

Changing the Screen Size Using Windows XP

Screen resolution settings determine the amount of information your monitor displays. At low settings, screen contents appear as if viewed through a close-up camera lens—you see a relatively small amount of information (only part of a spreadsheet or Web page, for example), but the items themselves (text, pictures, etc.) appear relatively large. High-resolution settings provide a bird's-eye view—more information is visible but the items on the screen appear smaller. In Windows XP, changing screen resolution settings to suit your preferences is easy.

To change screen resolution

1. Click **Start**, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Click **Appearance and Themes**.
3. Under **Pick a task**, click **Change the screen resolution**.
4. On the **Settings** tab, under **Screen resolution**, drag the slider to the resolution you want, and then click **Apply**.

Stop Windows XP from asking if you want to send a report to Microsoft whenever a program crashes

Whenever a program crashes, whether it's a Microsoft application, a component of Windows, or a third-party application, a window appears, prompting you to send a "report" to Microsoft. You can turn this "feature" off.

1. Click on the "Start" tab.
2. Right-click on **My Computer** and select **Properties** from the drop-down list.
3. In the System Properties window, click the **Advanced** tab, then click the **Error Reporting** button.
4. Click the "**Disable Error Reporting**" button and uncheck "**But notify me when critical errors occur**" (leave it checked if you want to be informed of critical errors).
5. Click the "OK" button to close the Error Reporting window and then click "OK" to close the System Properties window.