

Parts of the Windows 7 Start Menu

Pinned programs - Displays programs, at the top above the menu separator that you have pinned to the Start menu because you use them frequently.

All Programs - Displays all the programs on your computer system that are available; some programs display in a folder and some have submenus.

Search box - Searches your programs, personal folders, etc. by typing search terms.

Start Button - Displays the Start menu - a list of choices that provides access to your computer's programs, folders, and settings.

Taskbar - Contains buttons that give you quick access to common tools and the programs currently running. Generally located along the bottom of the desktop.

Shut down button and arrow - The button turns off the computer, and clicking the arrow displays a menu with options for switching user, logging off, restarting, or shutting down.

Control Panel - Opens the Control Panel window, where you can customize the appearance and functionality of your computer, add or remove programs, set up your network connections, and manage your user accounts.

Computer-Opens a window from which you can access disk drives, printers, and other hardware connected to your computer.

Personal folders - Displays the folders created for each user account, with the user account holder's picture, personal folder, Documents, Music, Pictures, and Videos folders.