

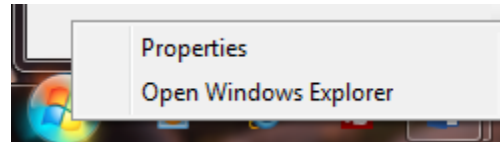


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Customize Start Menu

There are roughly 25 'features' of the Start Menu you can customize. Some only can be turned on or off but most have one to three choices. That is too many to list in one presentation so I will just show how you choose and then discuss my favorites.

To get started, right click the famous Start button and choose properties.

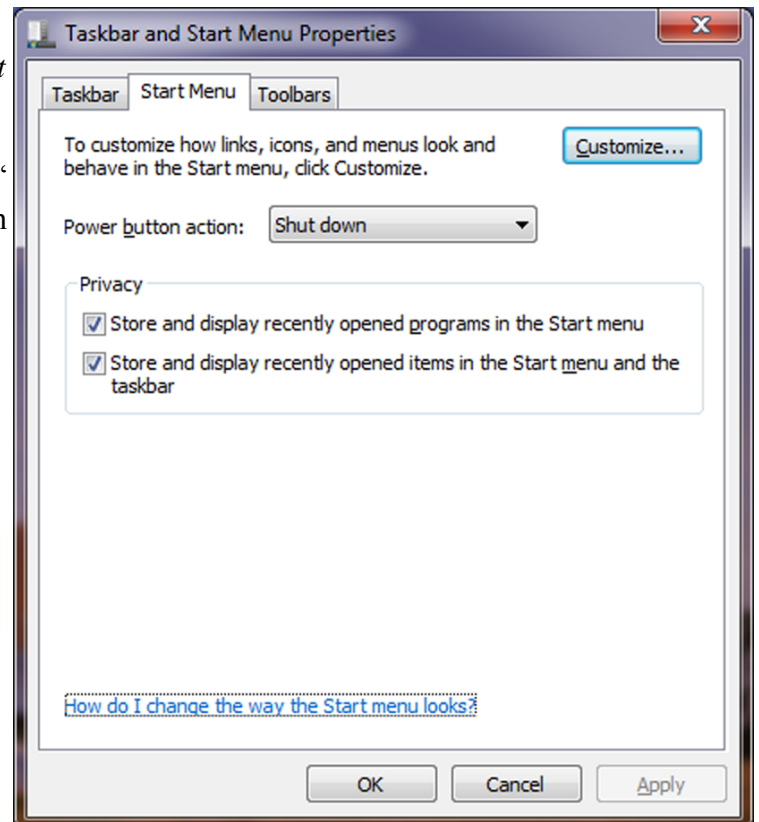


Click the 'Start Menu' tab if not selected.

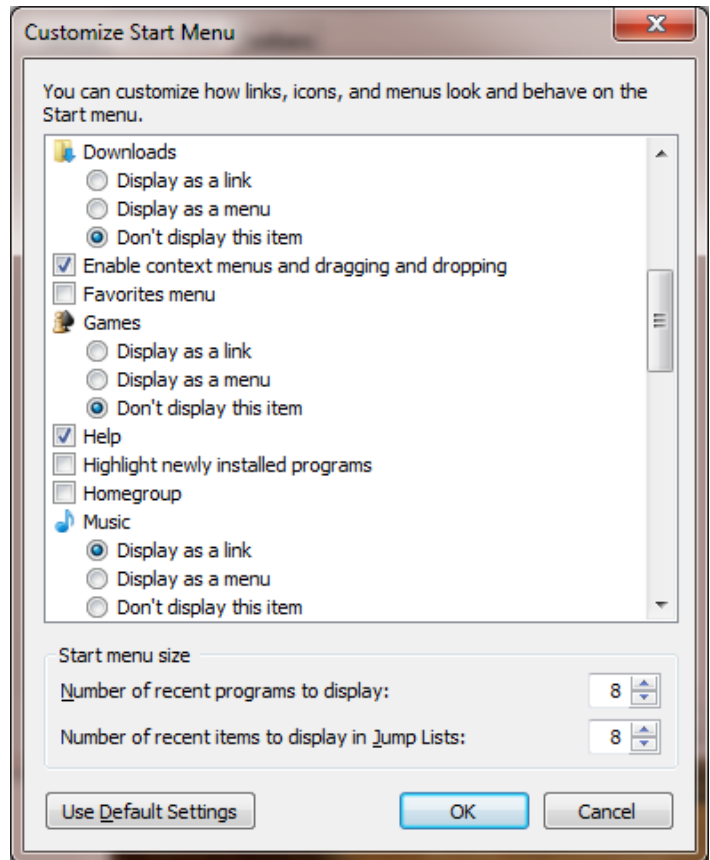
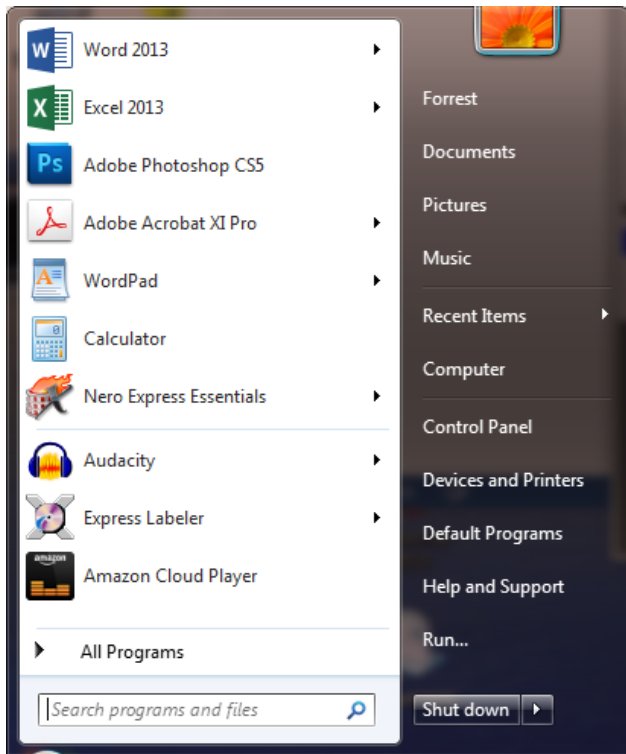
There is a link at the bottom which gives a short version of these instructions. I will skip that.

You may want to explore three choices 'Power' and 'Privacy'. I will discuss what you see when you click 'Customize'.

You will see many choices, some of which are shown in the boxes on the next page.



Several of the choices in brown are the default. As I recall 'Recent Items' and 'Run' are not. You may want them.



Often there are three choices for an item:

Display as a link Click on the item to go there.

Display as a menu Hover over the item to see a pop-up list of contents of item

Don't display this item

My favorite item to hate is 'Highlight newly installed programs'. This is checked by default and anytime you install a program, it shows in the left side of the Start Button pop-up in yellow. I always uncheck this option.

Apparently your choice is not always implemented 'immediately'. I still have not figured out which choices are implemented as soon as you click 'OK' and which wait until some other action is performed such as Restart.

For a complete rundown on almost all choices, go to:

<http://www.guidingtech.com/2825/customize-change-windows-start-menu/>