

## Customize the Windows 10 Start menu

- Windows 10 Start menu is customizable, as was all other Windows versions.
  - However, the location to modify the Start menu has changed.
  - First, either Right-click an empty area of the screen and choose **Personalize**.
    - Or Go to Start, Settings, and open **Personalization**.
    - Do not use Personalization from Control Panel, as it opens only the themes portion of Background customization.
  - Next click on Start in the left-hand column.
- Options for the Start menu appearance, and upper left pane (column) items include:
  - Make it full screen, if desired, like Windows 8 by turning on "Use full screen".
  - Show or hide frequently used programs by turning on or off the "Show most used apps" button.
  - Similarly turn on or off "Show recently added apps" and/or "Recently opened items in Jump Lists".
- Options for the bottom left-hand Start menu pane include:
  - Only four items are listed by default. Add others (limited offerings), or remove Settings or File Explorer.
  - Click the "Choose which folders appear on Start", and then turn on or off those desired (if listed).
    - All Apps and Power cannot be removed.
    - You cannot add others unlisted. For those you can only add them to the right Start menu pane (the tiles).
- Customize which items are displayed as tiles in the right Start menu pane.
  - Drag apps and applications from the All Apps list to the right pane (side) of the Start menu. This also works to place an item on the Desktop, or the Taskbar.
    - Unlike previous Windows versions, dragging from the All Apps list DOES NOT MOVE OR REMOVE the item from the All Apps view.
    - Or right-click an item in the All Apps list and choose "Pin to Start".
  - You can also Pin any desired folder to the right pane (tiles).
    - Right-click on any folder, and from the context menu, choose Pin to Start down lower on the menu.
    - It will appear at the bottom of the tiles.
  - Remove tiles by simply right-clicking and choose "Unpin from Start".
- Rearrange tiles on the right Start menu pane:
  - Simply drag a tile into any other group.
  - Create a new group by dragging a tile to the top or bottom of the pane until a bar appears.
    - Now drop the tile (let go of the mouse button), and a new group has been created.
    - Move other tiles into the new group as desired by dragging and dropping.
    - May need to use Cortana to find certain system folder components).
- Drag entire groups around by grabbing the title bar of the group (the blank or named area just above the group).
- Name, or rename groups by clicking in the area just above a group and type or edit a previous label.
- Resize the entire Start menu (that is not full screen) by dragging an edge or corner (like a window).