Control Panel

What

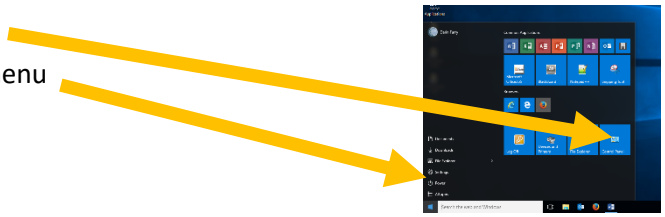
Contains all the settings needed to configure and control Windows 10.

Note that applications have their own control panels (called “options”, “preferences”, or “settings”) and is usually located in the File menu for that application. These are used to tweak settings in that application only.

Where

Windows 10 has *two* control panels!

- The main control panel is on the start menu.
- The settings panel is the gear icon on the text menu

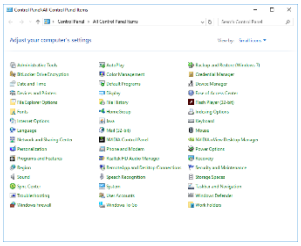


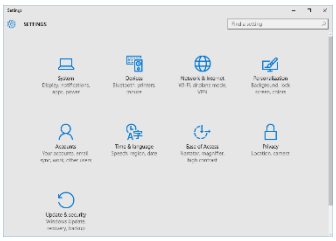
Information

In general, the IT department has configured your computer. It’s rare for you to need to use these control panels. It’s more likely that you would use the control panels in each app (for example, to configure how Outlook sorts your incoming messages or to set a signature.)

Main Control Panel

This is the same as the control panels on previous versions of Windows. If you need to change a setting, start here first.



Settings Panel

This is a new feature of Windows 10. It’s a streamlined, mini version of the main control panel but note that it may have a few settings that are not found on the main control panel.