

The Start Button

The Start button has been a significant part of Windows computing for numerous versions of the operating system. There was a change in the traditional use of the Start button with the introduction of Windows 8, but this was met with widespread disapproval and the Start button has since been reinstated. In the Windows 10 November 2019 Update, the Start button works in a similar way to most early versions of Windows, with some enhancements.

Using the Start button

The Start button provides access to the apps on your Windows 10 PC and also to the enhanced Start menu:

- 1 Click on the **Start** button in the bottom left-hand corner of the screen
- 2 The **Start** menu is displayed
- 3 The left-hand side of the Start menu contains links to the most used apps, a list of quick links to items such as the Power button, and an alphabetic list of all of the apps on the computer



The items on the Start menu can be customized from the **Personalization** > **Start** section of the Settings app.



- 4 The right-hand side of the Start menu is where apps can be pinned so that they are always available. These are displayed as a collection of large, colored tiles
- 5 Other items can also be accessed from the Start button by right-clicking on it



Click on the **Power** button on the Start menu to access options for Sleep, Shut down or Restart.

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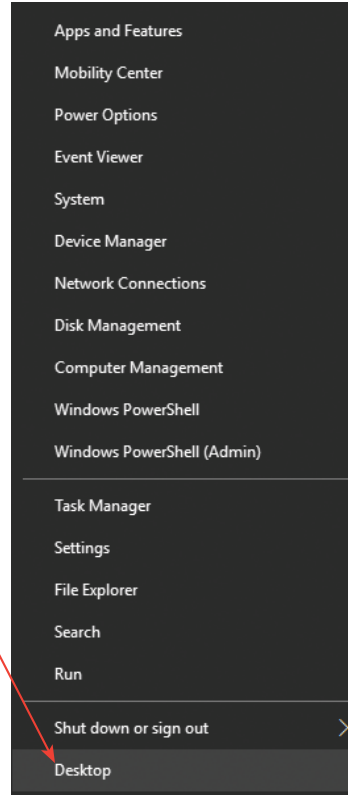
Power User menu

In addition to accessing the Start menu, the Start button also provides access to the Power User menu, which can be accessed as follows:

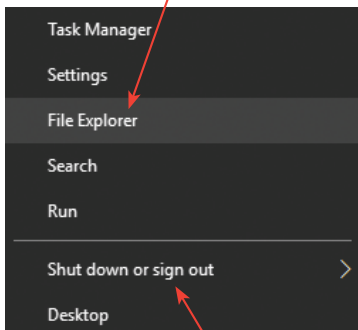
- 1 Right-click on the **Start** button to view the Power User menu



- 2 Click on the relevant buttons to view items including the **Desktop** and other popular locations such as the **File Explorer**



The Start button Power User menu in Step 1 has a number of options for accessing system functions, such as Device Manager and Disk Management.



- 3 **Shut down or sign out** options are also available from the **Start** button