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You can use the free [IconViewer](#) utility program to view and save the icons contained within files, such as executable files and dynamic link libraries (DLLs).

When IconViewer is installed, it will add an **Icons** tab to the properties page of any file that contain icons.

While you must be signed in as an [administrator](#) to install IconViewer, all users will be able to use the Icons tab in the properties page of files that contain icons.

This tutorial will show you how to extract icons from files to save as a ICO, BMP, or PNG file in **Windows 7**, **Windows 8**, and **Windows 10**.

Here's How:

1. If you haven't already, you will need to download and install the 32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) version of [IconViewer](#) for your **32-bit (x86) or 64-bit (x64) Windows**. (see screenshot below)



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Download IconViewer

IconViewer 3.02, a freeware utility, is available for download.

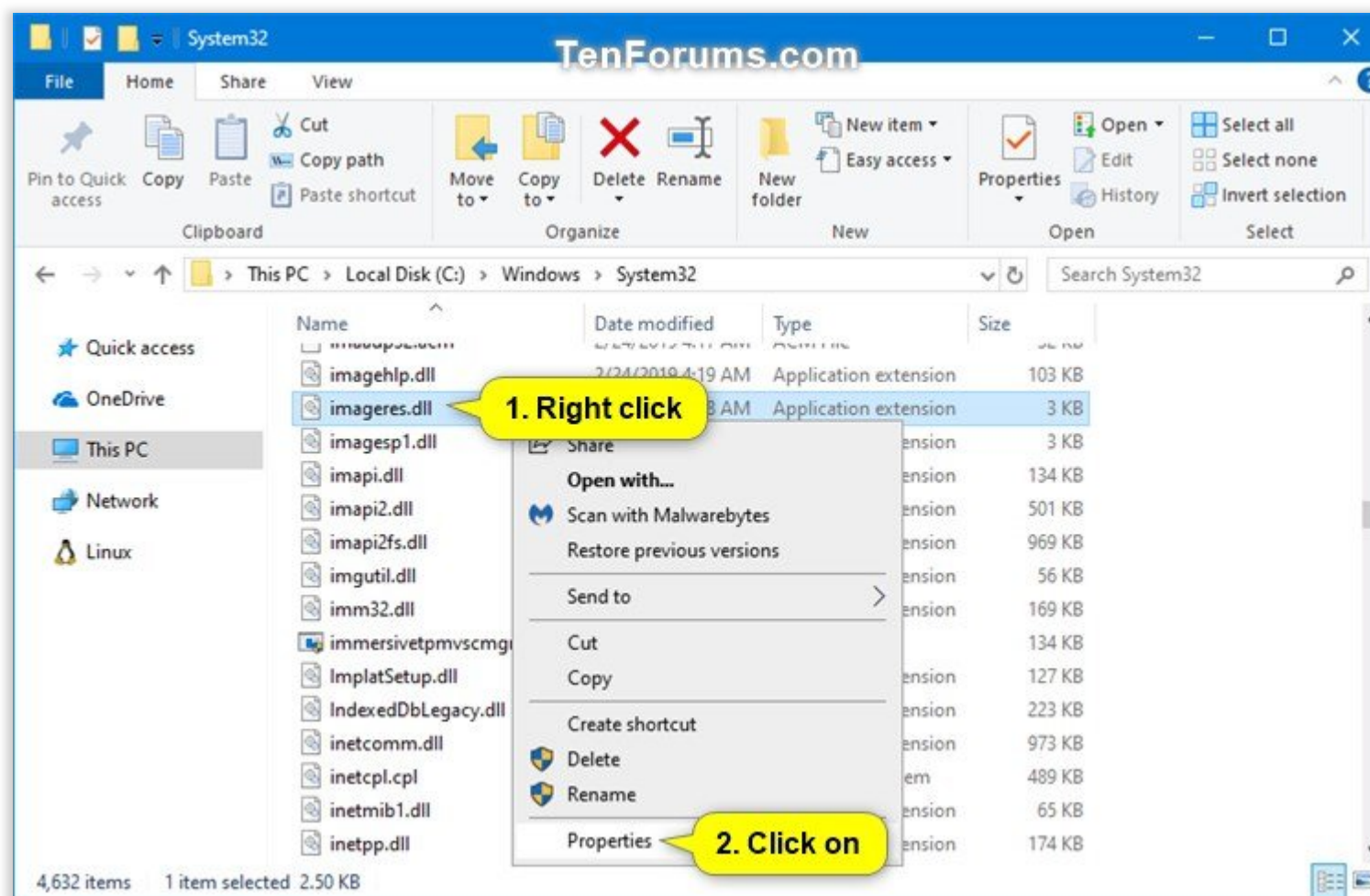
**You appear to be running an x64 edition of Windows.
Recommended download:**

- [IconViewer 3.02 x64 edition](#) (990 KB EXE file) **64-bit**

For other operating systems:

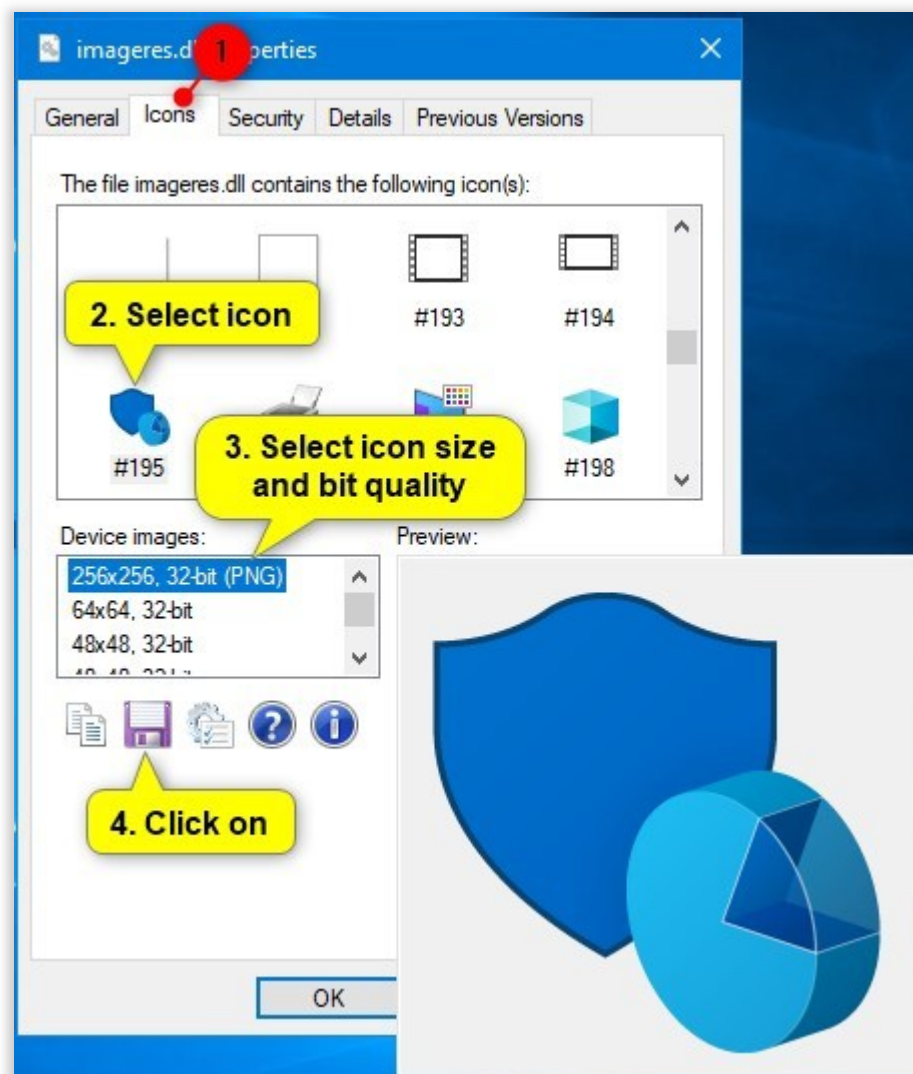
- [IconViewer 3.02 32-bit edition for Windows XP and newer versions](#) (685 KB EXE file) **32-bit**
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- [IconViewer 2.1 for Windows 95](#) (342 KB EXE file)

2. Right click on the file (ex: "imageres.dll") you want to extract (save) an icon from, and click/tap on **Properties**. (see screenshot below)



3. Perform the following actions: (see screenshot below)

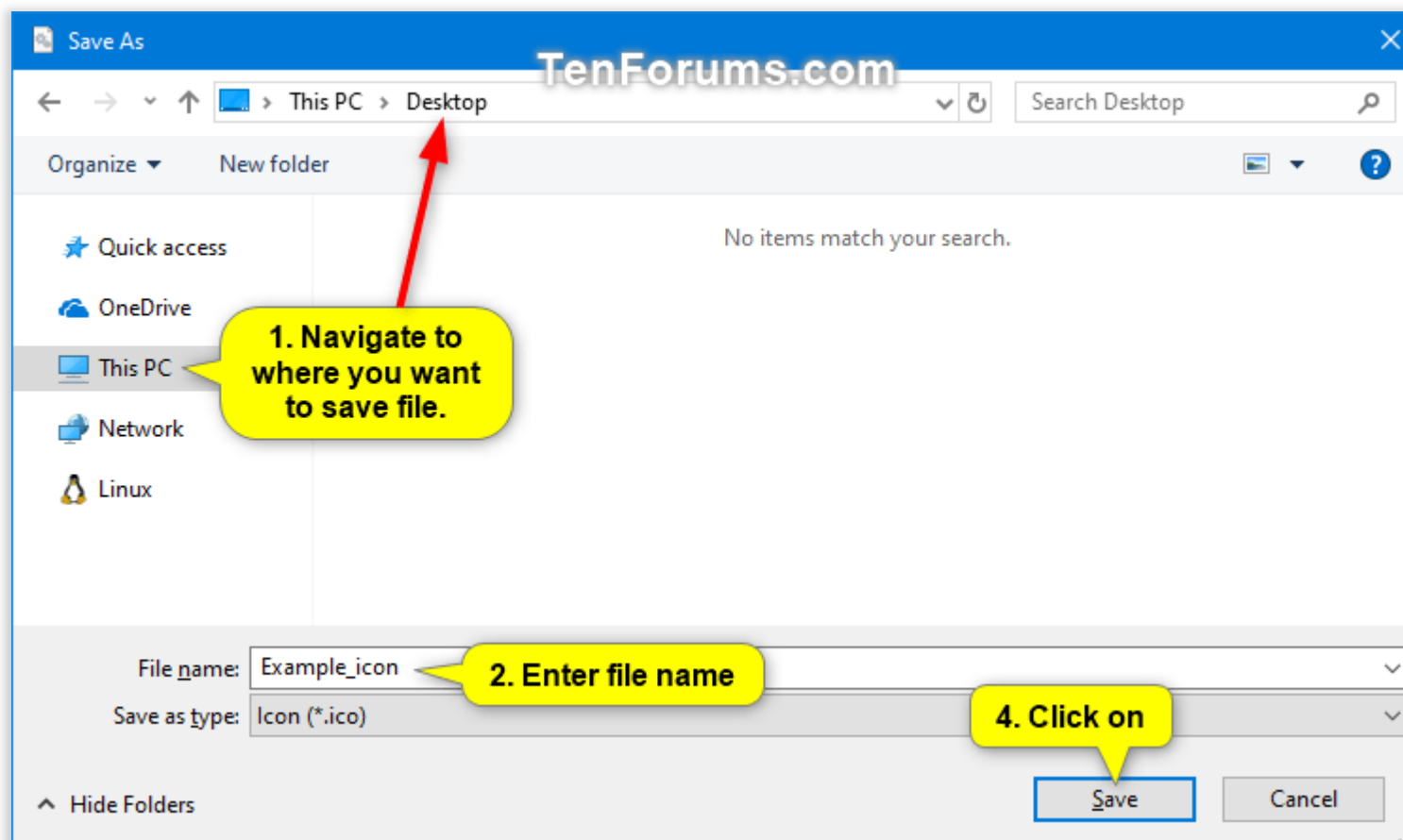
- 1) Click/tap on the **Icons** tab.
- 2) Select an available icon you want to extract and save.
- 3) Select an available pixel size (ex: "256x256") and bit quality (ex: "32-bit") you want for the select icon in **Device images**.
- 4) Click/tap on the **Save** (floppy disk) icon.

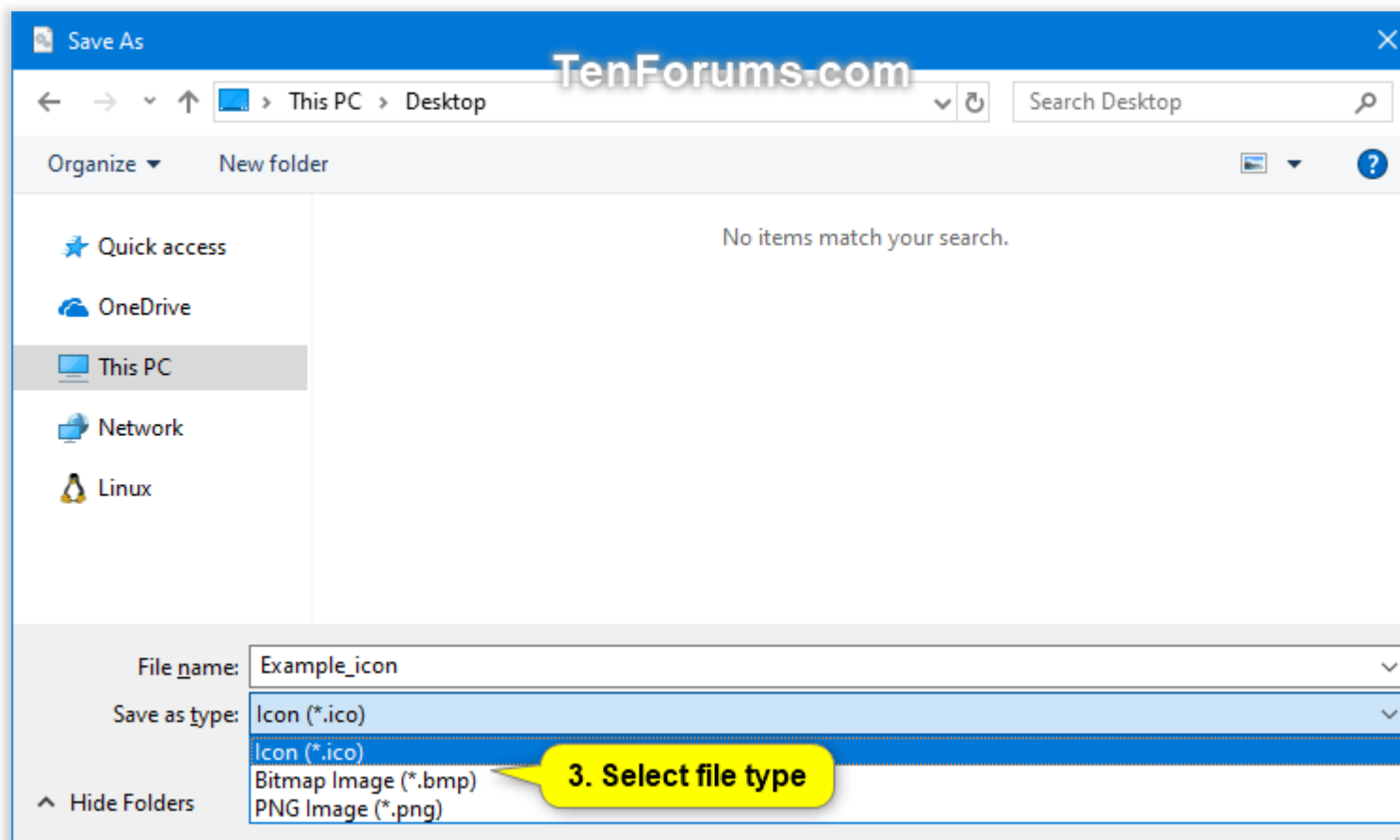


4. Perform the following actions: (see screenshots below)

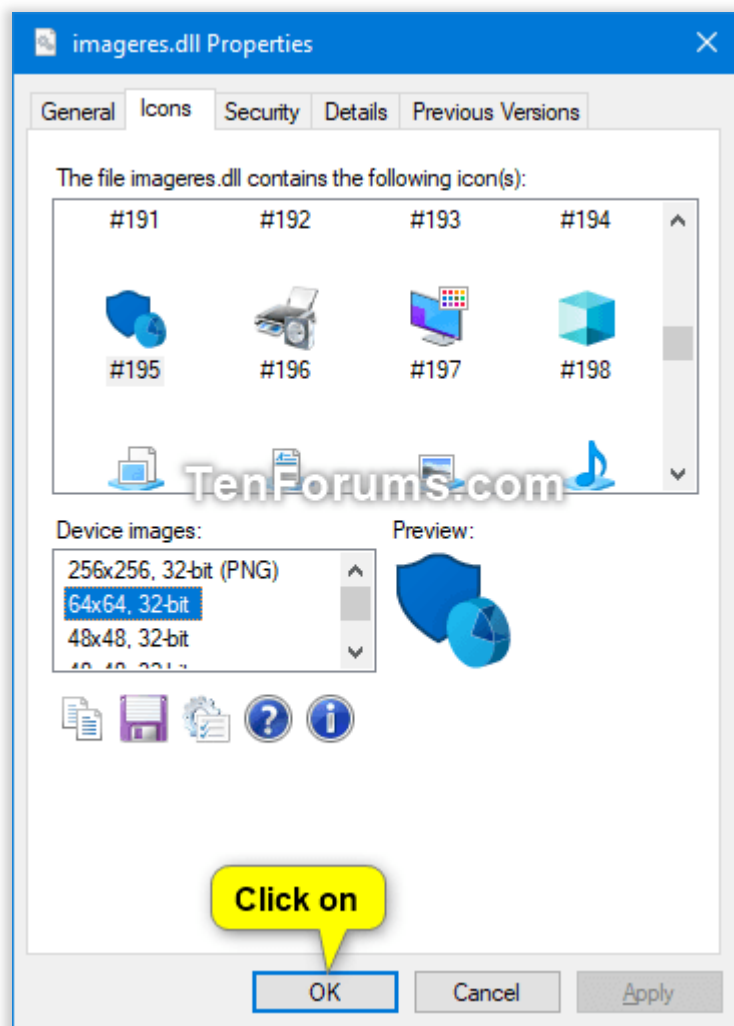
- 1) Navigate to where you want to save the icon file.
- 2) Enter a file name you want for the icon file.

4) Click/tap on the **Save** button.





5. When you are finished saving icons, click/tap on **OK** to close the properties page. (see screenshot below)



That's it,
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