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You betcha. Keep having fun.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

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In [news:53252FE6-3D81-4ADE-8820-95DFBACA97EF@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:53252FE6-3D81-4ADE-8820-95DFBACA97EF@xxxxxxxxxxxxx),  
BIGABAZ <[BIGABAZ@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:BIGABAZ@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> hunted and pecked:

Thanks once again

—

Baz

"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

Change the Font size for Menu.

Right click Desktop | Properties | Appearance tab | Advanced button |  
Click the V Under Item: to expand the menu |

Window elements menu:

\* Menu

Is the Menu bar; with File, Edit, View, etc. Size is the bar height.

Color 1 is the bar background color. Font choice, font color, font size  
and Bold or Italic. Changing the font size larger will also change the  
bar height larger to accommodate the larger text size.

Besides the text on the Start menu, this also affects right click menus;  
File, Edit, View, etc. text on the Menu bar; the text on File, Edit,  
View, etc. menus.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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BIGABAZ <BIGABAZ@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and  
pecked:

Wesley i have completed all your suggestions–but their is  
just one i  
cannot seem to get right –it is when i go to start –and look at  
list of  
programms i cannot seem to be able to increase the size of  
the words can  
you help once again? thanks

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Baz

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Baz

"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

You bet.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes  
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BIGABAZ  
<BIGABAZ@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
hunted and pecked:

THanks for trouble the  
answer is ACE!

--  
Baz

"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

Hi Baz,

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were  
it  
says  
file–edit–view  
etc  
i  
still  
cannot  
work  
out  
the  
step  
by  
step

That is  
called the  
Menu bar  
and is listed  
as Menu in  
the Window  
elements  
menu.

Right click  
Desktop |  
Properties |  
Appearance  
tab |  
Advanced  
button |  
Click the V  
Under Item:  
to expand  
the menu |  
Window  
elements  
menu:  
\* Menu  
Is the Menu  
bar; with  
File, Edit,  
View, etc.  
Size is the  
bar height.  
Color 1 is  
the bar  
background  
color. Font  
choice, font

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color, font  
size and  
Bold or  
Italic.  
Changing  
the font size  
larger will  
also  
change the  
bar height  
larger to  
accommodate  
the larger  
text size.

Here's some  
other info  
that I  
hurriedly  
put  
together.  
This is by  
no  
means  
complete  
and still  
needs some  
work.

I use  
Windows  
Classic  
theme and  
Windows  
Classic  
style in the  
Windows  
and buttons  
list on the  
Appearance  
tab, so all of  
these are  
what I  
find with  
those.

You can see  
what most  
of the  
changes  
will look

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like in the  
preview  
window as  
you make  
changes  
before  
applying  
them.

Right click  
Desktop |  
Properties |  
Appearance  
tab |  
Advanced  
button |  
Click the V  
Under Item:  
to expand  
the menu |  
Window  
elements  
menu:  
\* 3D  
Objects  
OK, Cancel,  
Apply,  
Browse, etc.  
buttons on  
Message  
boxes or  
other  
Windows  
dialog  
boxes. All  
of the  
buttons on  
the  
Windows  
Calculator  
also. Color  
is the button  
color, but  
this also  
affects the  
color of  
Message  
boxes,  
border  
color, etc.  
Color is the

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font color.  
\* Active  
Title Bar  
Size is the  
height of  
the bar.  
Color 1 is  
the  
background  
color.  
Color 2 is  
the gradient  
color  
(smooth  
shading of  
one color to  
another  
color). Font  
choice, font  
color, font  
size and  
Bold or  
Italic. \*  
Active  
Window  
Border  
Size is the  
border size.  
Color is the  
border  
color.  
\*  
Application  
Background  
The  
background  
color of  
applications  
like MS  
Word with  
Word open  
and  
no  
document  
open. Color  
1 is the  
background  
color.  
\* Caption  
Buttons  
Window

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control  
buttons like  
Minimize,  
Restore  
down,  
Maximize  
and  
Close.  
Changing  
the button  
size larger  
will change  
the size of  
the  
Title bar  
larger to  
accommodate  
a larger  
button.  
\* Desktop  
Color 1 is  
the Desktop  
background  
color. Same  
thing as  
changing it  
on the  
Desktop  
tab. If you  
did not  
select a  
background  
(wallpaper),  
the color  
will cover  
your entire  
desktop. If  
you selected  
a  
background  
and chose  
Center in  
the Position  
list box, the  
color  
fills the  
space  
around the  
background.  
\* Icon  
Size is the

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icon size.  
Font choice,  
font size  
and Bold or  
Italic.  
\* Icon  
Spacing  
(Horizontal)  
\* Icon  
Spacing  
(Vertical)  
This is the  
spacing  
between  
icons on the  
Desktop or  
in folders  
with  
Icons view.  
\* Inactive  
Title Bar  
Size is the  
height of  
the bar.  
Color 1 is  
the  
background  
color.  
Color 2 is  
the gradient  
color  
(smooth  
shading of  
one color to  
another  
color). Font  
choice, font  
color, font  
size and  
Bold or  
Italic. \*  
Inactive  
Window  
Border  
Size is the  
border  
width.  
Color 1 is  
the border  
color.  
\* Menu

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Is the Menu  
bar; with  
File, Edit,  
View, etc.  
Size is the  
bar height.  
Color 1 is  
the bar  
background  
color. Font  
choice, font  
color, font  
size and  
Bold or  
Italic.  
Changing  
the font size  
larger will  
also  
change the  
bar height  
larger to  
accommodate  
the larger  
text size.  
\* Message  
Box  
"The text in  
the Untitled  
file has  
changed.  
Do you  
want to save  
the  
changes?" is  
one  
example.  
Font choice,  
font size  
and Bold or  
Italic.  
\* Palette  
Title  
This setting  
affects the  
title bar of  
floating  
palettes.  
Paint's  
color box  
after

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dragging it  
away from  
the edge of  
the Paint  
window  
is one  
example.  
You can  
change the  
size and  
font choice,  
font size  
and Bold or  
Italic. \*  
Scrollbar  
Horizontal  
or vertical  
scrollbars.  
Size is the  
height or  
width.  
\* Selected  
Items  
When you  
click on an  
item like a  
file you  
Select it and  
it changes  
color to  
show that it  
has been  
selected.  
When it  
changes  
color the  
font color  
also  
changes so  
the text can  
be seen  
against  
whatever  
the  
background  
color is.  
Color 1 is  
the  
background  
color and  
Color is the

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font color.  
Font choice,  
font size  
and Bold or  
Italic.  
\* ToolTip  
These are  
balloon tips  
and  
Tooltips.  
Hover your  
mouse over  
the  
clock, for  
example.  
Color 1 is  
the  
background  
color, Color  
is the  
font color.  
Font choice,  
font size  
and Bold or  
Italic.  
\* Window  
Color 1 is  
the  
background  
color and  
Color 2 is  
the font  
color. This  
will affect  
such  
applications  
as Notepad,  
Wordpad  
and MS  
Word.  
Among  
other  
things, it  
affects the  
Run box  
and the  
background  
for radio  
buttons in  
Folder  
Options, for

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example.

Notes:

- \* Changing the look of individual items is only useful if you select Windows Classic in the Windows and buttons list on the Appearance tab. If you select a different option, the theme determines the appearance of your menus, fonts, icons and other Window elements.

- \* The Font area will be unavailable for elements in the Item list that do not display text.

- \* Note that you must use the same font and size for the Active Title Bar and Inactive Title Bar items, and

that bold or italic selections for either item are applied to both items. If you choose a desktop theme after you change fonts or colors, the fonts and colors for that desktop theme override your selections.

\* Sizes are in pixels. Pixel is short for picture element, one spot in a rectilinear grid of thousands of such spots that form an image produced on the screen by a computer or on paper by a printer. A pixel is the smallest element that display or print hardware and

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software  
can  
manipulate  
to create  
letters,  
numbers, or  
graphics. A  
pixel is also  
called a pel.

\* Never a  
good thing  
to have the  
background  
color and  
the font  
color  
the same, it  
makes it  
tough to  
read any  
text.

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Desktop  
Background  
Color

Display  
Properties |  
Appearance  
tab |  
Advanced  
button |  
Color |  
Other...

Or...

Display  
Properties |  
Desktop tab  
|  
Color |  
Other...

Color  
[[Lists the  
background  
colors you  
can use for

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the selected window component. If this option is unavailable, you cannot change the color of the selected item.]]

Color  
[[Click to select a color to use on your desktop, or customize a new color. If you did not select a background, the color will cover your entire desktop. If you selected a background and chose Center in the Position list box, the color fills the space around the background.]]

Basic colors  
[[Displays the basic colors available. You can define a custom

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color by  
clicking the  
closest  
basic color  
and  
then  
defining a  
custom  
color by  
using the  
color  
matrix.]]

Custom  
colors  
[[Displays  
any custom  
colors you  
have  
already  
defined.  
To change a  
custom  
color, click  
it, and then  
click Define  
Custom  
Colors.  
When you  
have  
completed  
your  
changes,  
click Add to  
Custom  
Colors.  
To define a  
new custom  
color, click  
an empty  
custom  
color box,  
and  
then click  
Define  
Custom  
Colors.  
Define the  
new color,  
and then  
click Add to

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Custom  
Colors.]]

Color  
matrix  
(With the  
cursor  
looking  
deal)  
[[Displays a  
color  
matrix. To  
define a  
custom  
color, click  
anywhere  
in the  
matrix. To  
further  
define your  
custom  
colors, you  
can change  
the hue,  
saturation  
(Sat),  
lumination  
(Lum), and  
the amount  
of red,  
green, and  
blue for  
each color  
by moving  
the pointer  
on the  
matrix,  
or by typing  
the  
numerical  
values.  
Change hue  
by moving  
the pointer  
horizontally;  
change  
saturation  
by moving  
the pointer  
vertically.  
Use

the slider at  
the right of  
the matrix  
to adjust  
luminosity.]]

Slider  
(Upper right  
hand side)  
[[Drag the  
slider to  
change the  
luminosity,  
or relative  
lightness or  
darkness, of  
a color. The  
corresponding  
numerical  
value  
appears in  
Lum.]] The  
Red, Green  
and Blue  
values also  
change.

Color |  
Solid  
[[Displays  
the color  
selected in  
the color  
matrix or  
specified in  
the  
Custom  
colors  
boxes. If  
your  
monitor is  
set to  
display 256  
colors,  
Color|Solid  
might show  
two colors.  
The right  
side shows  
how the  
selected

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color will appear as a solid color (that is, which of the available 256 colors the selected color will map to). The left side shows the "dithered" color, which is the approximation of the specified color using two of the available 256 colors.]]

Hue  
[[Specifies the hue of a color. If you change the hue, the values for red, green, and blue will be changed to match. Values range from 0 to 239.]]

Sat  
[[Specifies the saturation of a color. Saturation is the strength or purity of color in a

specified  
hue, up to a  
maximum  
of 240. The  
higher the  
saturation,  
the purer  
the color.]]

Lum  
[[Specifies  
the  
luminosity  
of a color.  
Luminosity  
is the  
lightness or  
darkness in  
a color,  
specified by  
a value  
between 0  
(black) and  
240  
(white). If  
Sat  
(saturation)  
is 0, Lum  
specifies a  
shade of  
gray.]]

Red  
[[Specifies  
the amount  
of red in a  
color. You  
can use a  
combination  
of red,  
green, and  
blue to  
define any  
color.]]

Green  
[[Specifies  
the amount  
of green in  
a color. You  
can use a

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combination  
of red,  
green, and  
blue to  
define any  
color.]]

Blue  
[[Specifies  
the amount  
of blue in a  
color. You  
can use a  
combination  
of red,  
green, and  
blue to  
define any  
color.]]

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helps. Let  
us know.

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BIGABAZ  
<BIGABAZ@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
hunted and  
pecked:

THANKS–  
but  
if  
you  
take  
the  
size  
of  
the  
words  
on  
the  
top  
of

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toolbar  
eg  
were  
it  
says  
file–edit–view  
etc  
i  
still  
cannot  
work  
out  
the  
step  
by  
step  
way  
of  
doing  
this  
,maybe  
its  
my  
age.can/will  
you  
help  
by  
giving  
a  
step  
by  
step  
guide?  
--  
Baz

"Wesley  
Vogel"  
wrote:

Here's  
some  
info.

How  
to  
Change  
the  
Font,

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Size,  
and  
Colors  
of  
Desktop  
Items

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/310543>

Also  
on  
the  
Advanced  
Appearance  
in  
Display  
Properties,  
you  
can  
click  
on  
the  
different  
items  
that  
are  
displayed  
at  
the  
top.  
For  
example  
if  
you  
click  
on  
the  
OK  
button  
on  
the  
Message  
box  
that  
is  
displayed,  
3D  
Objects  
will  
be  
highlighted  
in

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the  
Item  
list.  
Click  
on  
where  
it  
says  
Message  
Text  
and  
Message  
box  
will  
be  
listed.  
Click  
on  
Inactive  
Window  
and  
Inactive  
Title  
bar  
will  
be  
in  
the  
Item  
list.  
Click  
on  
any  
of  
the  
[X]  
buttons  
and  
Caption  
Buttons  
will  
be  
listed.  
Click  
where  
its  
says  
Window  
Text  
and  
Window

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will  
be  
listed.  
It  
makes  
it  
easier  
to  
figure  
out  
what  
some  
of  
the  
Windows  
elements  
are  
called.  
Click  
on  
the  
area  
around  
all  
of  
the  
items  
and  
Desktop  
will  
be  
listed.  
See  
the  
trend?

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Hope  
this  
helps.  
Let  
us  
know.

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