

Data Recovery Services Specialist Publishes Blog Post Exploring The Windows 10 Taskbar

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Irvine, CA based [Hard Drive Recovery Group](#) (HDRG) recently published a new blog post that teaches readers how to customize their Windows 10 taskbar. While many take the innocuous taskbar for granted and may be content with its default features, HDRG asserts that a properly customized taskbar can offer far more in terms of increased productivity.

According to the post, Windows 10 launched with a host of personalization features, and many of those have only improved over the years since its release. The reasons behind this increased adaptability go beyond simple preference; time spent in menus or more hidden folders can be shaved down, letting the user quickly access the folders and programs they use the most. If users do not wish to make use of the more accessible options at their fingertips, Windows 10 includes a search bar by default that is now built right into the taskbar.

Powered by Cortana, Microsoft's take on the digital assistant (it shares many functions and capabilities with other digital assistants like Siri, Bixby, and Google Assistant), the search bar allows users to quickly type in the name of a file or program they are looking for and be immediately shown a list of options that are relevant to their search. However, there are further options that allow users to skip this step as well, giving them the ability to access their favourite files with a single click. Windows 10 users are encouraged to explore their system further to discover the [special services](#) it is capable of.

As the post states, "We all have a preferred command or better accessibility and usage according to our needs. Windows 10 gives this option to users for improved use and more efficient work." To that end, HDRG's post shows users how they may compress the search bar to a less visually intrusive search icon that takes up less space on the taskbar, thereby freeing up more space. They may also turn both the lengthy search bar and the smaller search icon off entirely, serving to reduce visual clutter on the screen. This can prove less distracting during the user's average workflow. HDRG recommends that this option be taken if the search bar does not see frequent use—especially since a search can be launched directly from the system's Start menu. Furthermore, many people often find a minimalist appearance more visually appealing.

With regard to appearance, Windows 10 further allows several degrees of customization that change that taskbar's colour and adds a few other touches that may help it blend in better with the other elements on the screen. The taskbar is black by default in most cases, but this can be changed to virtually any colour the user prefers. The post explains how specific settings within Windows 10's personalization options can be toggled to add color to the taskbar, and then give the system the ability to change the colour based on the desktop wallpaper (it is meant to accentuate the overall tone of the desktop background). This means the taskbar will also automatically adjust itself if the desktop wallpaper is changed, so a user may never have to manually adjust their taskbar colors to match again. Notably, if only a single colour is preferred, this option can be turned off. A specific colour can then be selected that will remain constant until manually changed once more.

One of the most important features that the taskbar allows is the ability to 'Pin' certain files and programs. For instance, if the user often uses a web browser (Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Internet Explorer, and so on), they can pin this program to the taskbar so that it is always only a single click away. As simple as this process is, it can greatly reduce the time a user spends navigating their program menus and folders looking for a specific program on a regular basis.

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