

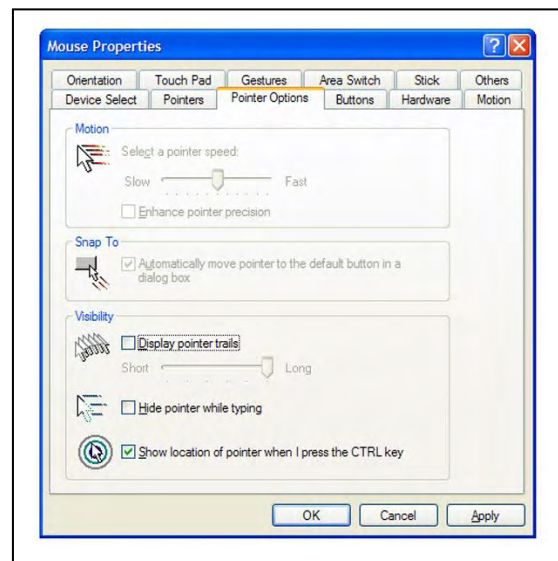
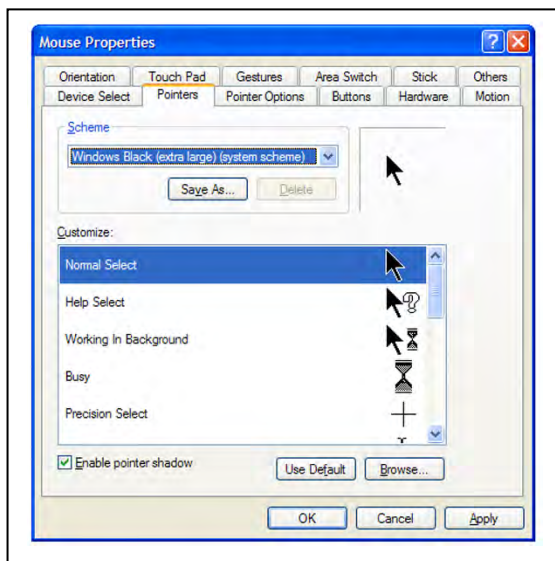
There are three main sources of large cursors and mouse pointers.

1. Inside your computer's operating system

Windows

In Windows XP, you can change the mouse pointer and cursor by using the *Mouse Control Panel (Start - Control Panels - Mouse)*. If you click on the **Pointers** tab, you will be able to choose the most appropriate Scheme from the wide selection available. We would suggest *Windows Standard (extra large) (system scheme)* or *Windows Black (extra large) (system scheme)* for people who have difficulty seeing the pointer or cursor.

After you have selected your Scheme, you can make further adjustments to improve visibility by clicking on Pointer Options. Turning on *Display Pointer Trails* will help some people follow the mouse more easily, while *Show location of pointer when I press the CTRL key* will help you find the mouse pointer.



Most of the above features, with the exception of *Show location of pointer when I press the CTRL key*, can be found in earlier versions of Windows.

Apple Mac

In the past, Mac users have had to get a special program to enlarge the mouse pointer, but the latest version of OS X (10.4, also known as Tiger) has an in-built facility to do this.



Open **System Preferences**, then open the **Universal Access** panel and click on the **Mouse** tab. At the bottom of the tab is a slider you can use to adjust the pointer size.

2. Download from Internet (free)

ACE Centre, Oxford has made *Large Cursors* available from its web site. This is an excellent free utility providing 80 additional pointers and cursors for Windows suitable for people with visual or perceptual difficulties. (<http://ace-centre.hostinguk.com/index.cfm?pageid=F5F26649-3048-7290-FEA80B8B637BF760>). The ACE Centre web site also has links to other sources of free cursors:

<http://www.philip-henderson.co.uk/>

<http://www.logitech.com>

If you STILL can't find the cursor and pointer that you want, try searching for 'big cursor' or 'large cursor' with Google (<http://www.google.com>).

Unfortunately, we have been unable to find a source for good, free pointers for Mac users.

3. Buy one

PC users shouldn't have to buy one as there are so many free options, but Mac users may have no other option.

R.J. Cooper's *BIGGY* is the best option for purchase and is available for both PC and Mac. *BIGGY* used to be freely downloadable for an evaluation period and could be re-downloaded each time the evaluation period ran out, but it would seem that sadly, this is no longer the case. You can download it once for an evaluation period of 14 days but once this is over, you have to buy a Registration code. There is a *BIGGY LIGHT* version that is relatively cheap (\$29) but can only be purchased directly from the website, by credit card. This gets around currency exchange issues, but can be difficult to arrange in a school setting. For further details, see <http://rjcooper.com/biggy-light/index.html>

Otherwise, the full version can be bought again from the web site or from Liberator Ltd., at a price of £85 (Liberator also provide a free evaluation CD)

For further details, see <http://www.pri-liberator.com/pri-liberator-online-store.aspx>

Most children are best off with the largest plain black 'arrow' pointer, rather than any of the smiley faces, or different shapes, coloured or animated options, as these can be very distracting and / or difficult to 'point' with!