

## RESOLUTION

Subj: Desktop Resolutions

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Q: What do the "desktop resolutions" refer to?

A: Resolution normally refers to the desktop size. This setting has several predetermined values such as 640x480, 800x600 and so on. The 640 refers to the number of pixels across the monitor screen. The 480 refers to the number of pixels from top to bottom on the monitor screen.

As the numbers get larger, the result is that everything on the screen gets smaller. Some people prefer smaller windows and print so they can get more on the screen. Others prefer the larger windows and print because it's easier to read. Most people using a 14-inch monitor usually use the largest print size 640x480. Some people with a 15-inch monitor prefer 800x600. Others with a newer computer and larger monitor may prefer 1024 X 768. It's all personal preference and the settings available to your desktop.

To change the desktop setting, click the Start button then choose Settings... Control Panel. Double-click the Display icon, then click the Settings tab. After making change, click Apply and OK

CAUTION: Be sure to write down the settings BEFORE changing them just in case you want to change back.

Under the Appearance tab other changes may be made. For instance you may select to have all fonts changed to LARGE rather than Normal. Again, make a notation wo the setting being used BEFORE making changes so you can undo changes that you make.

Note: Be aware that if the background is white and the print is white (or any same color), you will not be able to see the Apply button to undo.

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