

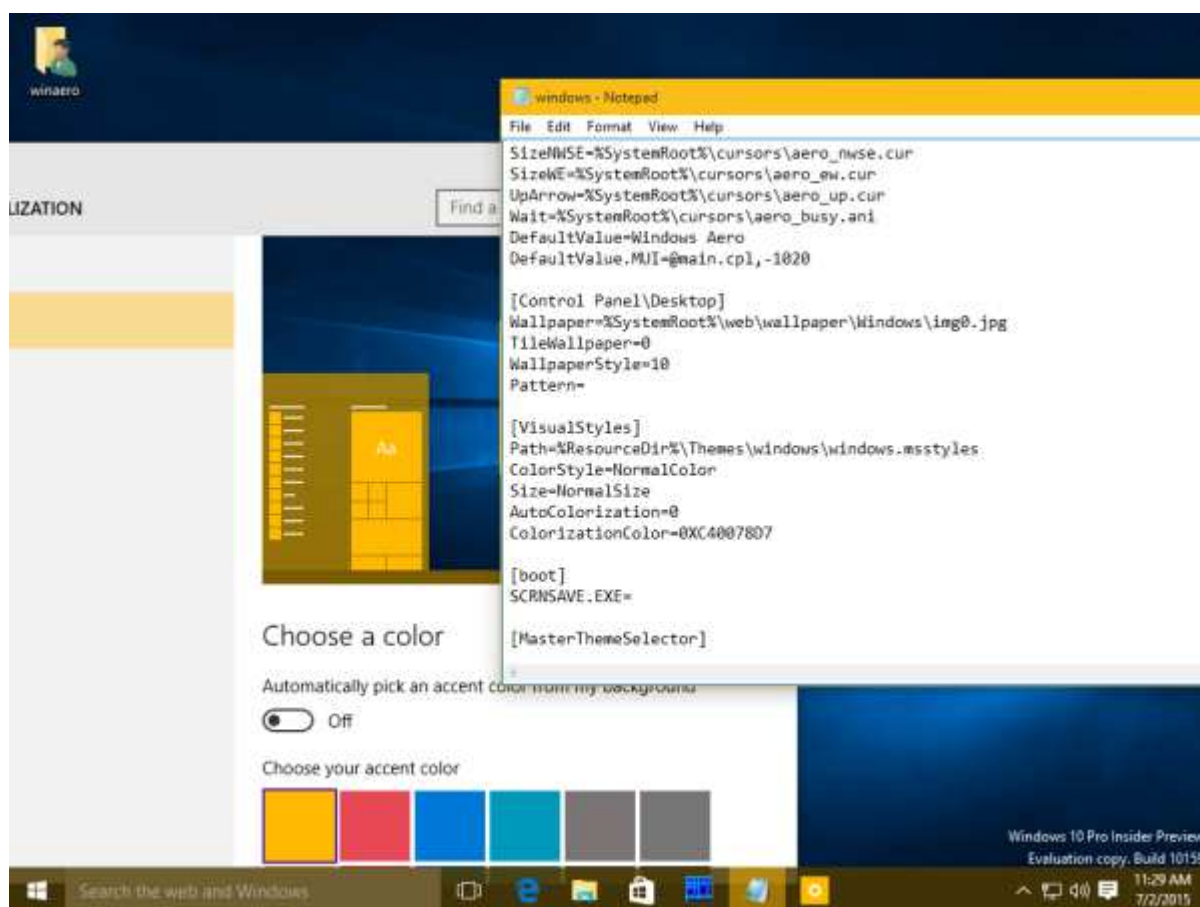
How to change Windows 10 window colors and appearance

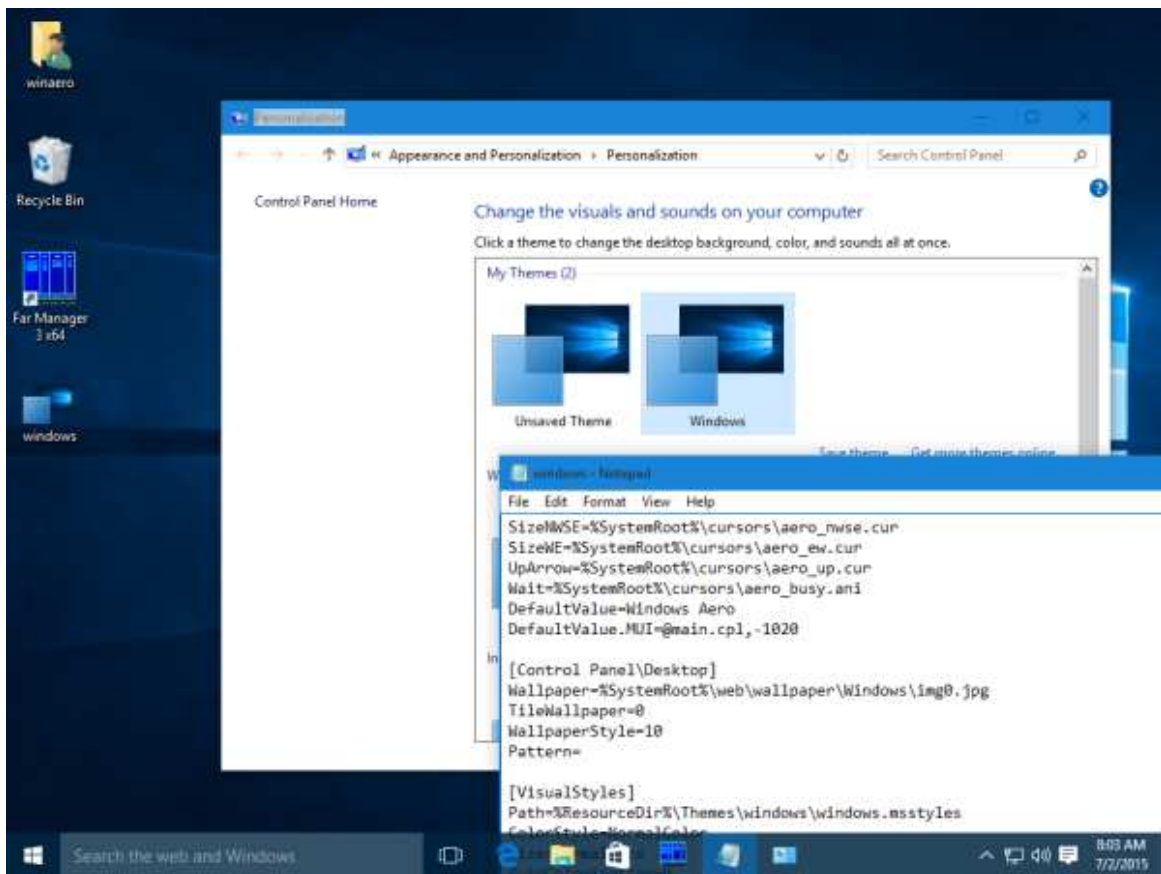
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With Windows 10, Microsoft made huge additions to the new Settings app. Unlike Windows 8, the Settings app in Windows 10 includes a bunch of settings which were exclusively available in the classic Control Panel. With Windows 10, it is possible to customize the window color and appearance using the Settings app only.

Get colored title bars in Windows 10

Since Windows 10 build 10056, Microsoft has blocked colored titlebars for all opened windows. Many users find this change extremely frustrating because it doesn't make it clear whether the window is active or inactive. It is a major usability violation. Here is how to fix it and **restore colored titlebars in Windows 10** easily.



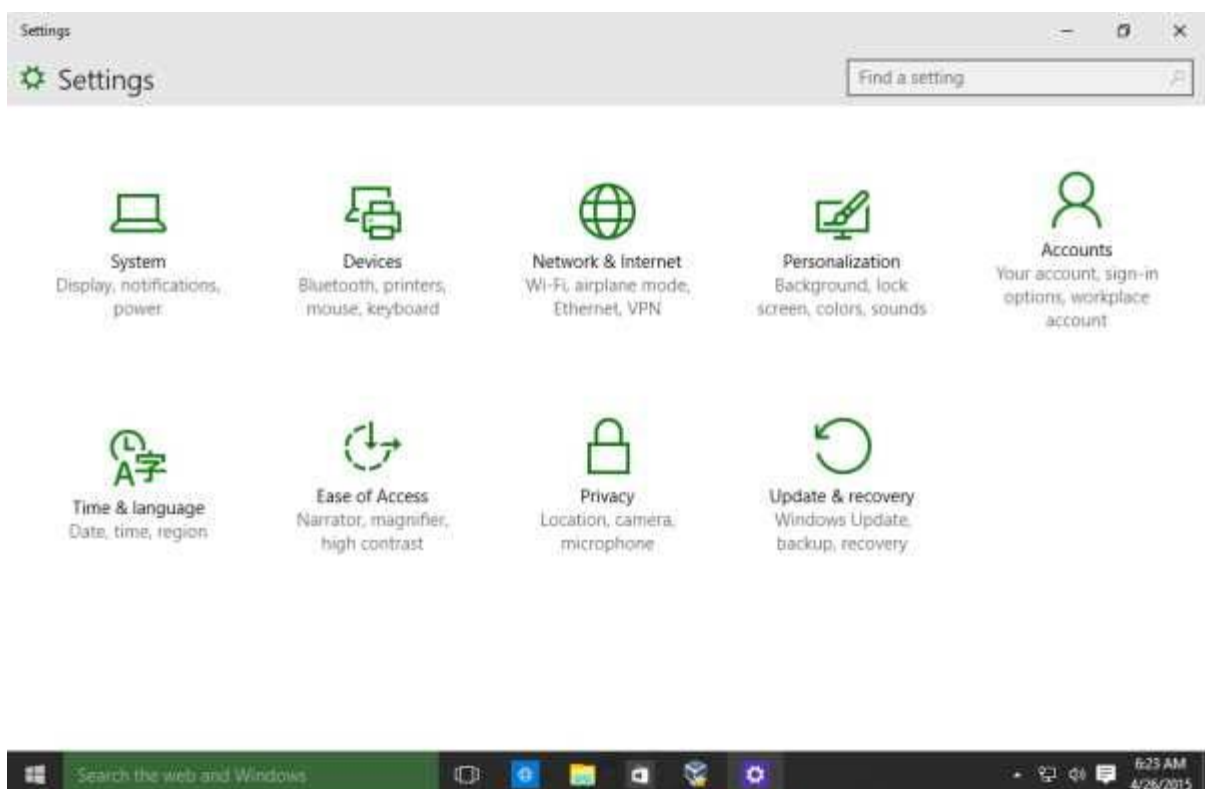


Follow the step-by-step instruction in the following article: [Get colored title bars in Windows 10.](#)

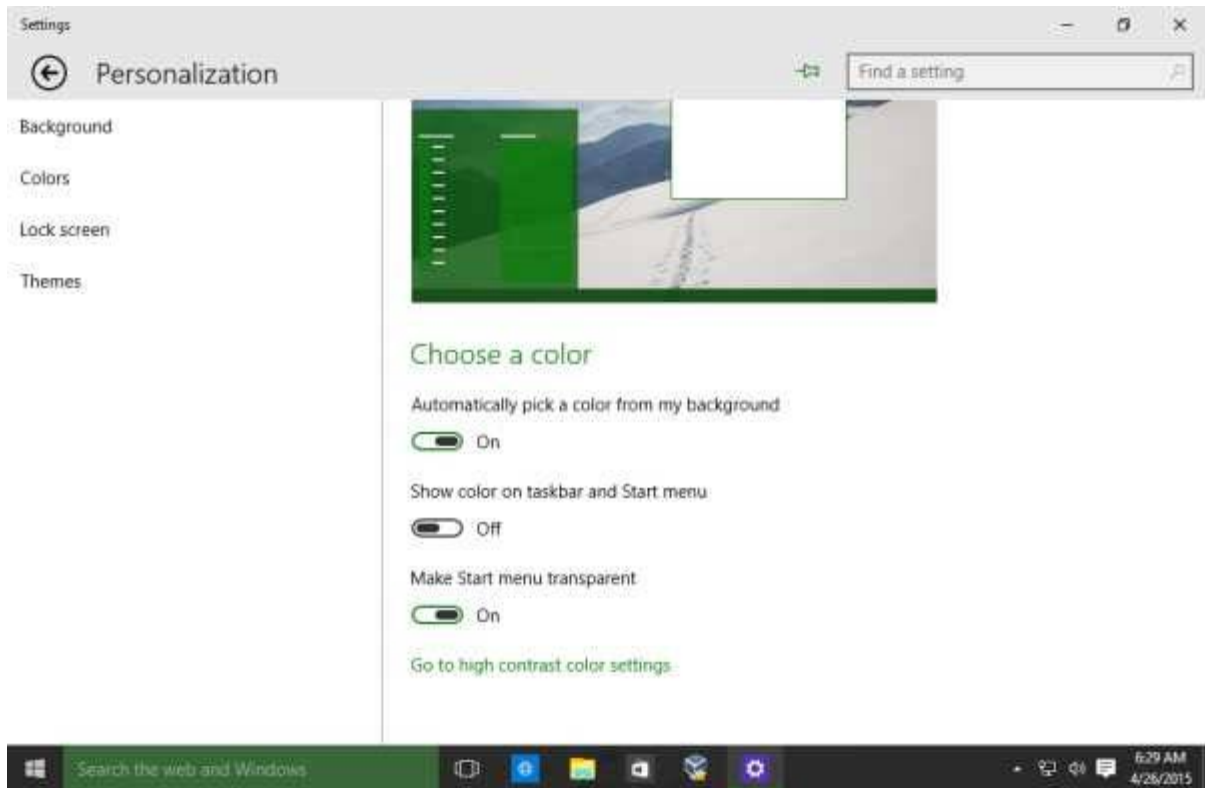
Colors and appearance

Microsoft added a new "Personalization" section to the Settings app, which allows you to customize the colors and appearance in Windows 10. By default, Windows 10 is using a darker appearance for the taskbar and the Notifications pane, however, it is possible to change it. You need to follow the instructions below.

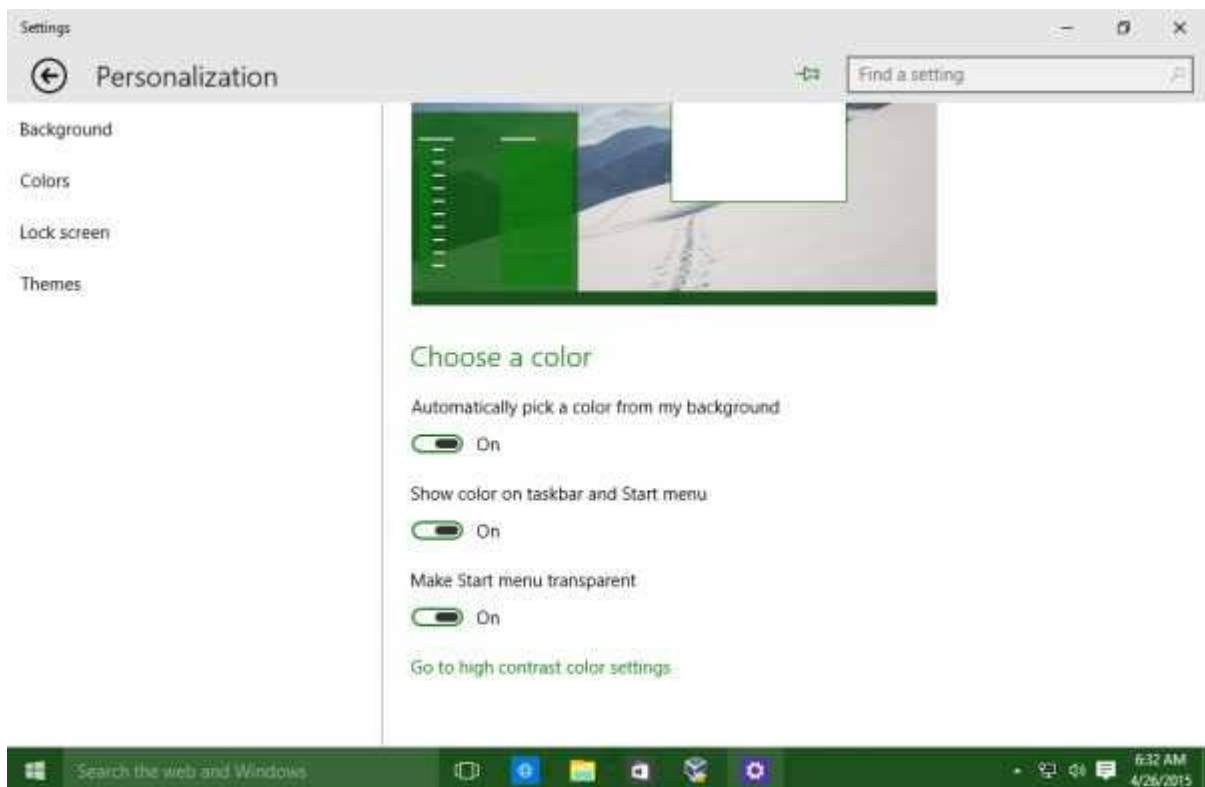
1. Open the Settings app.



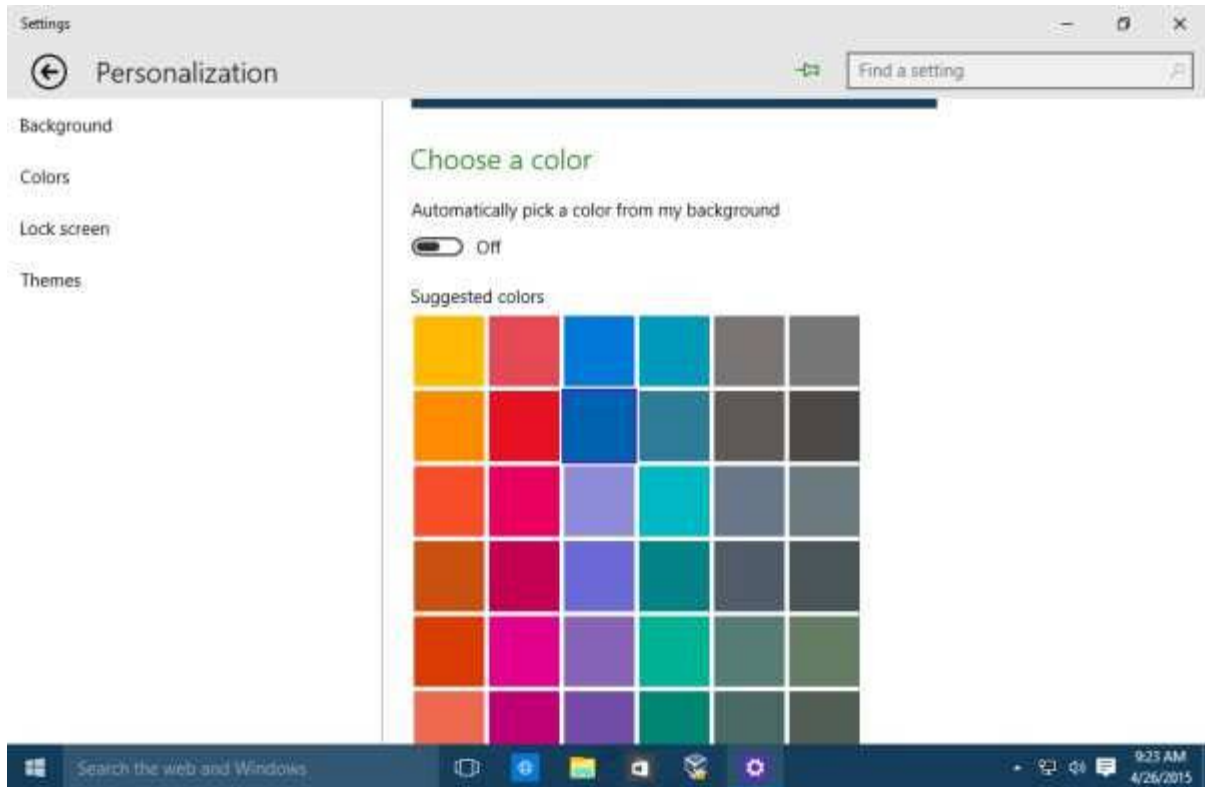
2. Click on the Personalization item.
3. On the Personalization page, click the Colors item on the left.
4. On the Colors page, look at the right side. You will find an option called **Show color on taskbar and Start menu**. Turn it on to colorize the taskbar, Start menu and the Notifications pane. When this option is turned off (which is by default at the moment of this writing), the taskbar does not respect your current color preferences and will look like this:



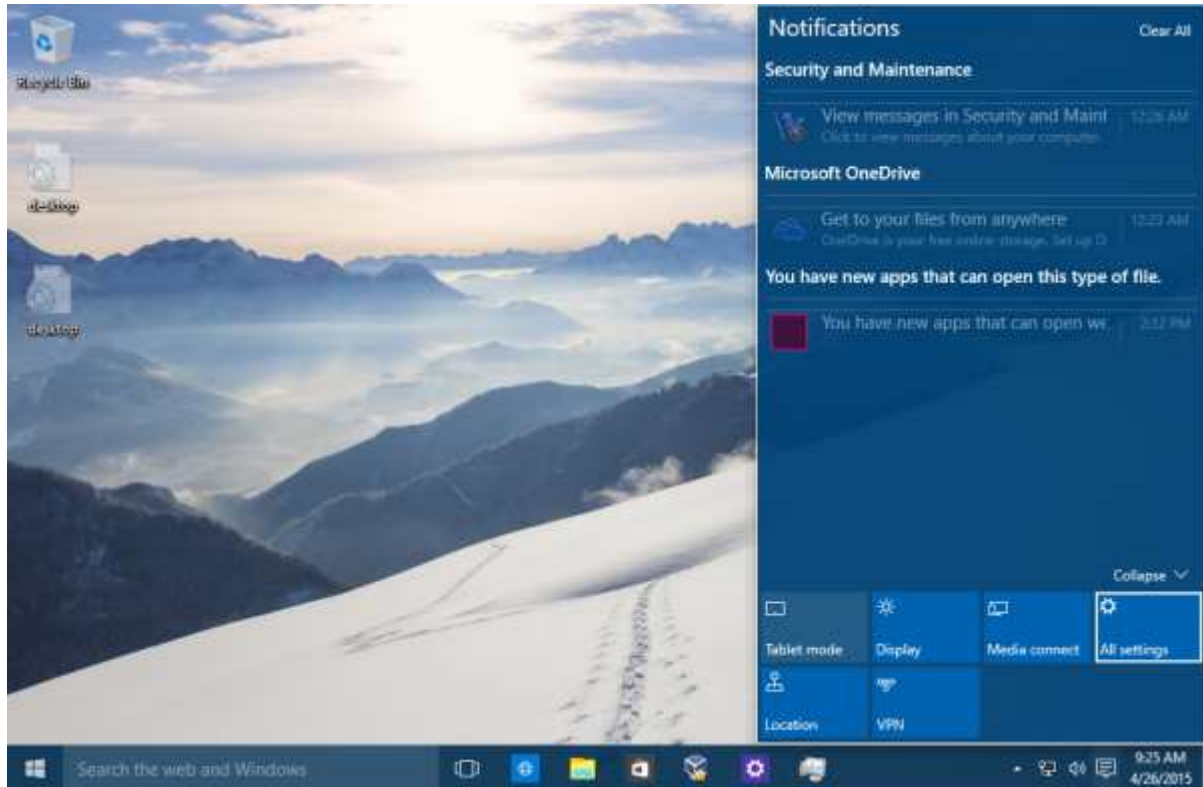
When this option is turned on, the taskbar, Start menu and the Notifications pane use the color set in your preferences:

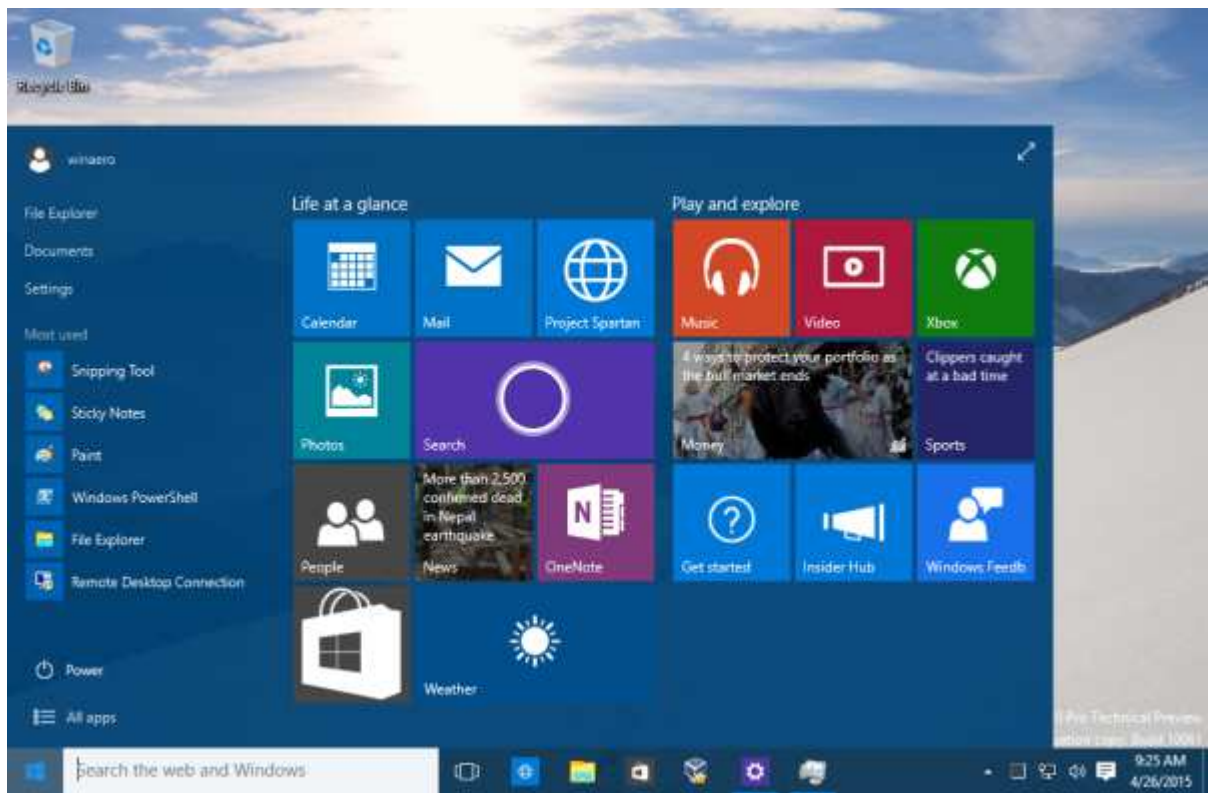


5. To customize the color which is applied to the taskbar, turn off the **Automatically pick a color from my background** option. Once you will switch it off, you can select a new color for the user interface of Windows 10 from the color samples:



Once you select the new color, it will affect the Start menu and the Notification center background:





Earlier, these settings were available in Personalization desktop Control Panel. With Windows 10, Microsoft made many changes to the OS Appearance, so it is quite possible that the classic Personalization options get removed in the near future. Refer to the following article: [Windows 10: death of the Aero engine](#) to learn why I feel they might get removed.