QUICK TIP

SENSS Assistive Technology 'Quick Tip': Mouse Pointers and Text Cursors in Windows

Q: How can we make it easier to see the computer Mouse Pointer and Text Cursor in Windows?

A: In Windows settings you can change your Mouse Pointer to be a large variety of sizes and colours, as well as locate it more easily by pressing the Ctrl key. You can change the size and colour of the Text Cursor indicator, as well as increase its thickness.

How to change the Mouse Pointer and Text Cursor colour/size on your Windows computer:
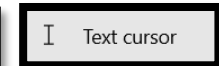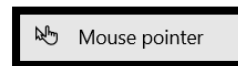
1. Click on the Windows icon on the taskbar at the bottom of your screen, or press the Windows key.

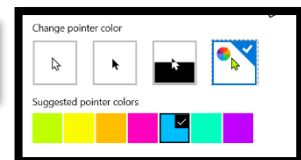2. Now click on the cog-shaped Settings icon.

3. Click 'Ease of Access' (if using Windows 10) or click on the 3 lines and then 'Accessibility' (if using Windows 11)
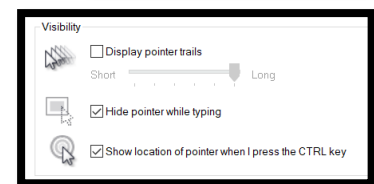

Windows 10   *Windows 11*

4. Click either 'Mouse Pointer' or 'Text Cursor' under the 'Vision' heading.

5. Under '**Mouse Pointer**' you can change the size using the slider, and choose a colour by clicking on 'Custom'.
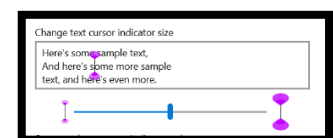
Further Mouse Pointer visibility settings can be changed under *Settings > Devices* (or *Bluetooth & Devices* for Windows 11) > *Mouse*, then clicking on 'Additional Mouse Options', and going to the 'Pointer Options' tab. Here you can choose to show the location of the Mouse Pointer by pressing the Ctrl key.

To download more Mouse Pointers, please visit: https://acecentre.org.uk/resources/large-pointers

6. Under '**Text Cursor**' you can turn on the 'indicator', to make it easier to find on the page (as pictured). Change the indicator size, by using the slider, and choose the colour. In this section, the thickness of the cursor can also be changed.

PLEASE NOTE: Colours should be based on that is easiest to see, and not based on favourite colour.