



**Web Accessibility  
Change Your  
Mouse Pointer  
Visibility  
Handbook**





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This handbook demonstrates step-by-step how to make your mouse pointer larger if you're having trouble viewing it.



## Modifications for the Following Browsers and Operating Systems

- Windows
- Internet Explorer
- Apple Safari

# Change Your Mouse Pointer Visibility

## Using Windows

**Step 1.** Click the **Start** button or press the **Windows** logo key on your keyboard.

**Step 2.** Open the **Control Panel**. Click on **Control Panel** or press **C** on your keyboard and it will pop up.

**Step 3.** Open the **Mouse Properties**. Double-click the **Mouse** icon or press **M** until the Mouse icon is highlighted and press **Enter**. The **Mouse** window will pop up.

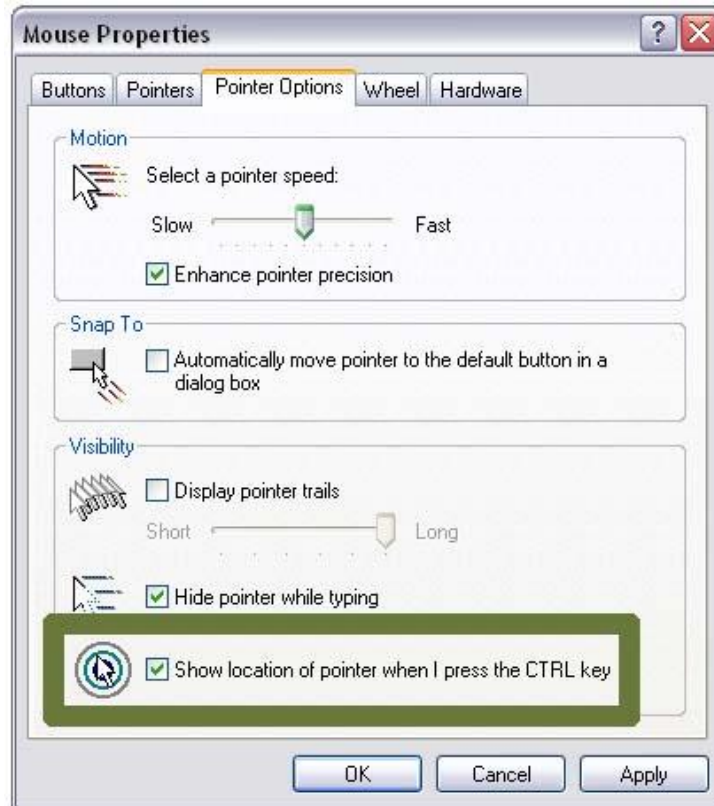
**Step 4.** Click the **Pointer Options** tab, or press **Ctrl** and **Tab** until the Pointer Options tab comes to the front.

**Step 5.** Click the checkbox that says “**Show location of pointer when I press the CTRL key**” or press **Alt** and **S** on the keyboard to check the box.

**Step 6.** To confirm your choice and exit **Mouse Properties** press **Enter** on your keyboard or click the **OK** icon.

**Step 7.** From here on in, press **CTRL** on the keyboard when you cannot find the mouse pointer. This will surround it with circles to make it easier to find.

**Figure 1.**



## Make the Pointer Larger



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**Step 3.** Open the **Mouse Properties**. Double-click the **Mouse** icon or press **M** until the **Mouse** icon is highlighted and press **Enter**. The **Mouse** window will pop up.

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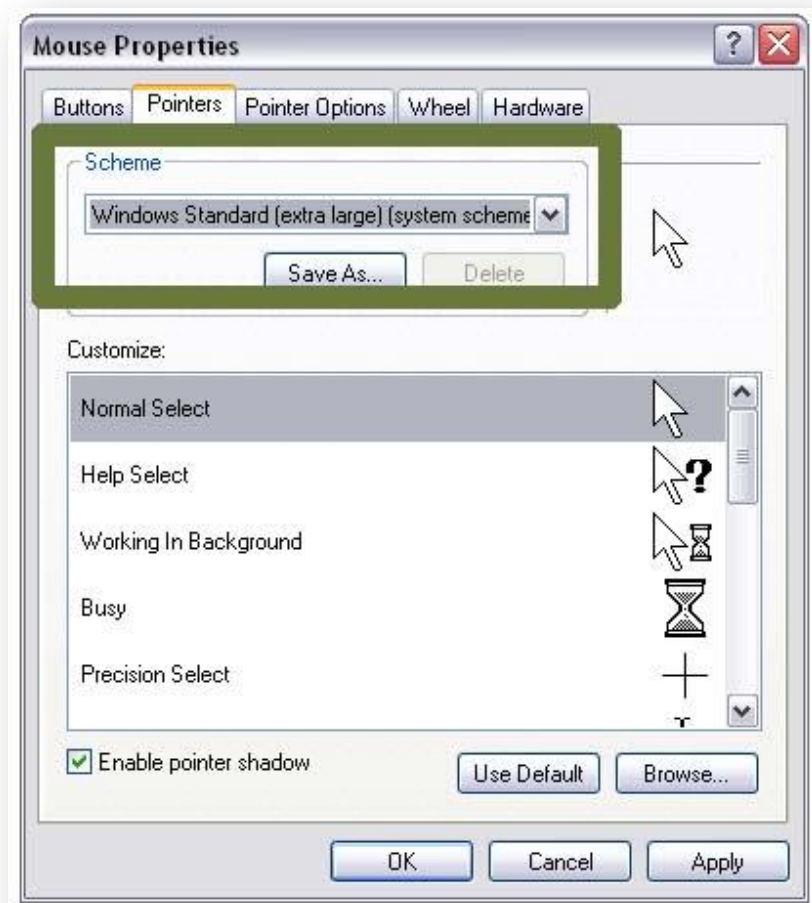
**Step 5.** Click the **Scheme** box, or press **Tab** until its drop-down menu is highlighted.

**Step 6.** Use the up/down arrows on the keyboard to move through the list. The preview images will change to reflect the chosen scheme.

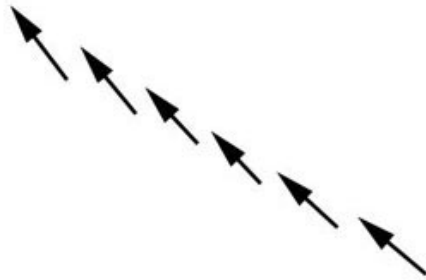
**Step 7.** Choose a scheme. The best sets for visibility are labelled as **Large**, **Extra Large** or **Inverted**. Press **Enter** on your keyboard if it is already highlighted, or click on it with your mouse.

**Step 8.** To exit the **Mouse Properties** press **Enter** on your keyboard or click the **OK** icon.

**Figure 2.**



## Add trails to your pointer



**Step 1.** Click the **Start** button or press the **Windows** logo key on your keyboard.

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**Step 4.** Click the **Pointer Options** tab, or press **Ctrl** and **Tab** until the **Pointer Options** tab comes to the front.

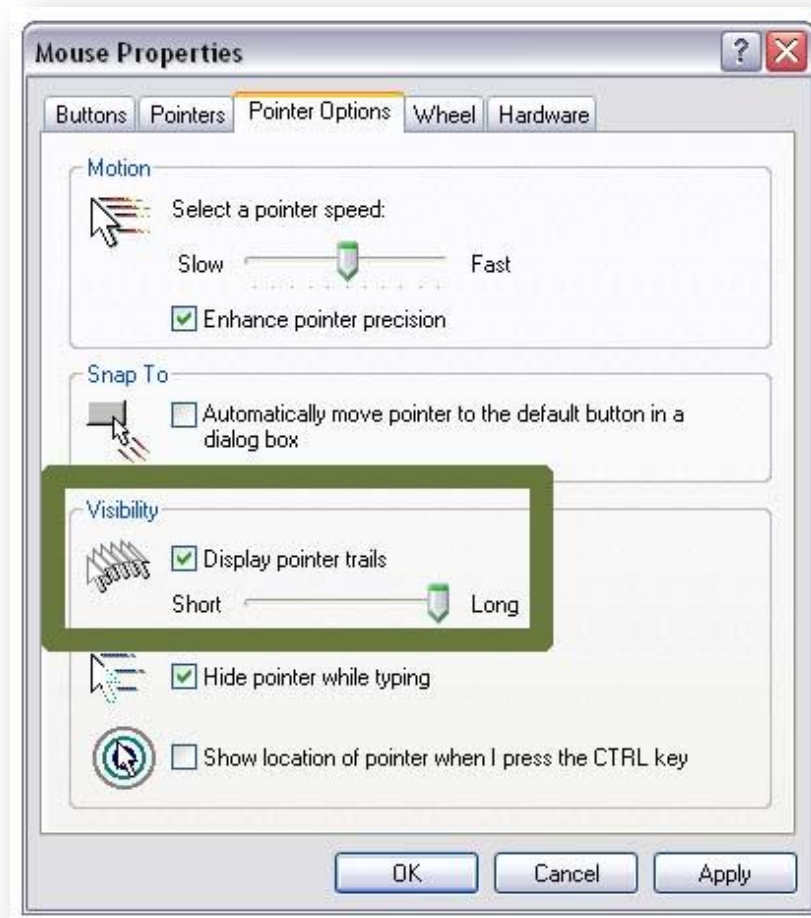
**Step 5.** Click the checkbox that says **Display pointer trails** or press **Alt** and **D** on the keyboard.



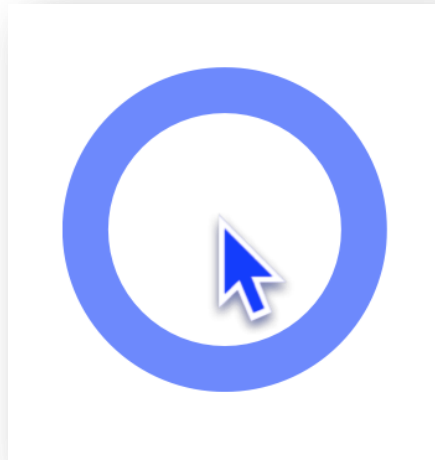
**Step 6.** To adjust the size of the pointer trails, drag the slider under **Display pointer trails** or press **Tab** until the slider bar is highlighted and use the left/right arrow keys to adjust.

**Step 7.** To select this option and exit **Mouse Properties** press **Enter** on your keyboard or click the **OK** icon.

**Figure 3.**



## Change Your Mouse Pointer Visibility Using Apple OS X



**Step 1.** Use your mouse to click on the **Apple** menu or press **Control** and **F2** and then press **Enter**.

**Step 2.** Use your mouse to click on **System Preferences** or use the down arrow key to highlight **System Preferences** and then press **Enter**.

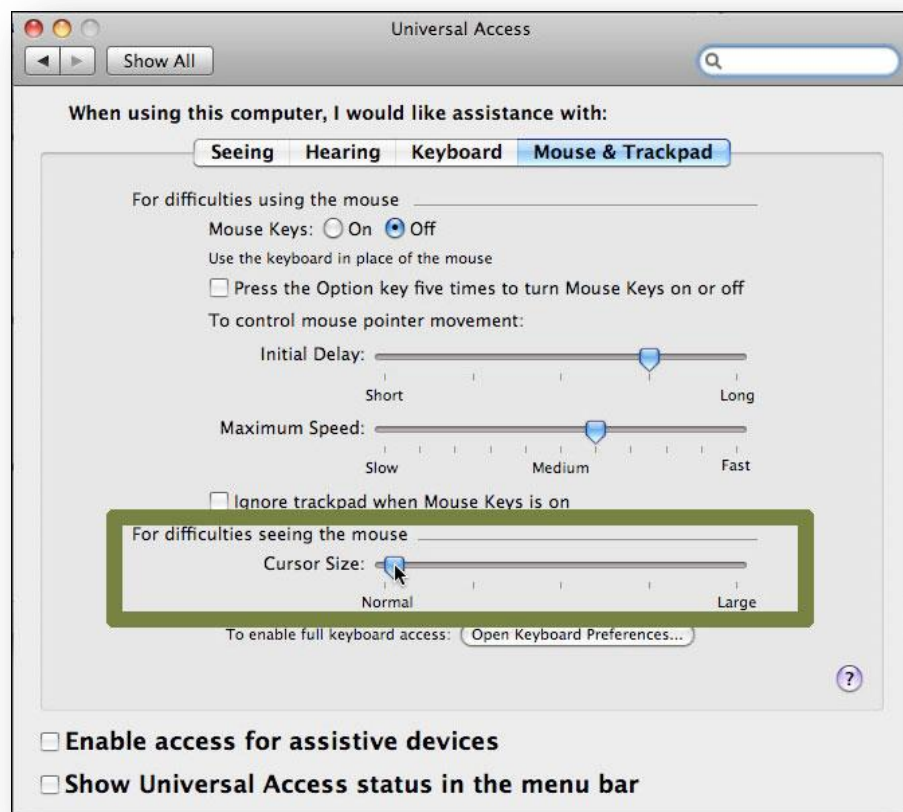
**Step 3.** Use your mouse to click on the **Universal Access** icon or use the tab key repeatedly to highlight the **Universal Access** icon and then press the spacebar.

**Step 4.** Use your mouse to click on the **Mouse** tab or press **Control** and **F7** and then the right arrow key to highlight the **Mouse** tab and then press the spacebar.

**Step 5.** Use your mouse to click on the **Cursor Size** bar and move the bar to the right or left in order to change the size of the mouse pointer. Alternately, use the tab key repeatedly to highlight the **Cursor Size** bar and then the right and left arrow keys to increase or decrease the pointer size.

**Step 6.** When you are happy with your pointer size, use your mouse to click the red **Close** button at the top left of the **Universal Access** window or press **Command** and **W** to close the window.

**Figure 1.**



## Slow down pointer speed



**Step 1.** Use your mouse to click on the **Apple** menu or press **Control** and **F2** and then press **Enter**.

**Step 2.** Use your mouse to click on **System Preferences** or use the down arrow key to highlight **System Preferences** and then press **Enter**.

**Step 3.** Use your mouse to click on the **Keyboard & Mouse** icon or use the tab key repeatedly to highlight the **Keyboard & Mouse** icon and then press the spacebar.

**Step 4.** Use your mouse to click on the **Mouse** tab or press **Control** and **F7** and then the right arrow key to highlight the **Mouse** tab and then press the spacebar.

**Step 5.** Use your mouse to click on the **Tracking Speed** bar and move the bar to the right or left in order to change the speed of the mouse pointer. Alternately, use the tab key repeatedly to highlight the **Tracking Speed** bar and then the right and left arrow keys to change the speed of the pointer.

**Step 6.** When you are happy with your pointer speed, use your mouse to click the red **Close** button at the top left of the **Keyboard & Mouse** window or press **Command** and **W** to close the window.

**Figure 2.**

