed recently. When this section has many items, you also get a More button. Click or tap it to see more suggestions. Access More Recommended itemsThis takes you to a list of all the Recommended items in the Windows 11 Start Menu. You can click or tap any item to open it or press Back to return to the Start Menus main page. The Recommended items list in the Start MenuThe secret is customizing the Windows 11 Start Menu to show what you want. You can also choose which folders to add at the bottom of the Start Menu in case you miss the options available in Windows 10. Add folders to the bottom of the Start Menu for Windows 11 If the app you want to access is not in the Pinned section, click or tap on the All button in the upper-right section of the Start Menu. Press All to access all your installed appsIn the All section, you can find an alphabetical list of the apps and tools available in Windows 11. Scroll to find the app you need, then click or tap it. If you find a folder with the name of that app instead, press it to open it, and then access the app you want. Open a Start Menu folder to access the app insideIf you have many apps installed, scrolling to get to the one you want might be too slow. To navigate this list more easily, click or tap one of the letters or symbols on top of each app section. Press on a letter in the All sectionThis opens the Start Menu alphabet, where you can quickly navigate to the desired section by pressing the corresponding letter or symbol. If something is greyed out, you don't have any apps starting with that letter in Windows 11. Press on a letter to reach the apps in that section The Windows 11 Start Menu includes a search field at the top. You don't need to click or tap it. Just open the Start Menu using any of the methods in this guides first section and start typing. Use the search field at the top to find what you needFor more details about the Windows Search, please read our guide on using Search in Windows 11. The Start Menu is the go-to place if you need to step away from your device, want to shut down, or restart your Windows 11 PC. Just click or tap the Power button in the bottom-right corner to see more options. The Power button opens a menu with more optionsYou can use the available options to lock your Windows 11 PC, put it to sleep, shut it down, or restart it. The Start Menu in Windows 11 displays your username in the bottom-left corner. Click or tap it to open the user menu. From here, you can choose Manage my account (the link takes you to your account in Settings) or to Sign out of Windows 11. Click or tap your usernamelf you're using Windows 11 with a Microsoft account, the link taking you to Settings is called My Microsoft account. The user menu also includes other links to Windows 365 Family and Cloud Storage. Heres how it looks on my chief editors PC, who uses both a Microsoft 365 Family subscription and OneDrive for cloud storage. The user menu for Microsoft accountsClicking or tapping the More options (...) button in the top-right corner of the user menu pop-up helps you switch the user you want to use in Windows 11. Use the ellipsis button for More options The Start Menu in Windows 11 is designed to be simple and powerful, giving you quick access to the tools and apps you use every day. When your opening apps, searching for files, or shutting down your PC, the Start Menu is a great starting point. Now that you've seen what it can do, Id love to hear your thoughts. Do you like the Windows 11 Start Menu or miss the classic version from earlier Windows releases? Let me know in the comments below!Windows 11 has a simplified Start menu that replaces Live Tiles with a more traditional app launcher and removes many legacy features. However, the Settings app still offers plenty of customization options.For example, you can control the items in the "All" apps list. You can disable the "Recommended" section (so to speak). You can add quick access to places like Settings, File Explorer, Downloads, and others next to the "Power" menu. It's also possible to use the experience with different colors, and you can even align the Start menu to the left of the screen like in previous versions.In this how-to guide, Ill show you how to customize the Start menu settings to make it work the way you like.You may like How to customize the Start menu on Windows 11On Windows 11, the customization settings for the Start menu are available through the "Start" page, while some related settings can be found on the "Colors and Taskbar pages.To control recently added apps in the "All apps" list, use these steps:Open Settings.Click on Personalization.Click the Start page on the right side.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Turn on or off the "Show recently added apps" toggle switch.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Once you complete the steps, those apps you installed recently will appear grouped in the "All apps" list, depending on your configuration.Show or hide most used appsTo manage the visibility of the most used apps in the "All apps" list, use these steps:All the latest news, reviews, and guides for Windows and Xbox dihardasOpen Settings.Click on Personalization.Click the Start page on the right side.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Turn on or off the "Show most used apps" toggle switch.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)After you complete the steps, the most used apps will appear grouped in the "All apps" list, depending on your configuration.Show or hide recently opened itemsTo show or hide recently opened itemsTo show or hide recently used files and documents, use these steps:Open Settings.Click on Personalization.Click the Start page on the right side.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Turn on or off the "Show recently opened items in Start, Jump Lists, and File Explorer" toggle switch.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Once you complete the steps, only the items you turned on will appear next to the Power menu in the Start menu.To change the Start menu color scheme, use these steps:Open Settings.Click on Personalization.Click the Colors page on the right side.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Select the Custom option for the "Choose your mode" setting.Select the Dark option for the "Choose your default Windows mode" setting.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Turn on the "Select accent color on Start and taskbar" toggle switch.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Select the Start menu color under the "Accent color" section.After you complete the steps, the Start menu will reflect the color scheme you selected on the settings page.Microsoft is working on a new sidebar next to the Start menu to show Android and iPhone details, including phone information and messages after linking the device using the Phone Link and Link to Windows apps.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)If, when the feature leaves the Windows Insider Program and rolls out to everyone, you don't want to use it, you will have to disable it with these steps:Open Settings.Click on Personalization.Click the Start page on the right side.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Turn off the "Show mobile device in Start" toggle switch.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Once you complete the steps, the Start menu will no longer show the mobile sidebar.To align the Start menu to the left of the screen, use these steps:Open Settings.Click on Personalization.Click the Taskbar page on the right side.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Click the Taskbar behaviors settings.Select the Left option for the "Taskbar alignment" setting.(Image credit: Mauro Hucalak)Once you complete the steps, you will be able to open the Start menu from the left side of the screen, like on Windows 10.More resourcesFor more helpful articles, coverage, and answers to common questions about Windows 10 and Windows 11, visit the following resources:

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