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My screen looks blurry or the wrong size

If text looks fuzzy, icons are huge or everything seems stretched, the screen resolution or scaling is probably set wrongly. This is usually easy to fix.

What resolution means

Resolution is the number of tiny dots your screen shows, such as 1920 by 1080. Every monitor has a best setting, called its native resolution. If the computer uses a different one, the picture looks soft or stretched.

Fix it on Windows

1. Right-click an empty part of the desktop and choose **Display settings**. Or open **Settings**, then **System**, then **Display**.
2. Find **Display resolution**.
3. Choose the one marked **Recommended**.
4. Choose **Keep changes** if the picture looks sharp.

If the text is sharp but too small, do not lower the resolution. Instead, use **Scale** in the same screen and try a larger percentage.

Fix it on a Mac

Open **System Settings**, then **Displays**. Choose the default setting for your display if offered. Some Macs show options such as larger text or more space. Choose the one that suits your eyes.

If there is no good choice

- Check you are using a proper cable, as an old or poor cable can limit quality. HDMI or DisplayPort is usually better than the old VGA type.
- Make sure the monitor is on the right input.
- Unplug extra adaptors if you can, as some cheap ones limit the picture.

Stretched picture on a TV or monitor

Look for options on the screen itself, such as **Aspect ratio** or **Fit to screen**. Set them to the native or full-size choice. Exact names vary.

When to get more help

If the recommended resolution is missing, the graphics software may need attention. Please do not install driver tools from adverts. Tell us the monitor and computer make and model and we can help safely.

Still stuck? Email admin@visiontech336.com and tell us what you can see on the screen. Menus and button names can differ slightly between versions and makes. If something does not match, stop and ask rather than guess. Please never send passwords or card details.