



Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

Change the size of the start menu icons and the number of programs on the start menu.

Depending on your screen resolution and your eyesight you can change the size of the icons in the start menu. This does not change the screen resolution. Also in XP you can list the number of most resented used programs from 1 to 30. These are the program you use the most and its handy just to choose from this small list.

(1) Right click the start in the bottom left hand corner, Then Left click Properties.

(2) Ensure you are in XP Start menu (radio button on) See item (1) then left click [Customize].

The image shows a screenshot of the Windows XP Start menu context menu with a red box around the 'Properties' option and an arrow pointing to it. To the right is the 'Taskbar and Start Menu Properties' dialog box, with the 'Start Menu' tab selected. The 'Start menu' radio button is circled in red with a '1' and an asterisk. The 'Customize...' button is also circled in red with a '2' and an asterisk.

The 'Customize Start Menu' dialog box is shown with the 'Advanced' tab selected. The 'Large icons' radio button is circled in red with a '1' and an asterisk. The 'Small icons' radio button is also circled in red with a '2' and an asterisk. The 'Number of programs on Start menu' spinner is circled in red with a '3' and an asterisk. The 'Clear List' button is circled in red with a '4' and an asterisk.

The Customize Start Menu appears.

Note the two top circled options. The one on the left is for large start menu icons. The smaller icon if selected will display small icons.

To change just left click the radio button on.

The other two options circled are the number of program most often used to be displayed on the Start Menu. The default is 6.

The maximum is 30.

If you choose to remove the most often used programs from the list and restart the list then left click the [Clear List] button.

The lower section is your choice of web browser and E-mail programs to be shown on the Start Menu.

The screenshot shows the Windows XP Start menu with small icons for programs like Internet Explorer, Mozilla Mail, Paint, Eudora Light, Microsoft Office Word 2003, WebBuilder, mplayerc, and DVD Shrink 3.2. The right side of the menu shows folders like My Documents, My Recent Documents, My Pictures, My Music, Favorites, My Computer, Control Panel, Printers and Faxes, Help and Support, Search, and Run... The taskbar at the bottom shows the Log Off and Turn Off Computer buttons.

The screenshot shows the Windows XP Start menu with large icons for programs like Internet Explorer, Mozilla Mail, Paint, Eudora Light, Microsoft Office Word 2003, WebBuilder, mplayerc, and DVD Shrink 3.2. The right side of the menu shows folders like My Documents, My Recent Documents, My Pictures, My Music, Favorites, My Computer, Control Panel, Printers and Faxes, Help and Support, Search, and Run... The taskbar at the bottom shows the Log Off and Turn Off Computer buttons.

Sample on how the Start Menu icons will look. Small on the left, large on the right.