

How To Override Website Colours And Fonts In Your Browser

The changes that you make to the settings in your browser will affect the appearance of all the websites that you visit in your browser, so if you don't like the colours and fonts of websites, you can change your browser settings to override them.

In Mozilla Firefox:

Near the top-right corner of the browser window is an icon with three horizontal lines, click this icon, and a drop-down menu will appear, from this menu, click "Settings", the "about:preferences" page will appear, showing the "General" tab by default.

Scroll down until you see "Colours" (or maybe "Colors" if your language setting is American). Click "Manage Colours". The Colours dialogue box will appear with several settings that you can change, so experiment with various alternatives until you find a combination you like.

Click the "OK" button and then close the about:preferences page, so you can see the effect of the changes on a web page. You can come back to about:preferences as often as you need to try out different settings.

In about:preferences, just below Colours, is Fonts, click the Advanced... button.

Use the down-arrow buttons to see the fonts available and select any that you like. If there is a tick in "Allow pages to choose their own fonts, instead of your selections above", click the tick to remove it. Then click the OK button.

In Google Chrome:

Near the top-right corner of the browser window is an icon with three vertical dots, click this icon, and a drop-down menu will appear, from this menu, click "Settings", the Settings page will appear. On the left-hand side, find and click Appearance.

If you are connected to the internet you can click either Theme Chrome Colors or Theme Open Chrome Web Store, whichever of these two is displayed.

You can click "Customize fonts" and then make changes to the font settings.

Close the Settings – Appearance page to see the effect of any changes you have made.

In Microsoft Edge:

Near the top-right corner of the browser window is an icon with three horizontal dots, click this icon, and a drop-down menu will appear, from this menu, click "Settings", the Settings page will appear. On the left-hand side, find and click Appearance.

Various colour themes will be displayed for you to choose from. Click any of these themes; there does not appear to be a save changes button so I simply closed the Settings page expecting the new theme to be applied, but it wasn't.

Scroll down the Settings page to the bottom, then click "Customize fonts" and then make changes to the font settings.

Close the Settings – Appearance page to see the effect of any changes you have made.

In Opera:

Near the top-right corner of the browser window is an icon with three horizontal lines, click this icon, and the easy setup side bar will appear.

It offers three choices of theme: light, dark or system.

It does not appear to offer any other method of customising colours, nor fonts.

To close the side bar, click the same icon that you clicked to open it.

In Internet Explorer:

Internet Explorer is very out of date and no longer supported, so anyone still using it should upgrade to a current browser, preferably Mozilla Firefox.

Near the top-right corner of the browser window is an icon that looks like a

cog wheel, click this and then find and click Internet Options, a dialogue box will appear, at the bottom of which are buttons for colours, fonts and accessibility.

You can make changes to the colours and fonts and then go into accessibility to choose whether to ignore settings specified on web pages.

Then click OK on the Internet Options dialogue box.

Safari:

I don't have Safari because it only runs on Apple, so I searched online and the following is the nearest I found to anything relevant:

Safari menu -> Preferences -> Advanced, lets you create a customised stylesheet with your own preferences to view websites, and enable a Develop menu, where you can disable website specific stylesheet overrides.

Apple menu -> System Preferences -> Accessibility -> Display, lets you adjust the contrast of the display.

Apple menu -> System Preferences -> Displays -> Colors, lets you adjust the colour temperature.

Others:

If your browser is not listed above or if the instructions above have not helped you, you can search for further information on the internet. I would suggest a search criteria of the name of your browser followed by "colours fonts".

It would appear that Mozilla Firefox is by far the most user-friendly browser, as there is more choice of colours, and changing the settings is very easy.

If the browser you are currently using is not helping you to set the colours or font that you would prefer to see, you may like to consider installing the Mozilla Firefox browser from <https://www.mozilla.org/en-GB/firefox/download/thanks/> and set it as your default browser. Mozilla Firefox works on a wide range of devices including smartphones and tablets etc, although Google Chromebooks may insist that you have to use their Chrome browser.