

How to decrease the font size of mode-bar/line?

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After horizontally splitting my frame into 4-5 windows, the info in the mode-line gets truncated. So is there a way to decrease its font size like I do in a buffer so that its text doesn't get truncated?

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2 You might also be interested in libraries like [diminish.el](#) to abbreviate (or remove entirely) the minor mode 'lighter' text in the mode line, and hence improve the threshold at which this becomes a problem. The DIY method is to manipulate the `minor-mode-alist` variable directly. See also [emacs-fu.blogspot.com/2010/05/cleaning-up-mode-line.html](#) – [phils](#) Jun 14, 2013 at 9:45

@phils good suggestion but not of much help because info like column number, time, vc, buffer-name, coding system etc are not diminishable – [Bleeding Fingers](#) Jun 14, 2013 at 19:57

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You can do this, for instance

```
(set-face-attribute 'mode-line nil :height 60)
```

Substitute 60 for the height you want. You may use hooks to change the value dynamically depending of some conditions, but afaik all the mode-lines will share same font.



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at the height attribute.



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different settings. It also allows you to quickly save the
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1 @Yossarian true but the only downside, to me, is that you don't get suggestions in it for the font family etc, while you do so in case of choroba's answer – [Bleeding Fingers](#) Jun 14, 2013 at 19:53



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Yes, use `M-x set-face-font` `Enter` `modeline` `Enter` `Tab` and select the font you like. For some fonts, you might need to specify the size on the 7th place.

`-microsoft-Georgia-normal-normal-normal-*-8-*-*--0-iso10646-1`

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