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WZDY - August 4, 2014, 10:45 am

HOW TO CHANGE THE START MENU ICON

Hey guys, so this is a really simple and a easy tutorial.
The Windows Start Orb is this:

To change it to whatever image you want, download this.
[Windows 7 Start Orb Changer \(Click\)](#)

Once installed, follow these instructions:

I have some Orbs that I can share with you but the simplest way is just by [/Xy7gGl\]doing this \(click\)](#)

Once you changed it, the start orb will only change when you restart your computer or end session.

This Tutorial was not fully made by me!

Source:

<http://www.door2windows.com/windows-7-start-button-changer-change-your-windows-7-start-button-with-one-click/> - Door2Windows (Check it out for more in depht in this)

Thanks for reading

Another method: (by Polymath)

(Aug 5, 2014 07:48 PM)Polymath 1.0 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You only need to stop the Windows Explorer GUI shell and restart it to have the changes to the Start Orb reflected in the taskbar. This is because the resources that contain the start orb are in the explorer.exe and it is the updated explorer shell that needs to be reloaded, otherwise it is using the resources of the unpatched Windows Explorer GUI in memory that are being used. To stop the Windows GUI, right click on the taskbar -> Task Manager -> Processes tab (show processes from all users checked) -> right click explorer.exe -> End Process Note your GUI will disappear so to restart it open Task Manager -> File -> New Task (Run) -> type %Windir%\system32\explorer.exe in the dialogue box -> OK This saves you from having to logout or reboot to have the change take effect ?

Take care

Jay? - August 5, 2014, 11:50 am

You can also do this in Classic Shell for those who hate the regular Start Menu in windows 8/8.1

Polymath 1.0 - August 5, 2014, 7:48 pm

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SavageBoys - August 5, 2014, 8:22 pm

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WZDY - August 6, 2014, 10:13 am

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Yeah I also done it alot of times, I even had one with Brazzers logo ?

?A.J? - August 6, 2014, 12:27 pm

The Start Orb Changer automatically restarts the explorer after you select the desired image.

You don't need to restart the PC or stop/start the explorer.

Cisteriaso - August 6, 2014, 12:56 pm

Thanks for the tutorial, this is useful!

WZDY - August 7, 2014, 1:40 am

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In my case it made me restart the explorer (I'm just saying to restart PC or end session because it's easier and trouble-less, ofcourse you can always go to Task manager and delete explorer.exe.