## Windows 11 Changing the Size and Colour of the Mouse Pointer



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Have you ever sat at your PC trying to find the mouse pointer? You say to yourself "If only it was a little larger, and maybe a different colour, I might be able to see where it is"? Well, in Windows 11, it is possible to increase the size of the mouse pointer to approximately 8 times the original size! Whilst this would almost certainly be way too large for day-to-day use, making the mouse pointer 2 or 3 times larger will most definitely help. Additionally, it is also possible to change the colour!

To change the size and colour of the mouse pointer in Windows 11, follow these suggested steps:

- Press the WINDOWS LOGO key. Upon doing this, the Start Menu will be displayed. Focus will be in an edit box at the top of the menu.
- Type the word "mouse" (without the quotes). Upon doing this, a list of options containing the word 'mouse' will be displayed just below the Search edit box. The first item in the list will be selected. This will most likely be " Mouse pointer size, system settings".
- 3. Choose the option called "Mouse pointer size". Upon doing this, The **Settings** screen will be displayed.

4. In the Settings screen, the options for changing the mouse pointer size and colour will be displayed. Focus will be on the Change Pointer Size slider. This slider can be adjusted with the RIGHT and LEFT ARROW keys, or by dragging it with the mouse pointer. The settings range from 1 (standard) to 15 (extremely large). The default setting is 1.

5. Press RIGHT ARROW **3** times to move the slider to **4**. This will make the mouse pointer approximately 2.5 times the original size.

6. Now press **SHIFT and TAB**. Upon doing this, focus will move to the **Change Pointer Colour** list box. Here, you have 4 choices. These are, from left to right, White, Black, Inverted and Custom. The default setting is White. Press RIGHT ARROW to select the next option in the list or LEFT ARROW to select the previous option. Alternatively, you can click the option you want using the mouse.

7. If you want to choose a different colour than White or Black, select the Custom option and then press TAB to move focus to the **Suggested Colours** list box.

8. In the Suggested Colours list box, you can choose from 7 different colours. These are, from left to right, Purple, Lime, Yellow, Gold, Pink, Turquoise and Green. You can select a colour by pressing RIGHT ARROW or LEFT ARROW.

9. When you have selected the desired colour for your mouse pointer, press **ENTER**. Upon doing this, a tick mark will be displayed alongside the colour in the list to indicate that it is the current setting. Alternatively, using the mouse pointer, simply click the colour you would like to use!

10. Finally, close the **Settings** screen. Now, when you look at your mouse, you will notice that it is much larger than before and that it is a different colour!