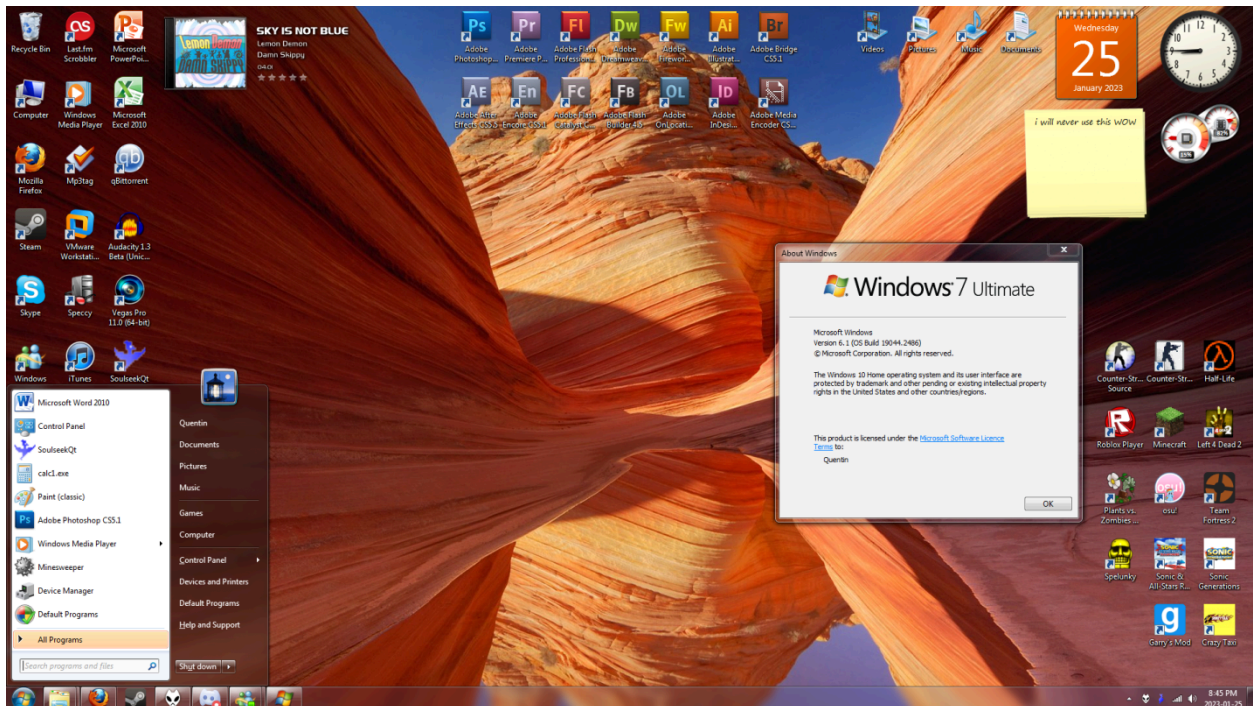
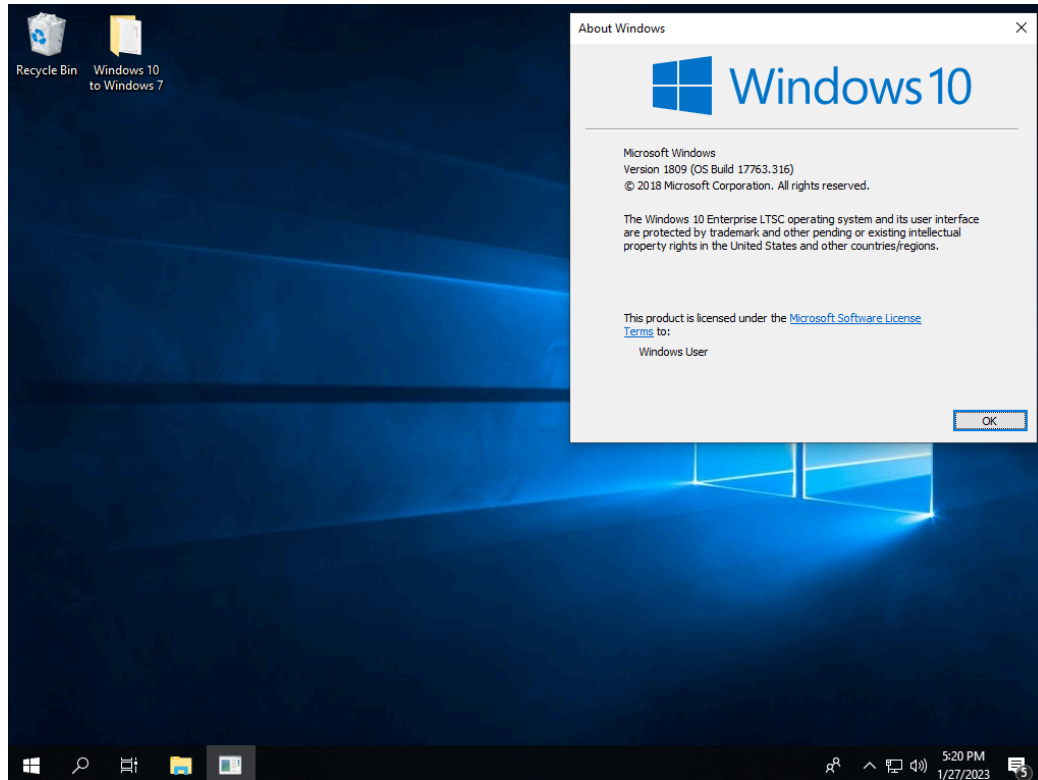


How to make Windows 10 look like Windows 7

Hello people of blips.club, today I will be explaining how I was able to create this beauty:



This is what Windows 10 should look like before the skin:



The version of Windows 10 I'm using for the example is Windows 10 Enterprise LTSC (Long-Term Support Channel) but it should work on any version Windows 10 including 22H2.

If you have any theming software installed already please disable or uninstall it before following this tutorial, anyways lets continue with the guide.

Download link for everything in this tutorial is right [here.](#)

Step 1 -

Preparing/Basics

First thing we're gonna do is change the winver branding to say Windows 7 instead of Windows 10. To do this go to C:\Windows and rename the Branding folder to Branding.old if you want to back it up before replacing it, then drag in the branding folder from the Pack and check winver. (To access it Press Windows Key + R at the same time and type "winver" in the Run prompt)

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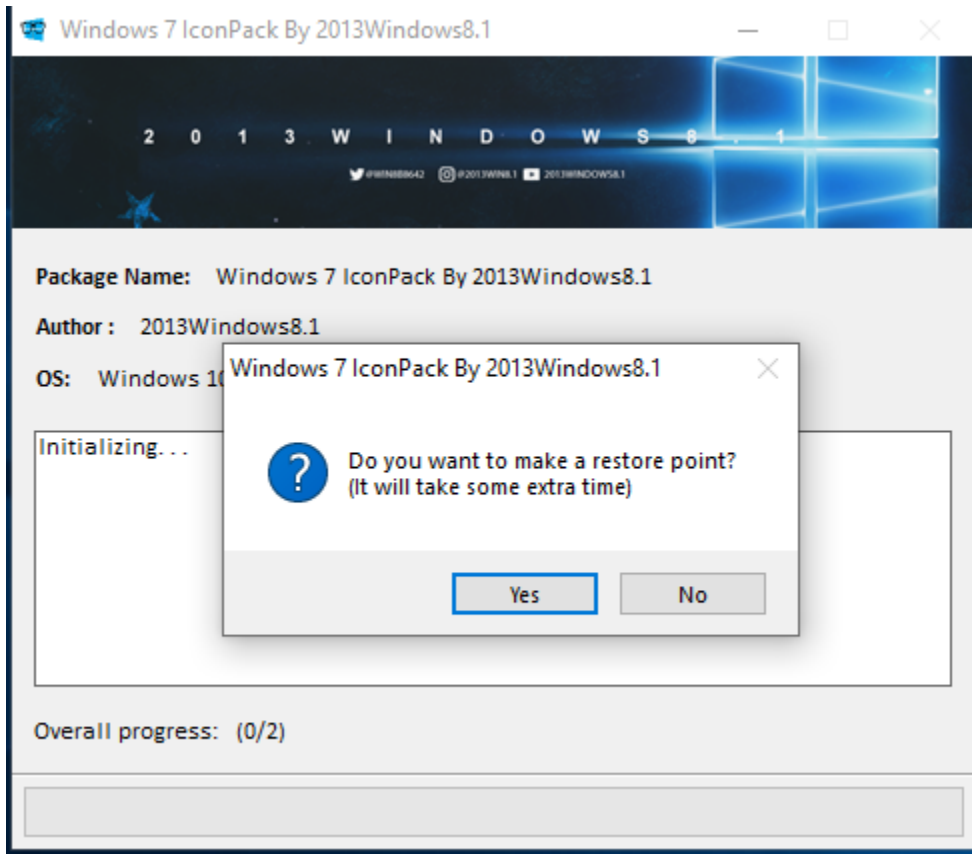


After:



Next we're gonna replace the Windows 10 icons with the Windows 7 icons, to do this go to the "Icons" folder in the pack and run the "Windows 7 IconPack By 2013Windows8.1" executable. Then go thru the setup, if you see this pop-up click yes if you want to keep a restore point to bring back the windows 10 icons if needed, click no if you don't care if you can't

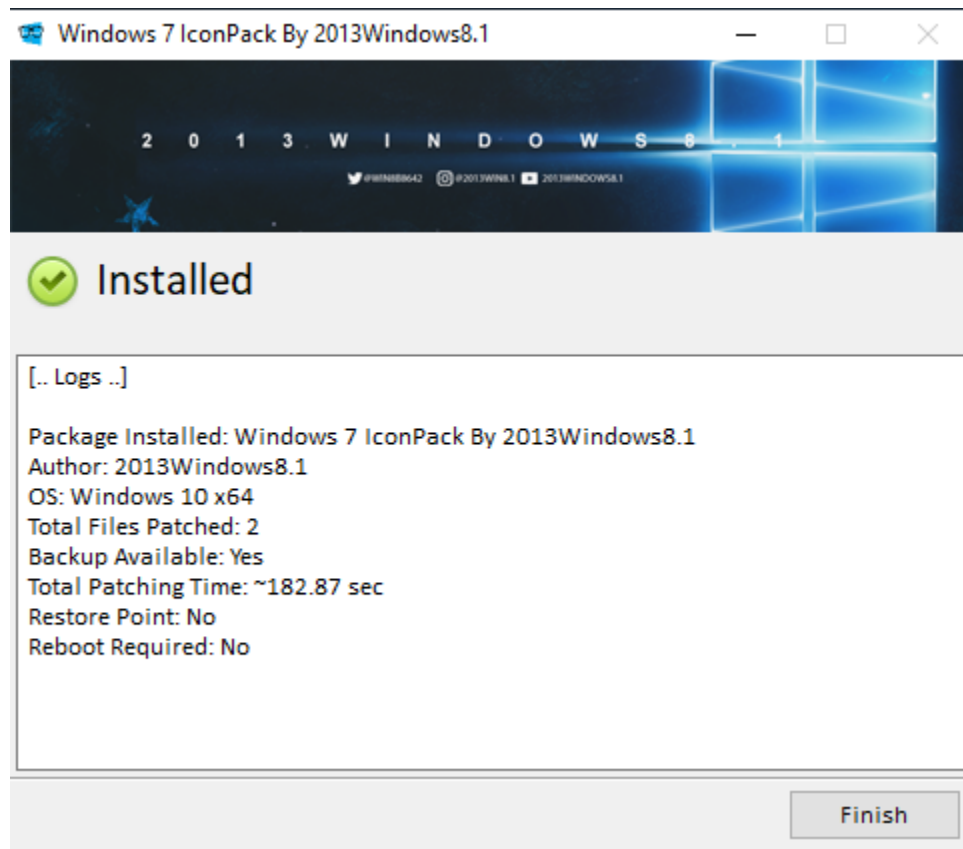
restore them.



For this tutorial I will be choosing no as I'm using a vm so I'm probably gonna delete it later anyway.

After this, the background of the screen will be a solid colour for a few minutes and it will install all of the Windows 7 icons.

Once you're done the window should look like this:



If you don't see the icons at first restart your pc or wait a little bit and you should see them.

Next we're gonna change the volume and wi-fi tray icons to the Windows 7 ones.

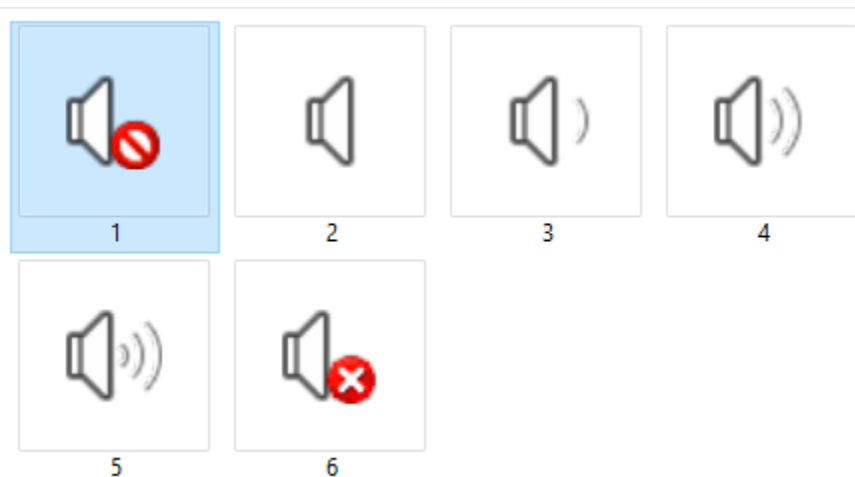
To do this go to the “CustomizerGod” folder in the pack and open the CustomizerGod program.

Next go to the volume icons section and click on this icon in the top right



Now select any icon and change it to the respective icon that matches the one you selected

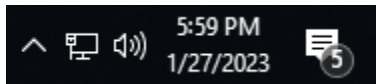
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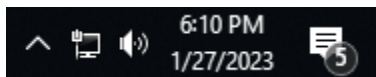
Now do this to each icon and it should work, I tried selecting all of them at once and it didn't work so ig it's like a little bit more time consuming now.

You have to do the same with the Network icons, after that it should look like this:

Before:



After:

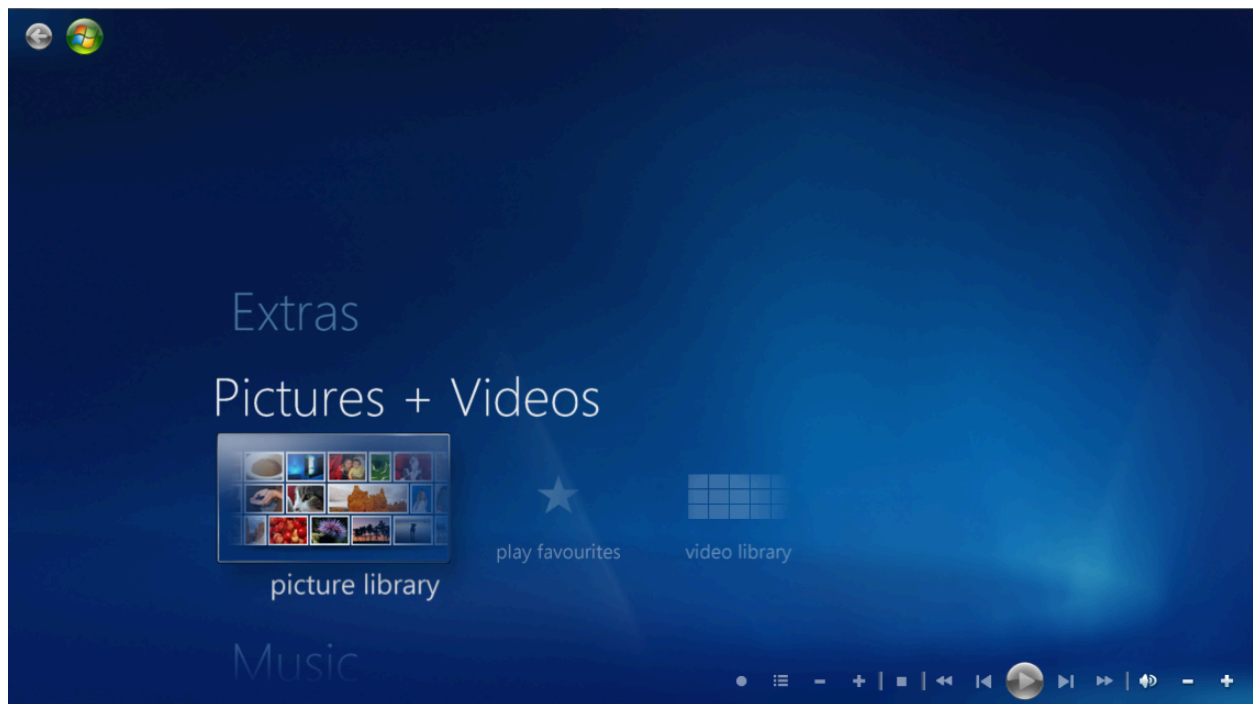


Next we're gonna install some old windows 7 programs, to do this go to the Games & Apps folder in the pack.

First we're gonna install Windows Media Center, before downloading it run the _TestRights.cmd file and close the CMD window if it opens one. Once you've done that run either the blue or

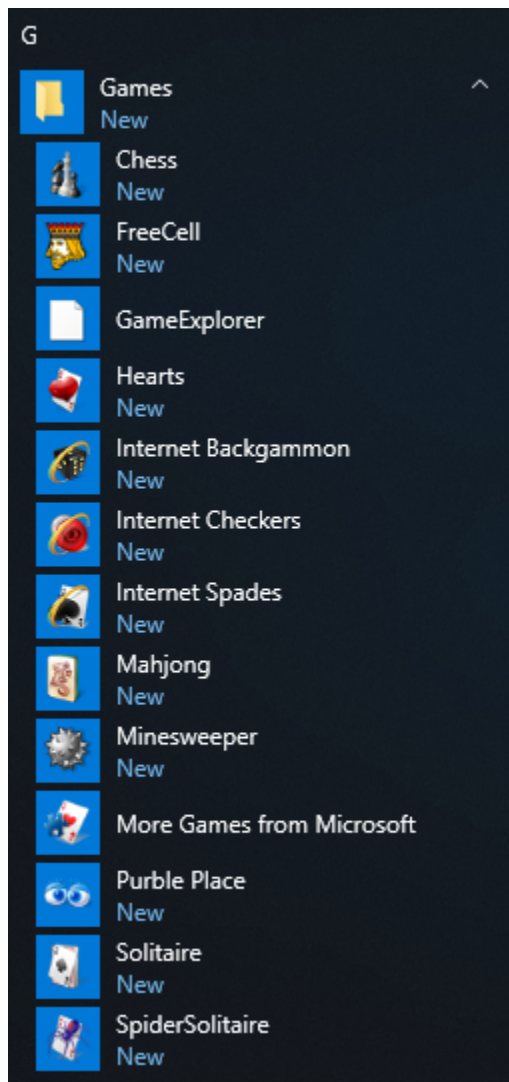
green versions aka InstallBLUE.cmd or InstallGREEN.cmd. (If you're looking for accuracy run the Blue version, the Green version was exclusive to Windows 8/8.1)

It should install just fine after that, unfortunately it didn't work on the vm idk why but here's a screenshot from my main pc



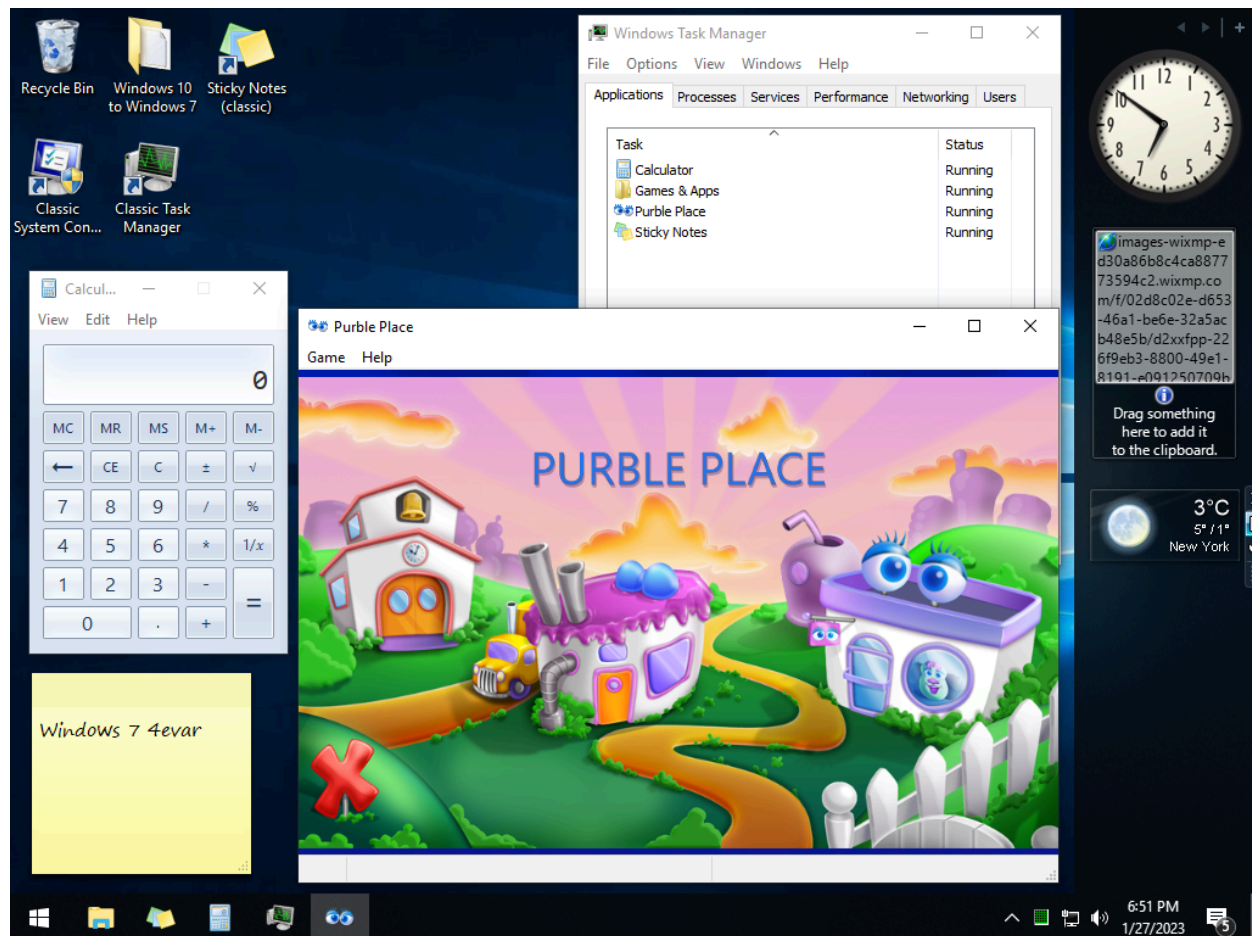
Next let's install the Games from Windows 7, run the Windows 7 Games for Windows 10 and 8 exe and wait a bit for the installation wizard to pop-up. Then just go thru the installer and wait for it to finish.

You should now see the games installed in the start menu

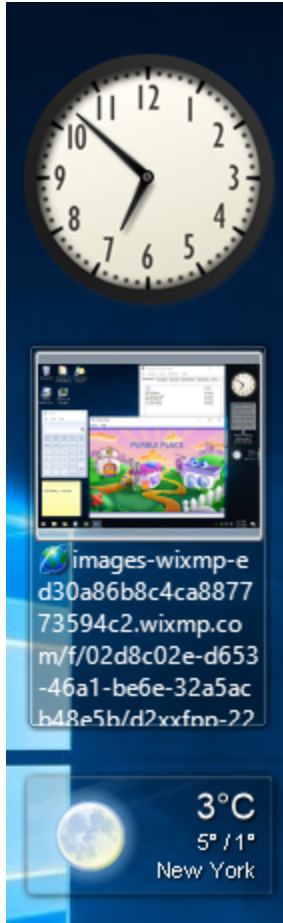


Do the same thing with the Old Task Manager, Sticky Notes, Gadgets and Calculator installers

and you should be good.

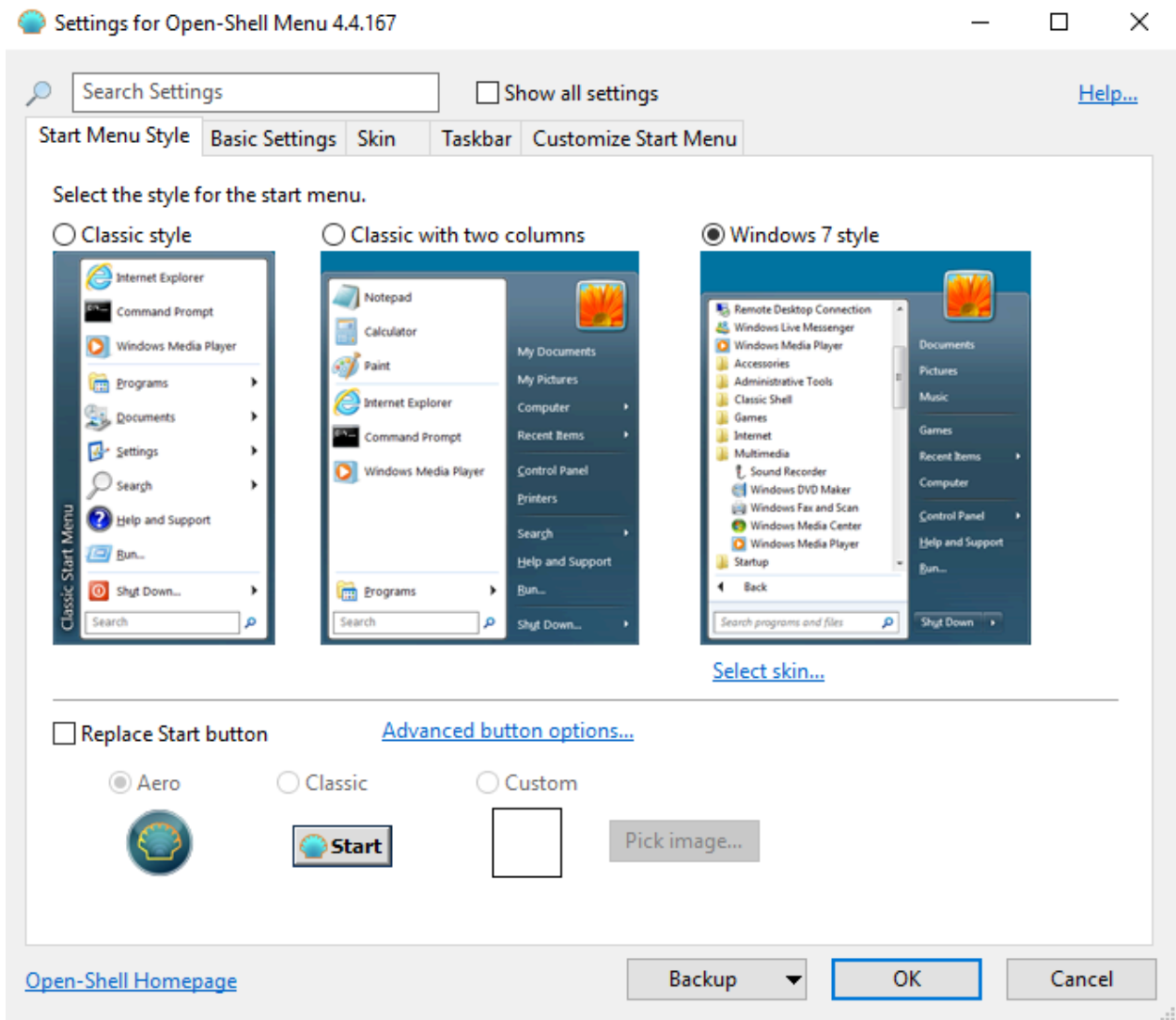


(For the gadgets close the sidebar if you want accuracy, since it wasn't in Windows 7 by default)

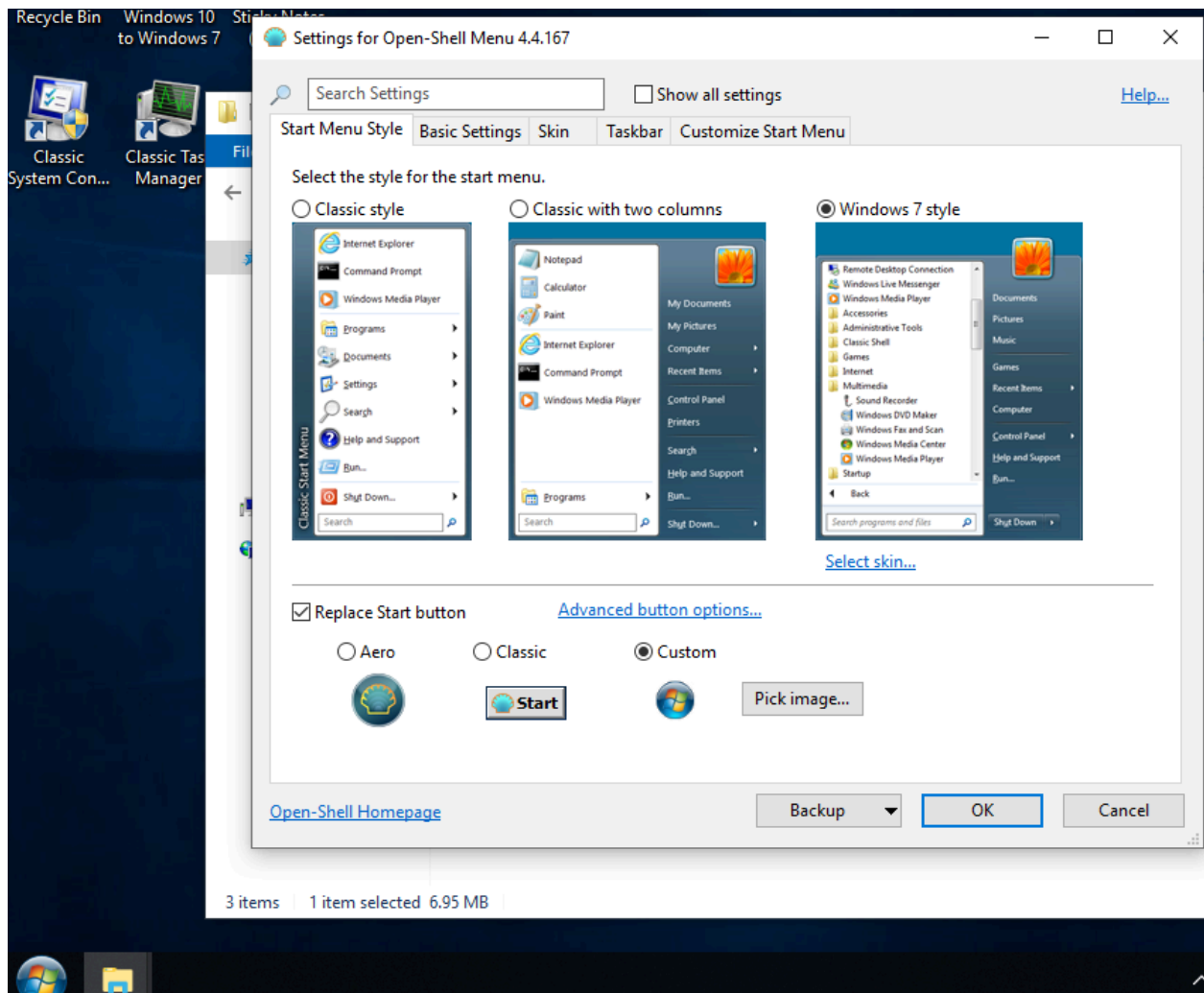


Next we're gonna bring back the Windows 7 start menu, to do this go to the Start Menu folder in the pack and run the Open-Shell installer.

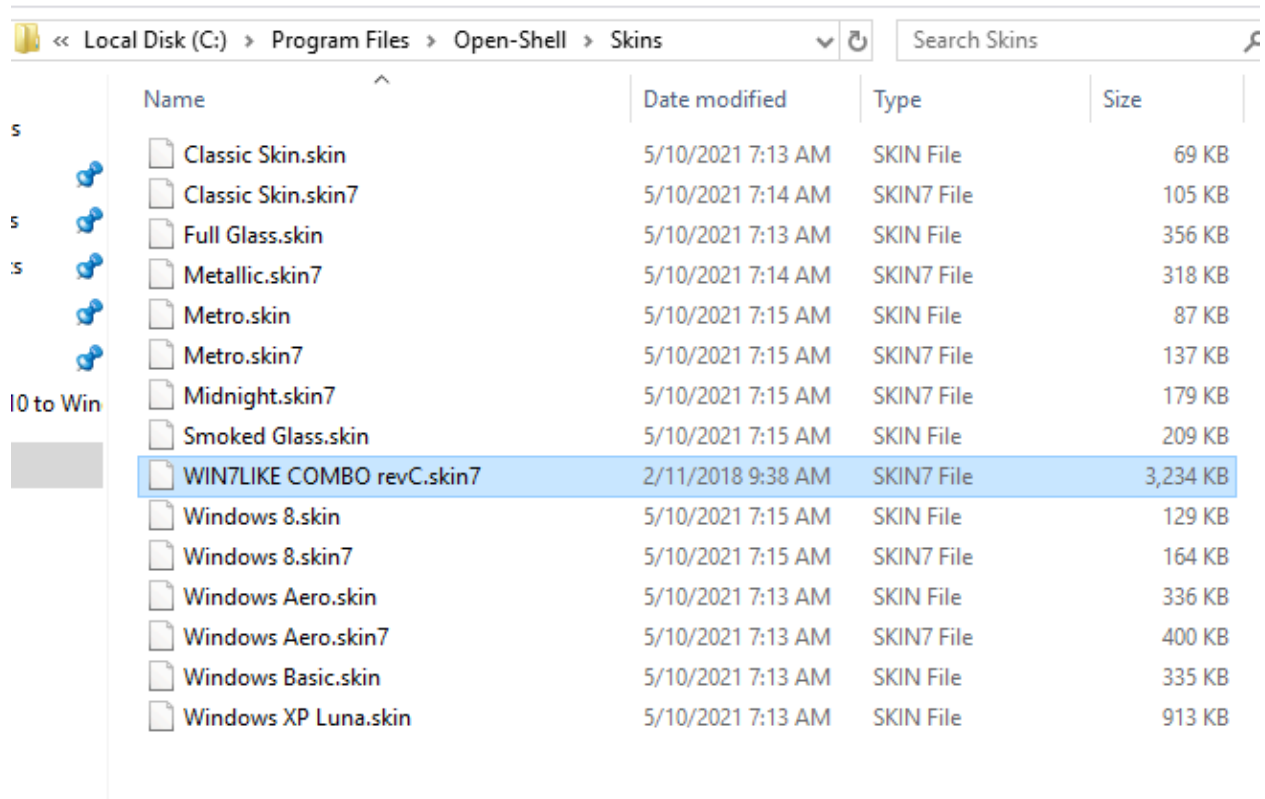
After you install it click the start button and a menu should pop-up



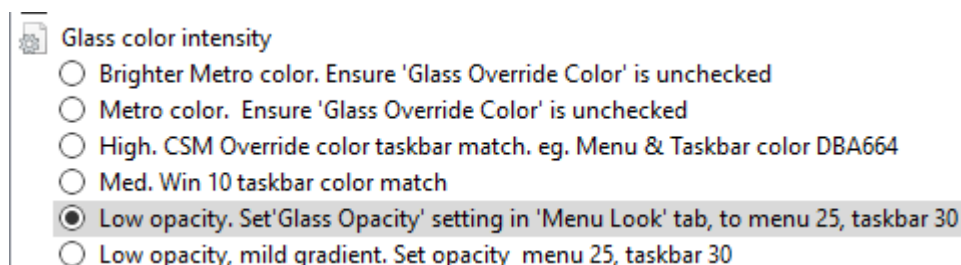
Click the replace start button option in the button left and then choose custom and then click pick image and choose Start orb in the Start menu folder.



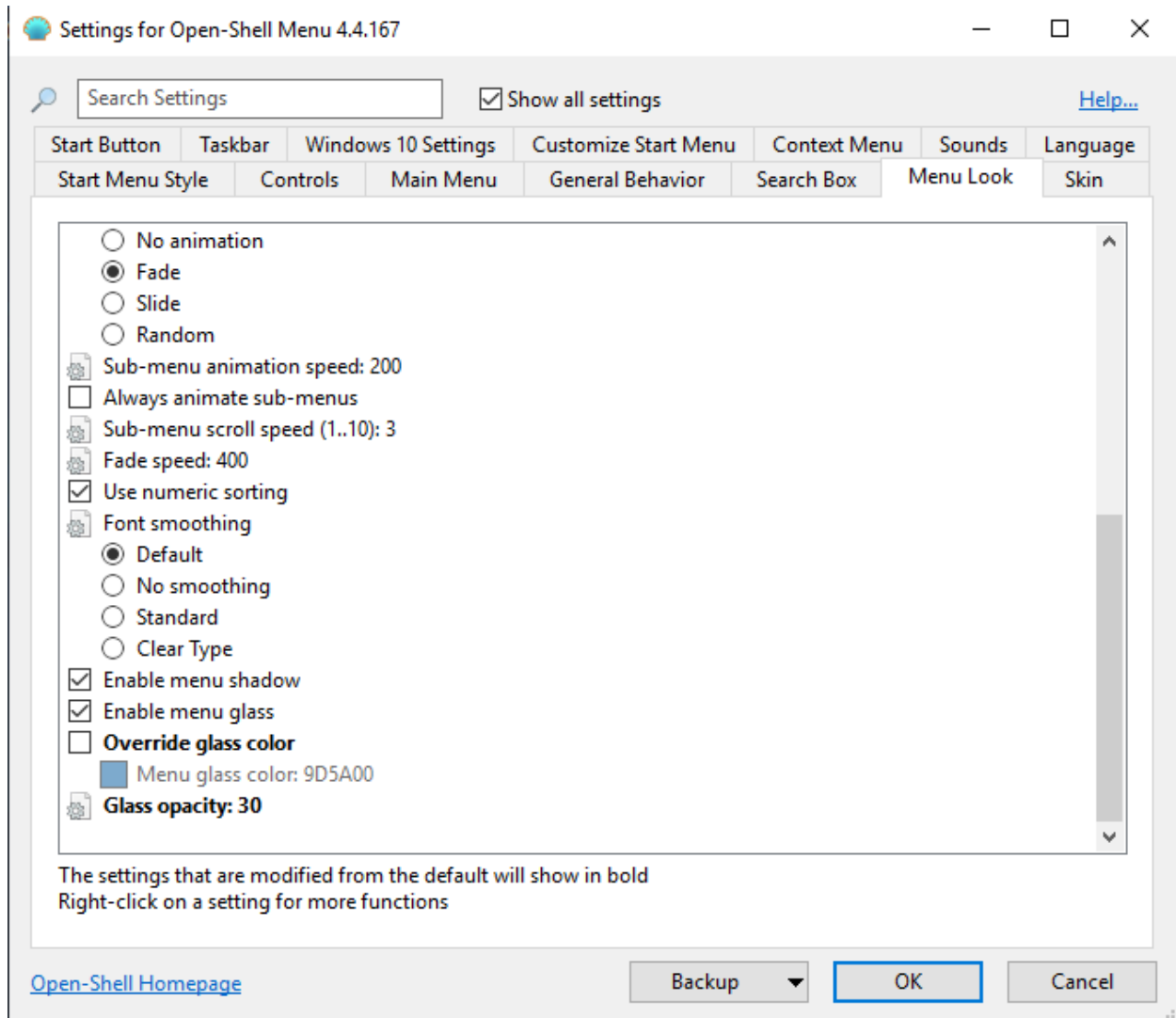
Now you should have the Windows 7 start button, but we're not done yet. Got to File Explorer and then go to C:\Program Files\Open-Shell\Skins and drag the WIN7LIKE COMBO revC.skin7 from the Start menu folder into that folder. It should look like this:



Then re-open the open shell menu (close the window and right click the start button and click settings) and go to the Skin tab and change it to WIN7LIKE COMBO revC, after that change the option under Glass color intensity to this:

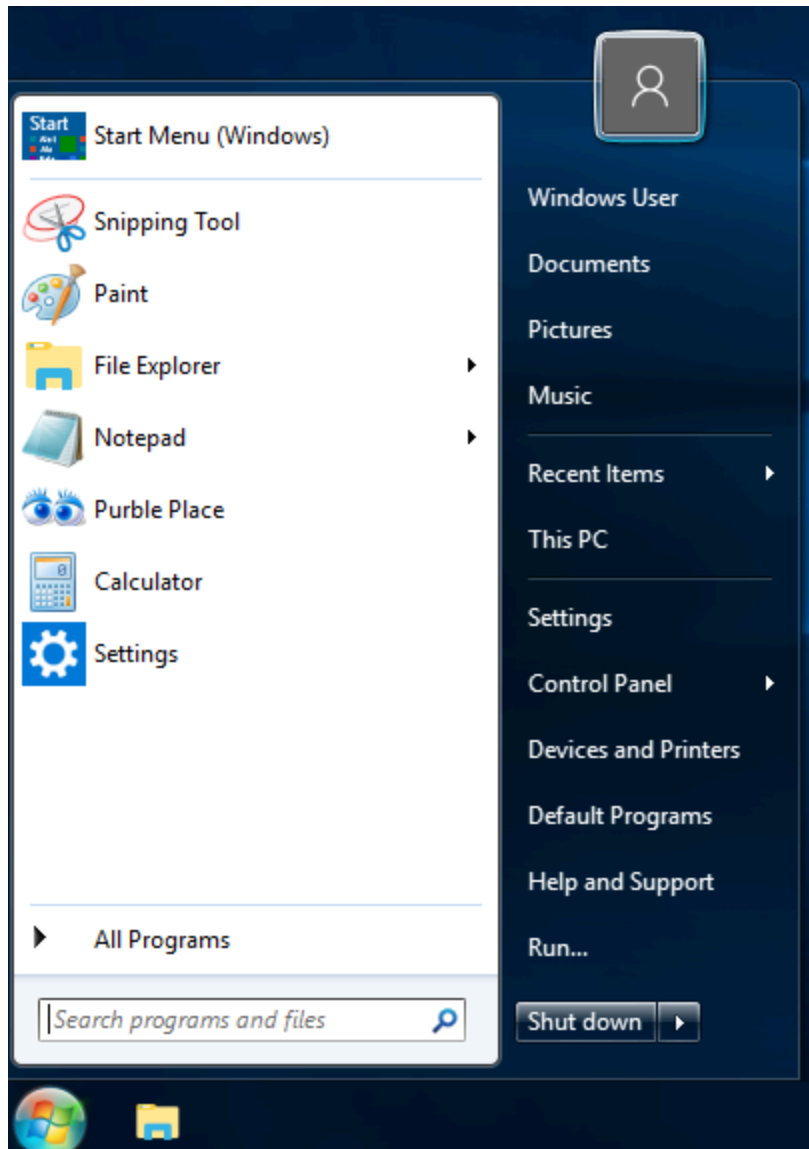


Then go to the Menu Look tab and change the Glass opacity to 25



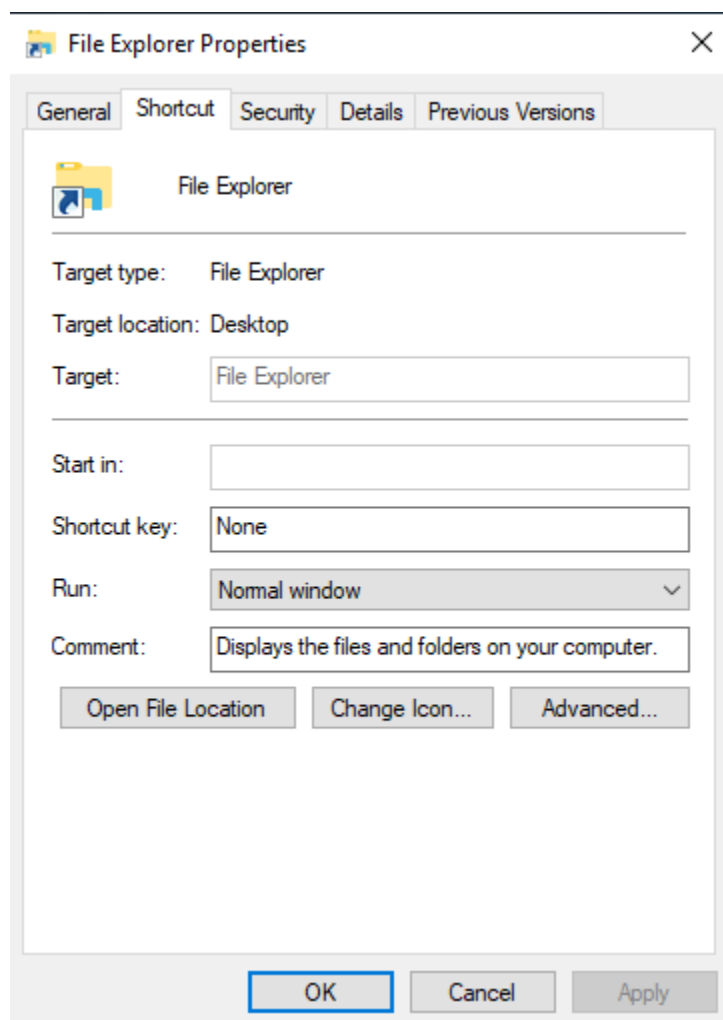
Then go to the Taskbar tab, enable Customize Taskbar and click the Glass option and change the opacity to 30

The end result should be this:



You can remove the “Start Menu (Windows)” shortcut by right clicking it and clicking the Unpin from Start Menu option at the top of the context menu.

From here we can change the file explorer icon to the old one, in the start menu right click the file explorer icon and click Properties.



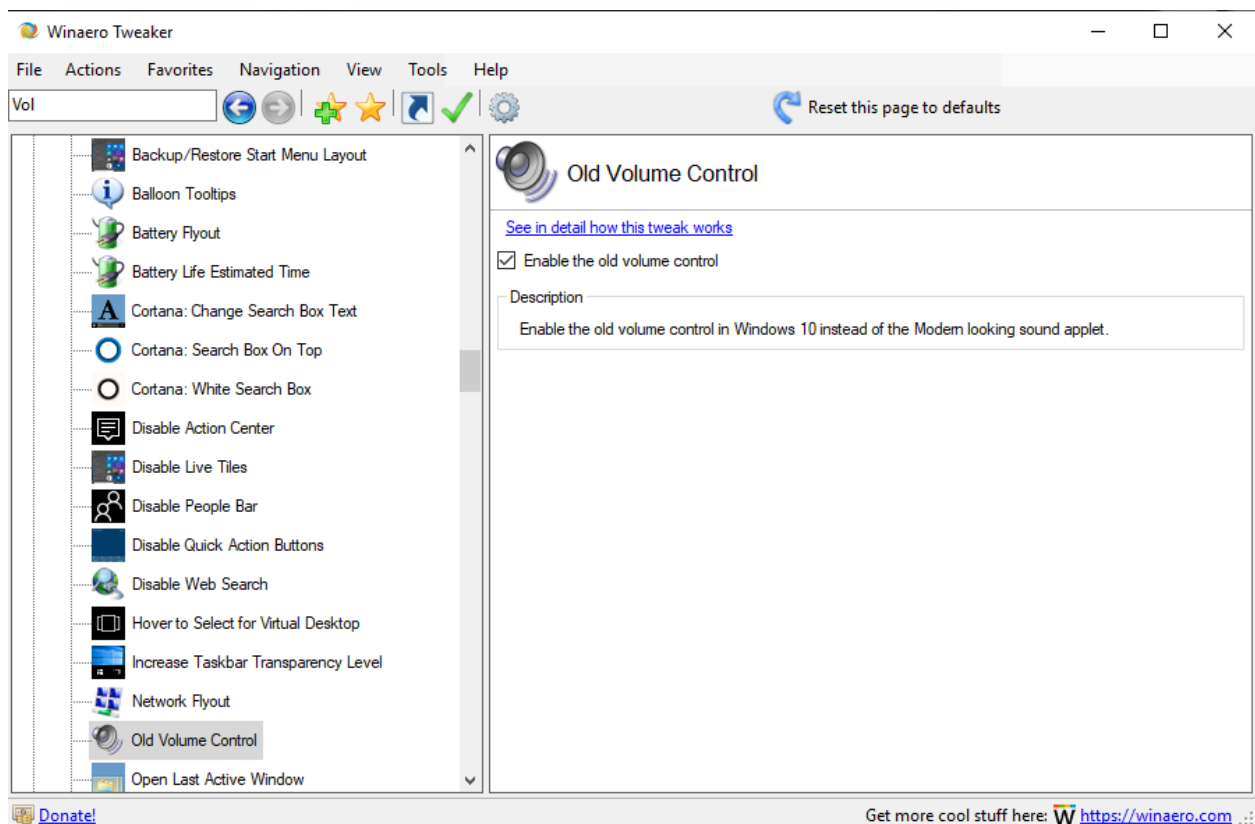
After that click the Change Icon option in the window and then locate the File Explorer 2009-2013.ico file in the Icons folder. Then click OK and then Apply and

then go back to the start menu and drag the file explorer icon to the taskbar.

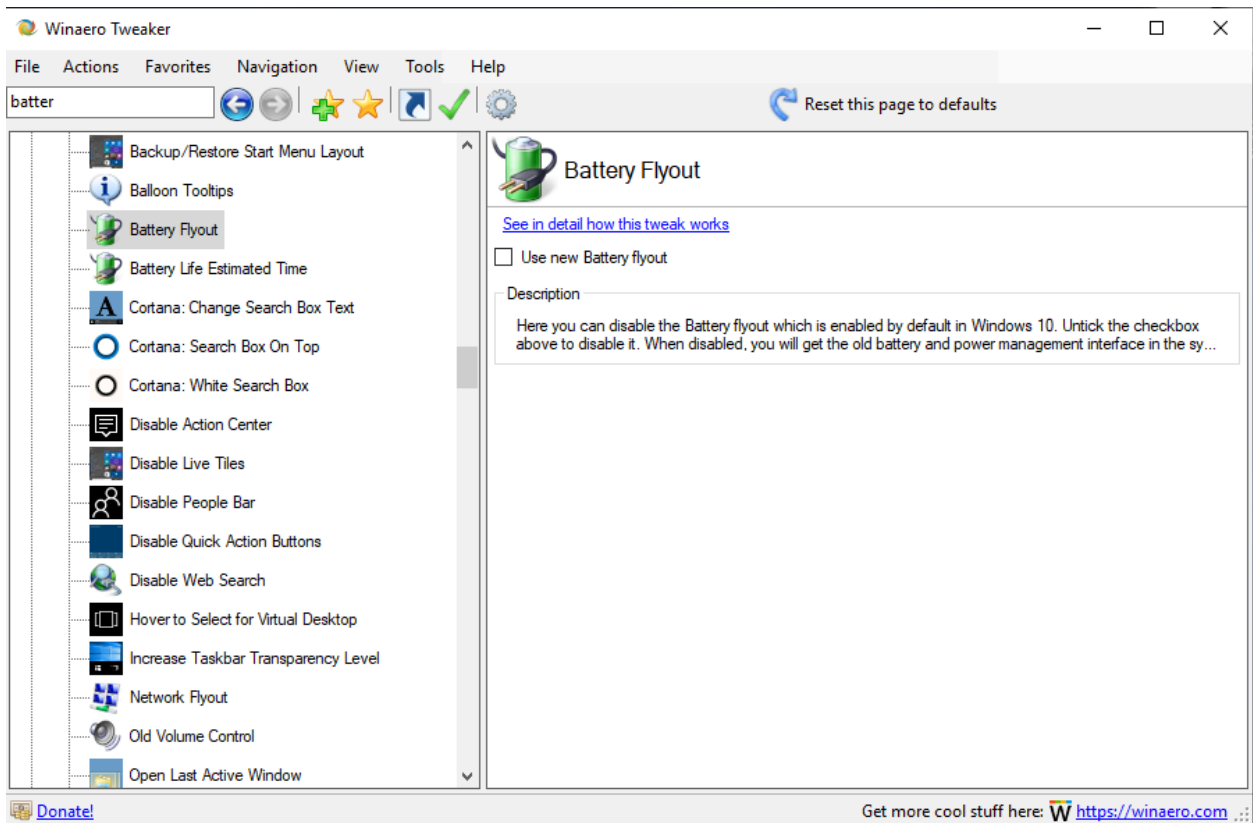


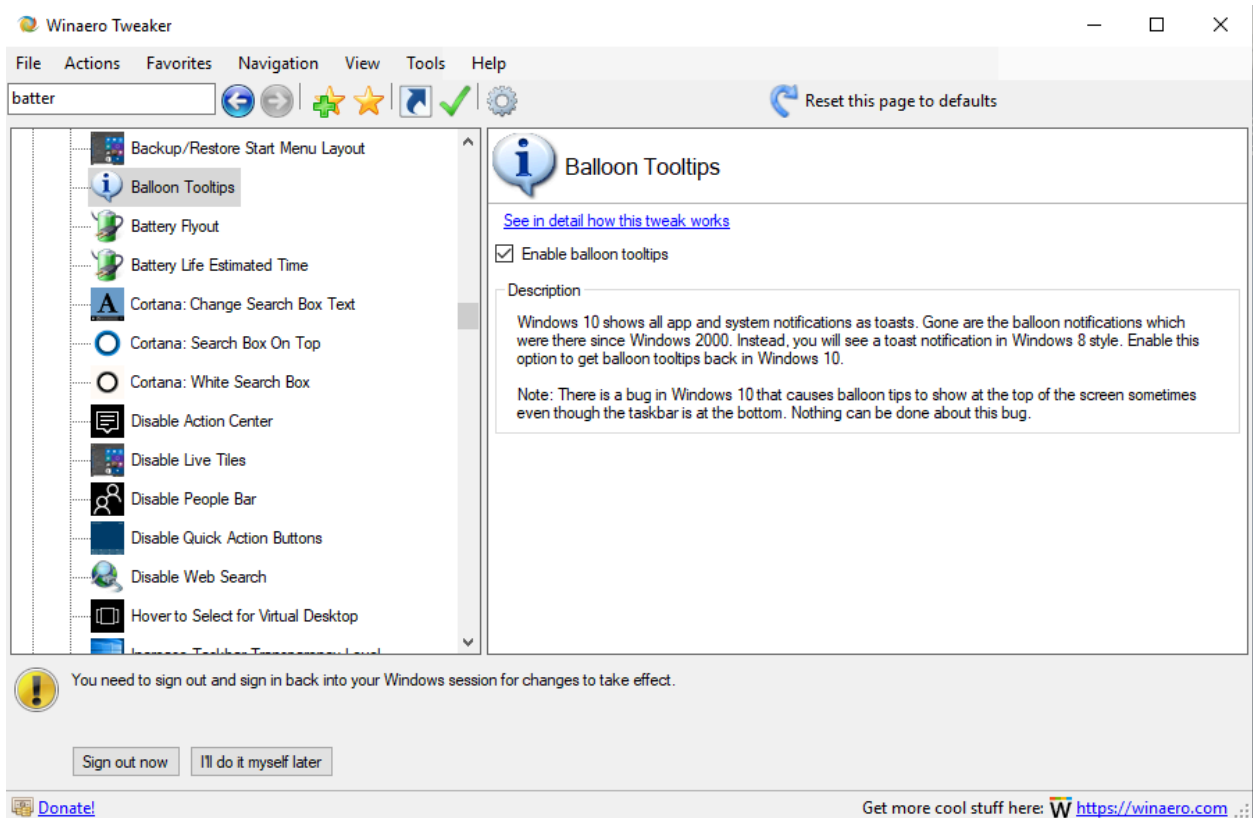
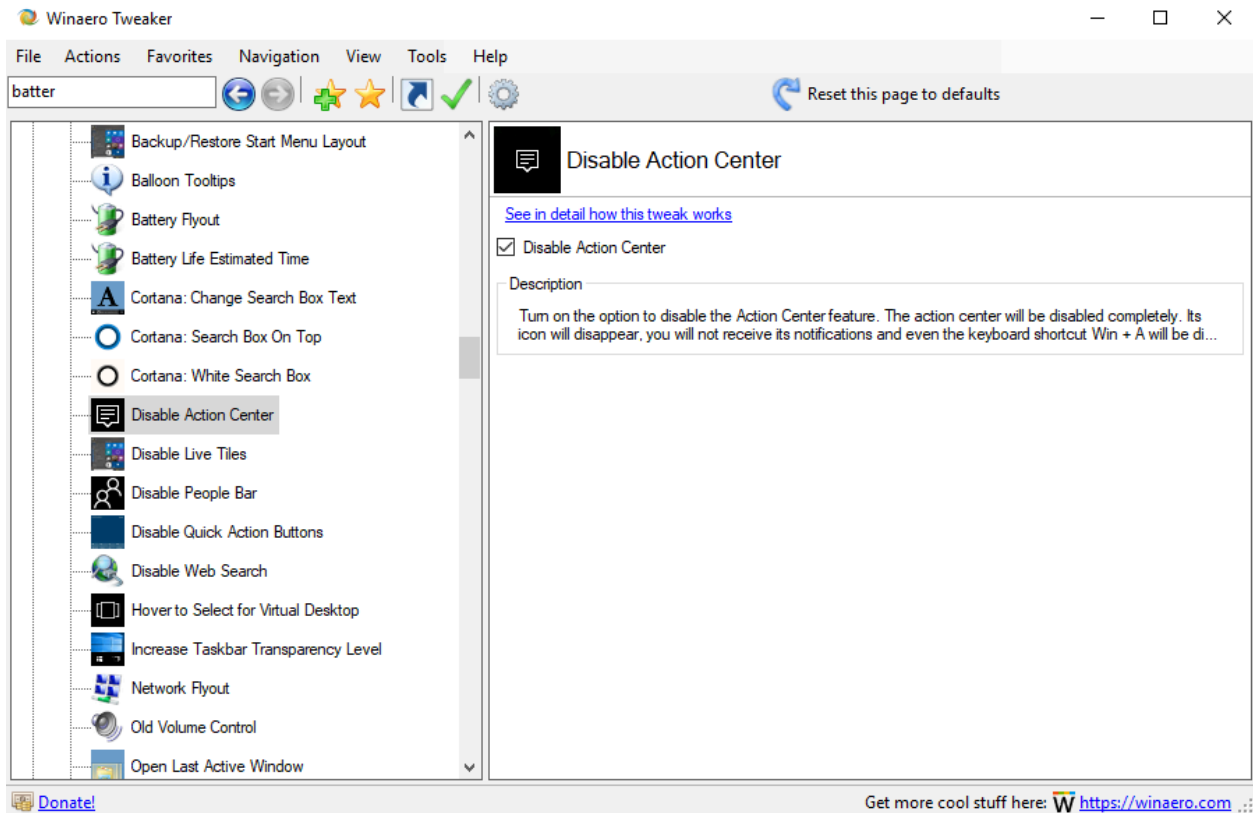
Next we're gonna install Winaero tweaker to make some modifications to Windows 10 to make it work more like Windows 7

To do this, go to the "Winaero Tweaker" folder in the Pack and run the installer. Then open the program and change these specific settings:



(Laptop only)

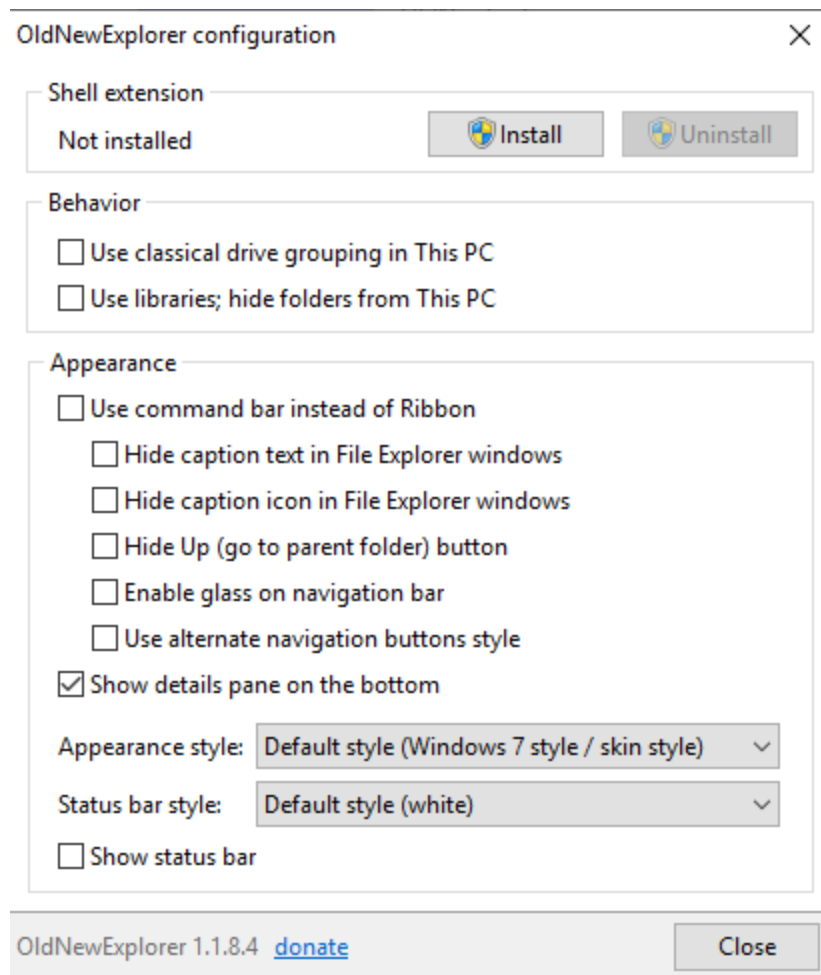




(Sign out and sign back in after enabling this one and it should work)

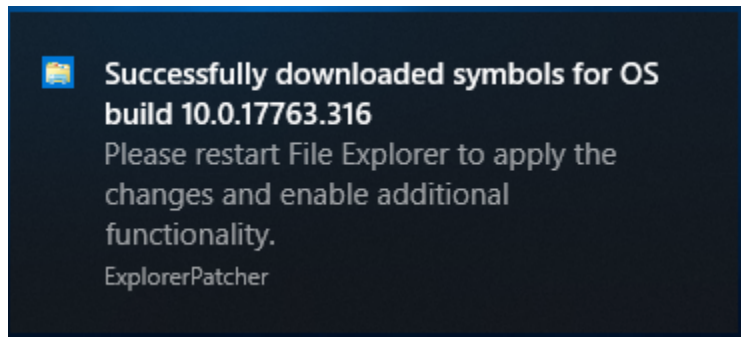


Next we're gonna make file explorer look more like windows 7 file explorer, first run the OldNewExplorerCfg exe in the OldNewExplorer folder and disable everything except Show detail pane on the bottom.

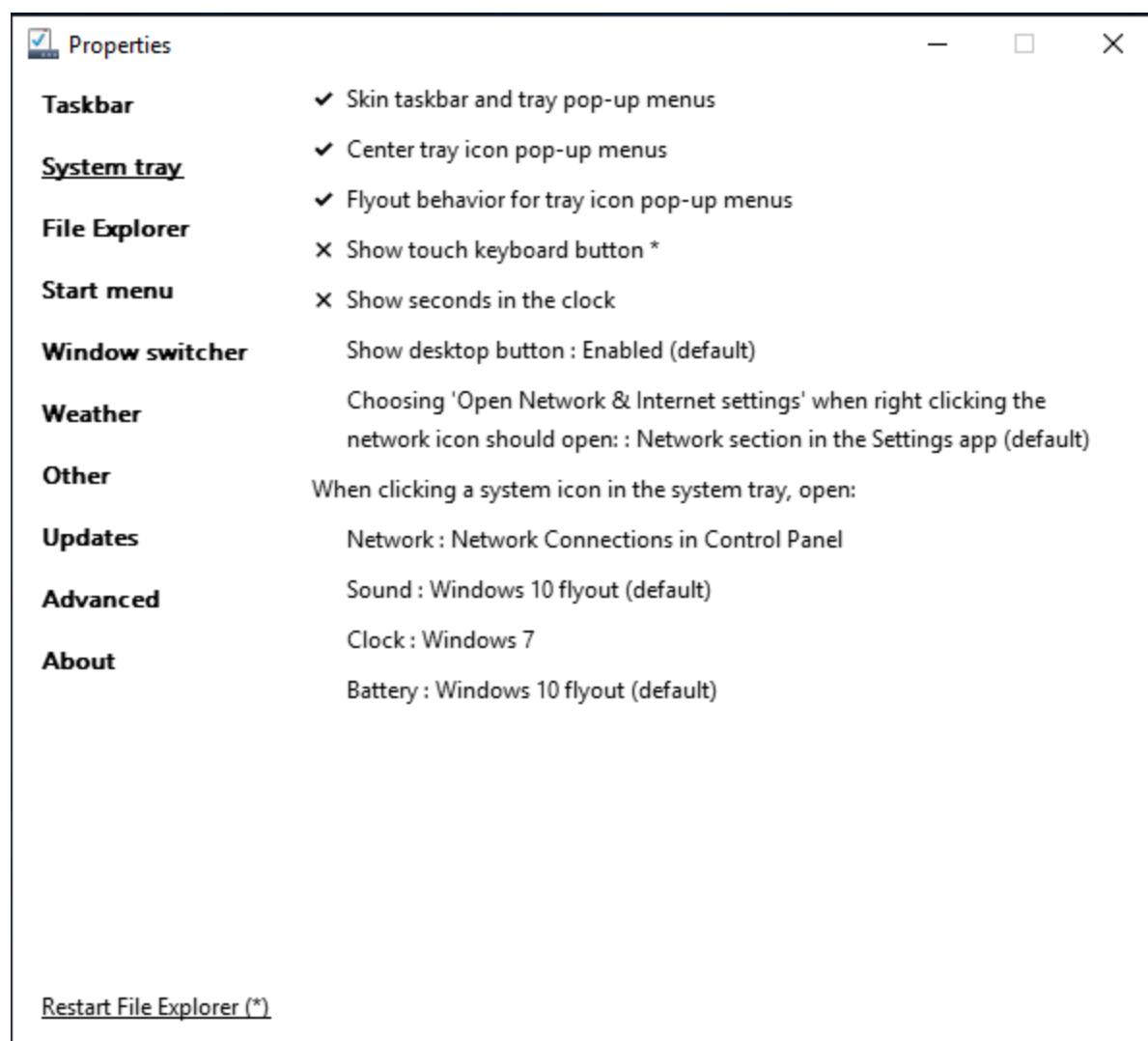


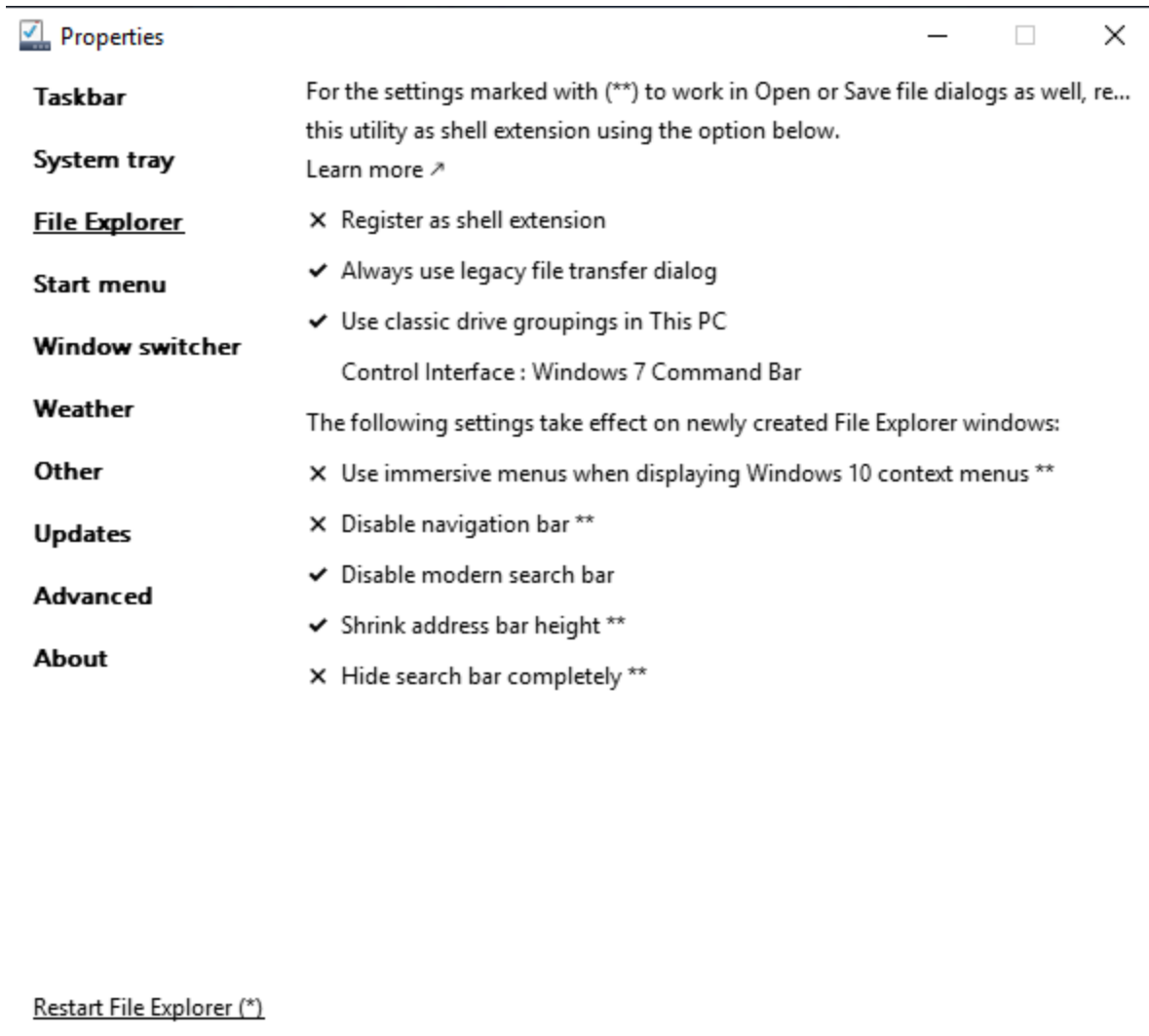
After this, click the install button in the top right and re-open file explorer after that go to the OldNewExplorer folder again and run the ExplorerPatcher exe and wait for your pc to refresh. Then you will see

this, that means it's installed.



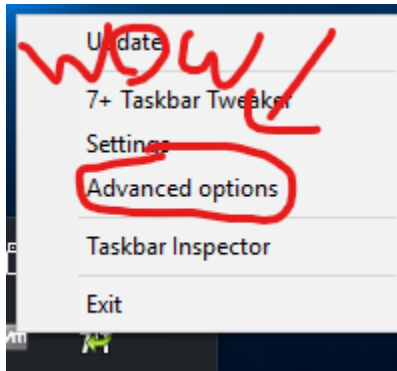
After installing it right click the taskbar and select Properties and copy these settings:





After that you can close the app and move on to the next thing, we're gonna install +7 Taskbar Tweaker to make the taskbar Icons bigger like they are in Windows 7, to do this go to the taskbar section in the Pack and run the setup.

After installing +7 taskbar tweaker go to the tray icon, right click it and then click advanced options



Then scroll down until you see "w10_large_icons" and change the Data to "1"

virtual_desktop_order_fix	0
w10_large_icons	1
w7_show_desktop_classic_corner	0

End result should look like this:

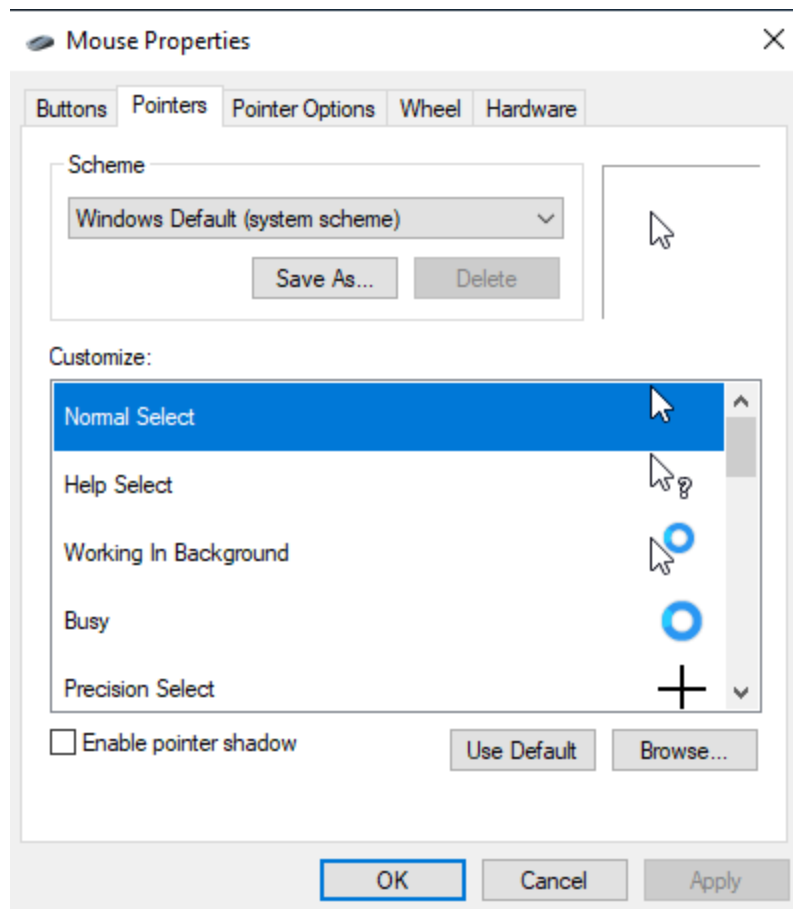


And finally the last steps before installing the theme itself, changing the sounds and cursor.

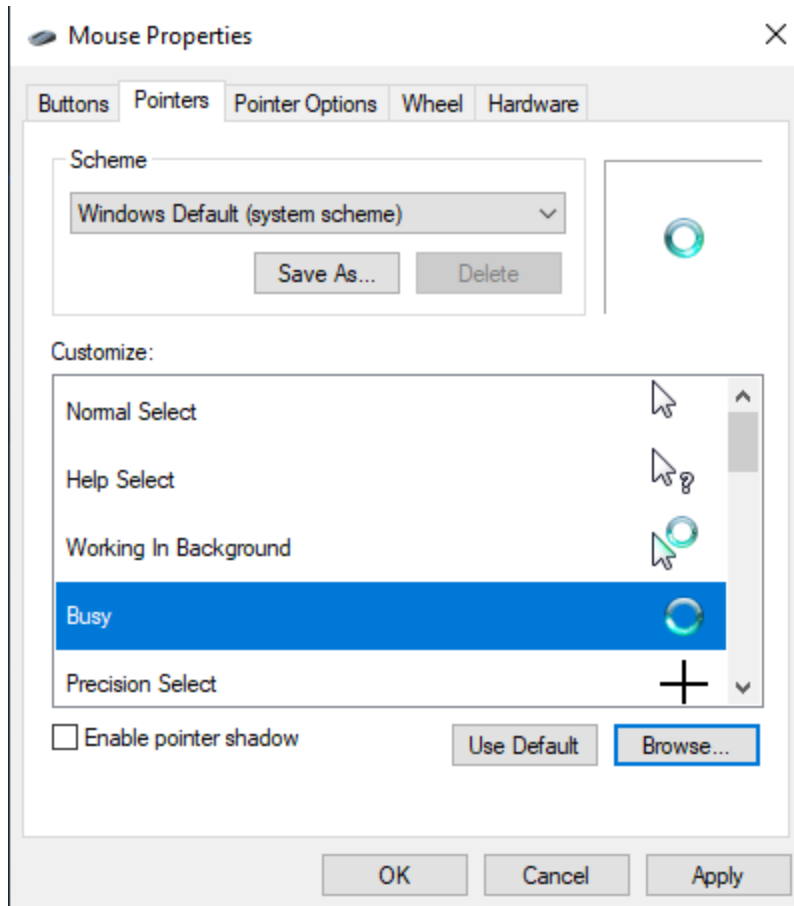
Let's start with the sounds since it takes less time, Go to the Sounds folder and run the Windows 7 Sounds Registry Editor file and accept it on your pc and the sounds should change to the Windows 7 ones.

And now let's get the cursor, to install them go to the C:\Windows\Cursors folder and drag in the "Windows Aero" folder from the Cursors folder in the pack. After that search for "mouse" in the start menu and click this option

- ▶ [Control Panel \(17\)](#)
 -  [Change how the mouse pointer looks](#)



Once you open the windows change each individual cursor to the corresponding one in the Windows Aero folder and it should look like this after doing so:

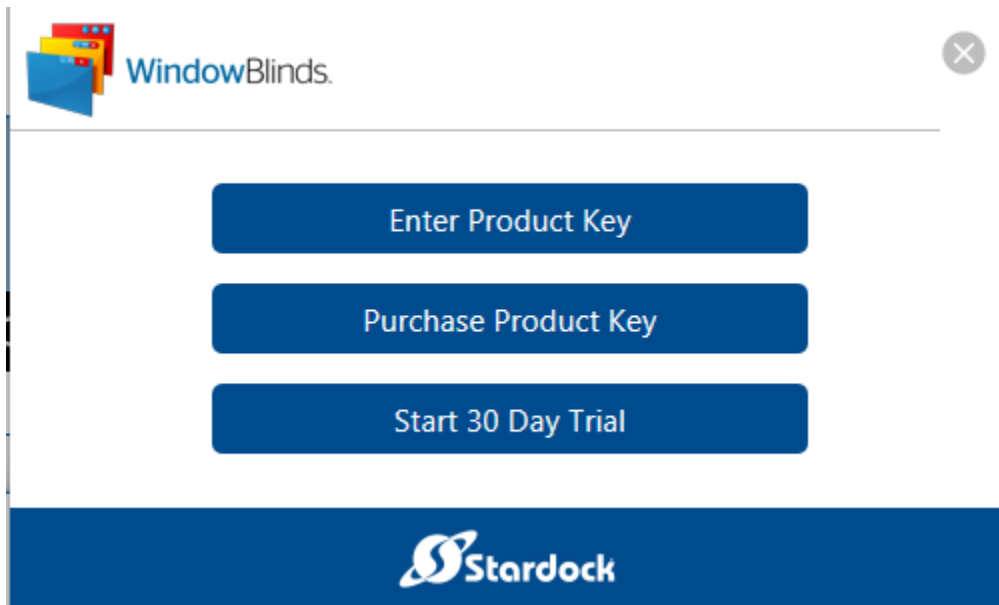


Also enable the “Enable pointer shadow” option in the bottom left corner.

Now we can move on to step 2.

Step 2 – Installing the theme

Go to the "Theme" folder and run the WindowBlinds 10 setup, wait for the installation to finish and you should see this at launch:

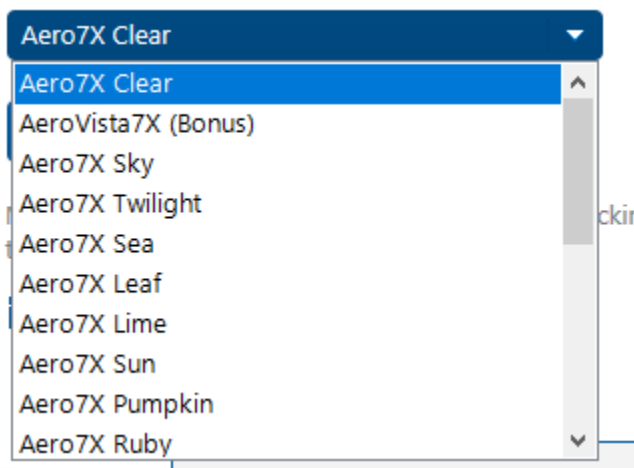


My way of bypassing this is simple:

1. Go to <https://temp-mail.org/>
2. Copy and Paste the email into the prompt
3. Wait for the verification email on the temp mail
4. Every time the trial expires, I reinstall the program and use a new temp email, it's a bit inconvenient but it works for me ig.

Once you get pass that email pop-up go back to the Theme folder and double click the BetterAero7X.wba file

You can choose stuff like the color of the theme and all that so just choose the one you want

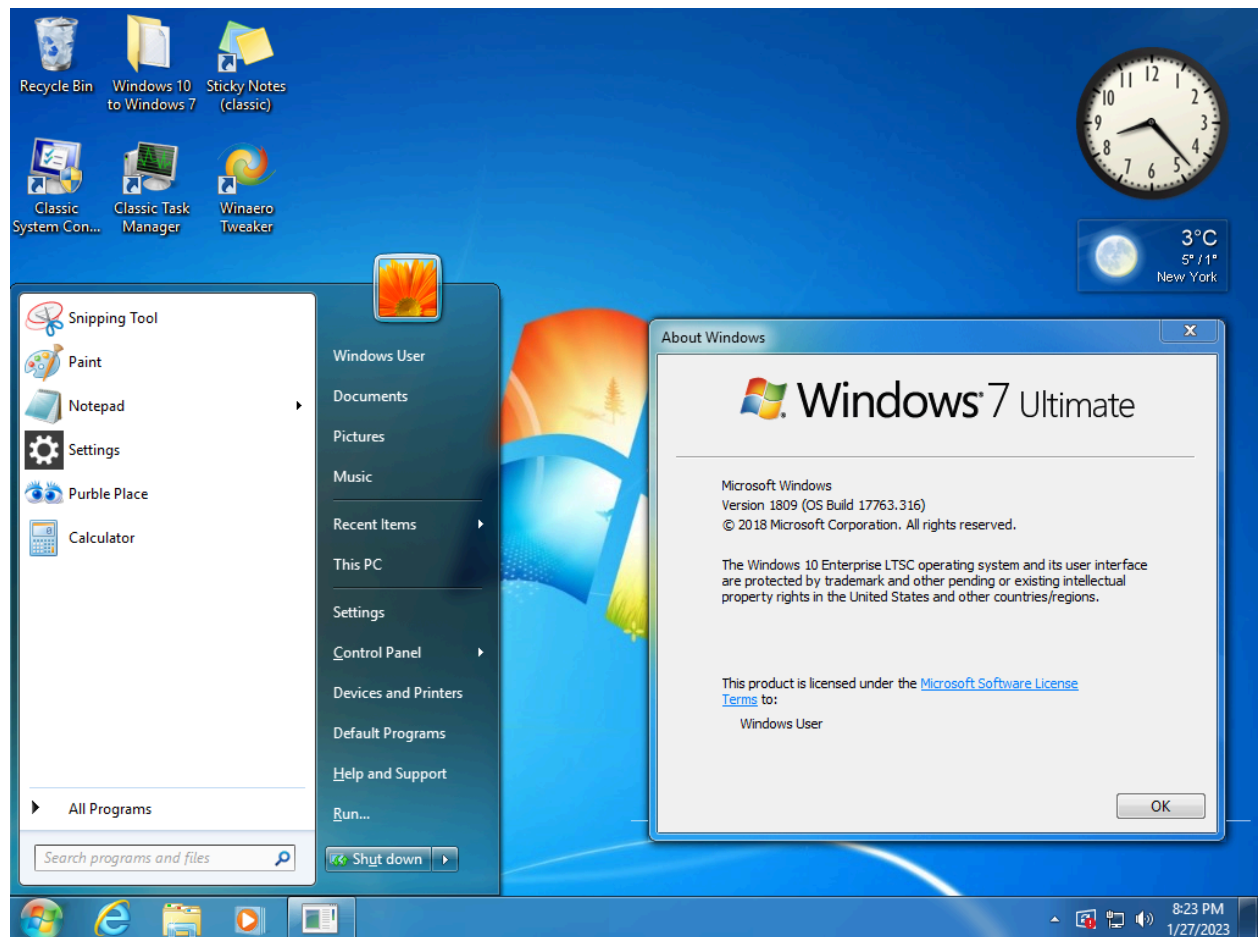


The one enabled on a clean windows 7 install is Sky so I will use that one.

Your pc should look like this after the theme is enabled:



For the finishing touch, you could set one of the wallpapers in the Wallpapers folder to make it look a bit more accurate to stock windows 7 and the User Account Picture to one of the User Tiles. Here's the final result:



Thank you for reading this shit it took me like 3 hours to make on a Friday afternoon, I might make a vista or xp one if anyone wants it.

Part 3 - Extras

Skeuomorphic Icon Pack:

If the OS theme isn't enough for you I have put together and pack of older icons for several programs, the link is [here](#).





Opera 2009-2013



qBittorrent
2010-2017



Skype 2003-2004



Skype 2004-2006



Skype 2006-2009



Skype 2009-2012



Spotify
2008-2013



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2013-2015



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2010-2013 (not



VirtualBox
2008-2009



VMware
Workstation



WinRAR
1992-2018

It's still a W.I.P so there will be more icons soon.