

Windows 11 offers **Light**, **Dark**, and **Custom** modes for system-wide themes, controlled in Personalization settings, while **Fluent Design** is the underlying modern design language using materials like Mica and Acrylic for frosted glass effects, adapting dynamically to your chosen Light/Dark mode for a cohesive look across apps and the OS. You can set these in Settings > Personalization > Colors, choosing a mode and accent color, with options for transparency and even automatic switching via Microsoft PowerToys. [🔗](#)

This video provides a tutorial on how to enable and use the dynamic lighting feature in Windows 11:



How to enable and use dynamic lighting in Windows 11?

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Light & Dark Modes (Themes)

- **Light Mode:** Classic, bright interface, ideal for well-lit spaces, uses lighter backgrounds.
- **Dark Mode:** Darker interface, reduces eye strain in low light, uses dark backgrounds.
- **Custom Mode:** Lets you set separate modes for Windows (Taskbar, Start Menu) and Apps (File Explorer, Settings), with options for Transparency effects. [🔗](#)

Fluent Design (Underlying Look)

- **Mica:** A subtle, opaque material that tints the active window with your desktop background color.
- **Acrylic:** A semi-transparent, frosted glass effect for backgrounds.
- **Solid:** Opaque UI elements that use color and elevation. [🔗](#)

How to Set Your Mode

1. Open **Settings** (Windows key + I).
2. Go to **Personalization > Colors**.
3. Under **Choose your mode**, select **Light**, **Dark**, or **Custom**. [🔗](#)

This video demonstrates how to automatically switch between light and dark modes on Windows:



Windows 11: Automatically Switch Light/Dark Mode ...



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Advanced: Automatic Switching

- Install **Microsoft PowerToys** from Microsoft.
- Use the **Light Switch** utility within PowerToys to schedule automatic theme changes based on time or sunrise/sunset, ensuring a smooth transition.