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PERSONALIZATION TIP

How to change the accent color only in the taskbar on Windows 10

If you only want to change the accent color in the taskbar, you can edit the Registry to prevent the Start menu and Action Center from changing color in the process.

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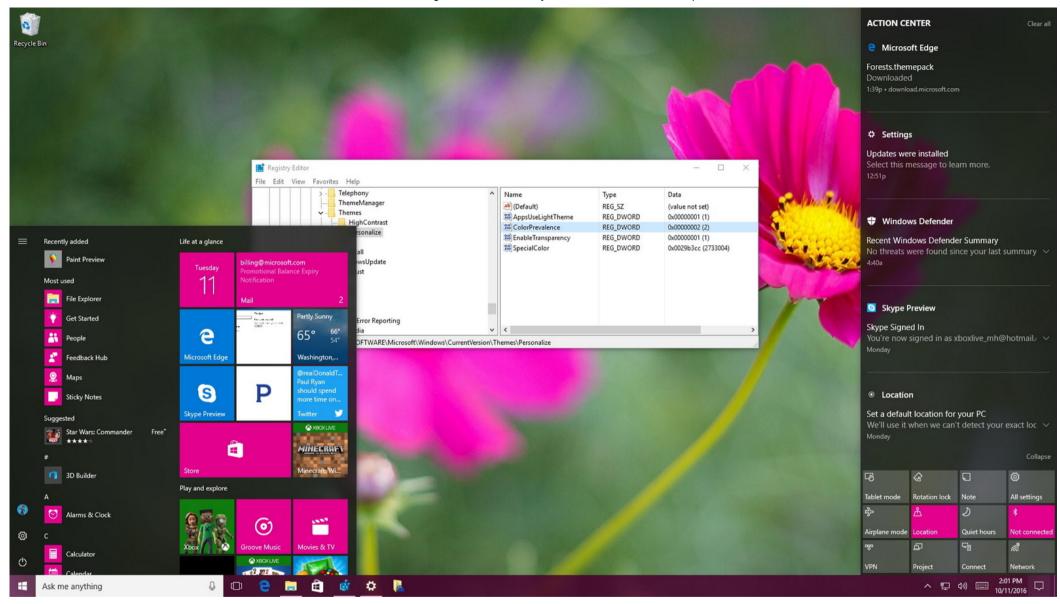












W indows 10 includes a lot of personalization options to change the appearance of the operating system to make the experience more personal. However, there some customization options that are designed to change a group of elements on Windows 10, when you're probably only interested in customizing one.

For example, if you want to pick an accent color for the taskbar, you only get one option to show accent color on the Start menu, taskbar, and action center. Unfortunately, the Settings app doesn't offer separate options to change color individually. However, if you know your way around the Registry, you can change the taskbar color to anything you want, while preventing the Start menu and action center from changing color in the process.

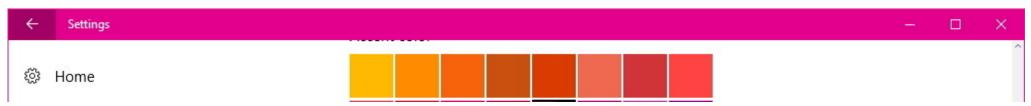
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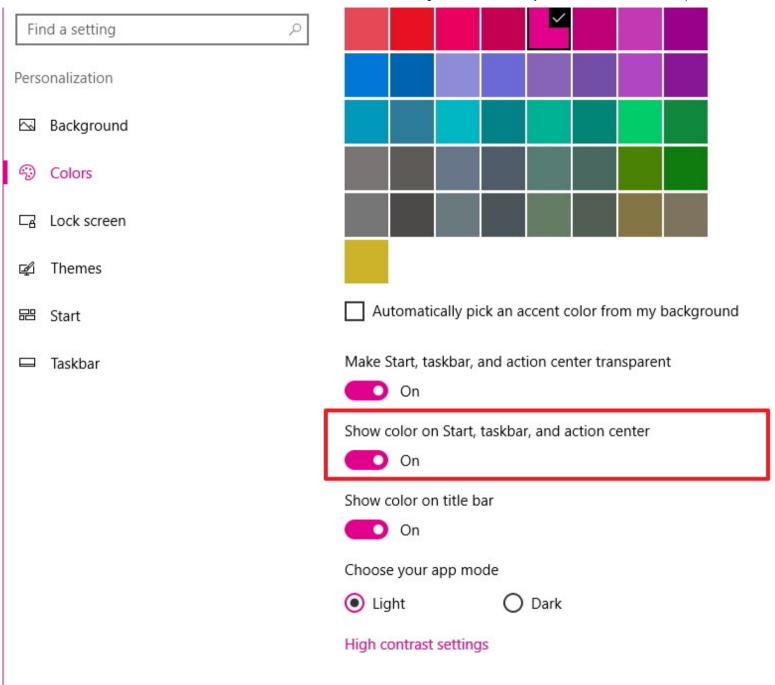
In this Windows 10 guide, we'll guide you through the steps to modify the Registry to change color only on the taskbar on Windows 10.

How to change taskbar color, while keeping Start and Action Center dark

Important: This is a friendly reminder to let you know that editing the registry is risky, and it can cause irreversible damage to your installation if you don't do it correctly. It's recommended to make a full backup of your computer before proceeding.

- 1. Open Settings.
- 2. Click on Personalization.
- 3. Click on Colors.
- 4. Pick an accent color, which will be the color you want to use in the taskbar.
- **5.** Turn on the Show color on Start, taskbar, and action center toggle switch.





- **6.** Use the Windows key + R keyboard shortcut to open the Run command.
- **7.** Type regedit and click **OK** to open the Registry.
- **8.** Browse the following key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Themes\Personalize

9. On the right side, double-click the ColorPrevalence key and check the value to 2.

10. Click **OK** to complete the task.

Once you close the Registry, you can now open Start menu or Action Center, and you'll notice that they are retaining its dark color.

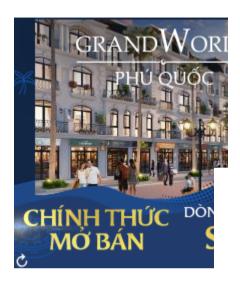
The only caveat you have to keep in mind is that the Start menu and Action Center will keep their dark color as long as you don't turn off the "Show color on Start, taskbar, and action center" toggle switch. Once you do that, it will reset the ColorPrevalence to its default value, and you'll have to go through the steps again. However, changing the accent color won't reset the Registry key.

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As the week comes to a close, Microsoft is shipping two more Windows 10 preview build to Insiders. For Insiders in the Fast ring, you'll get to move on up to build 18358, while Insiders on the Slow ring will see a jump to build 18356.1.

Here's a look at what's new in build 18358 for the Fast ring.

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- FOR GAMERS: We have addressed an issue with Game Mode that may degrade game streaming and recording quality.
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 - Installed the Insider version of State of Decay already? We'll be trying out another update later today. To get it, launch the Store app, click [...] and then "Downloads and Updates". Once installed, you shouldn't see any difference in the game – it's just a test update – but please let us know if anything doesn't work!
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Known issues



- Microsoft Store app updates do not automatically install on 18356+. As a workaround, you can manually check for, and install updates via the Microsoft Store app. Open Select "..." > "Downloads and updates" > "Get updates".
- Launching games that use anti-cheat software may trigger a bugcheck (GSOD).
- Creative X-Fi sound cards are not functioning properly. We are partnering with Creative to resolve this issue.
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- We're investigating an issue preventing VMware from being able to install or update Windows Insider Preview builds. Hyper-V is a viable alternative if available to you.
- O If you install any of the recent builds from the Fast ring and switch to the Slow ring, optional content such as enabling developer mode will fail. You will have to remain in the Fast ring to add/install/enable optional content. This is because optional content will only install on builds approved for specific rings.

The updates should be available to both sets of Insiders now via Windows Update. As usual, you can find the release notes for build 18358 and 18356 at the Windows Blog.



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