

Windows 10 Hints & Tips



Fixing Applications that Display Blurry Text

If you have a large computer screen, and you adjust your screen in *Settings > System > Display* from the standard 100% to 125% or higher, some apps (particularly older apps) may display blurry text. Even some system apps, such as *Device Manager* have this issue. This is a result of new display standards for Windows 10.

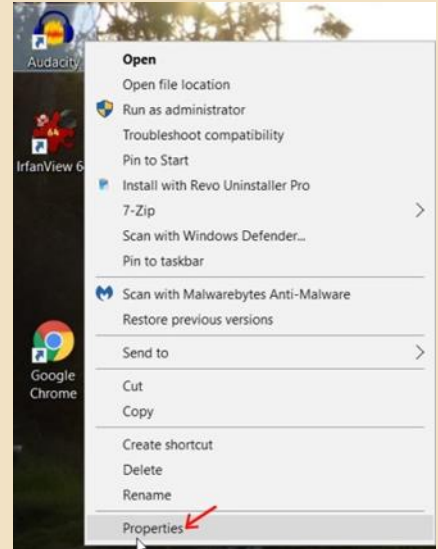
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Blurry text example

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You can get around the problem on an app-by-app basis for most apps. This procedure only needs to be done once for each problem app.

You need to locate the shortcut that starts the app then change its *compatibility* properties. In this example we are changing the settings for the *Audacity* app.



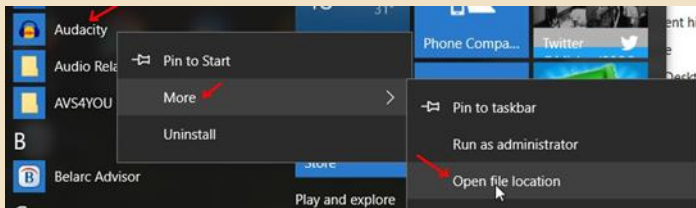
1. If there is a shortcut to the app on your Desktop

Right click on the shortcut > *Properties*, then go to 3. →

2. If you don't have a shortcut on the desktop

Click *Start* then find the app

Right click on it > *More > Open file location* (*More* may not be present)



File Explorer will open with the Start menu shortcut highlighted

Right click on the shortcut > *Properties* (see image upper right)

3. When you have the *Properties* window open, select the *Compatibility* tab, then tick the box "Disable display scaling on high DPI settings" > *OK* →

(Note if you have multiple users on the computer and you want to change this setting for all of them, click *Change settings for all users* and tick the box there also.)

4. Open the app and see the difference – it should now display clearer text. When you close the app you may see this message, click the first option if it worked to make the change permanent.

