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## Customizing Eclipse Dialogues

Way back in e-Tip #50 (November 2005), I wrote about how to customize dialogues in Eclipse. Within Windows XP, you would see several icons on a dialogue's title bar:



**Arrow:** Show more/less detail (on some dialogues, not all)

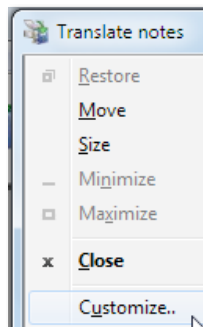
**Magnifying glass:** Make the whole dialogue larger/smaller

**Eyeball:** Make the dialogue more/less transparent

**Anchor:** Keep the dialogue positioned in your favorite spot.

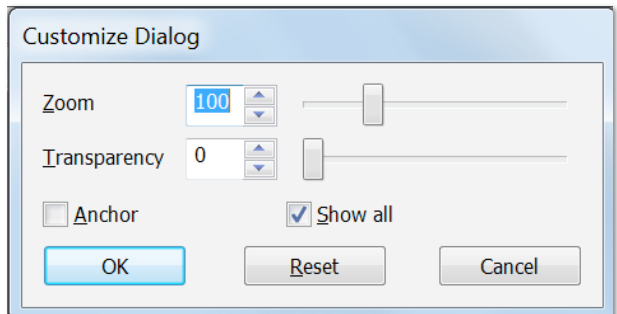
These icons cannot be displayed on the title bars of dialogues in Windows Vista, Windows 7, and Windows 8/8.1 However, **you can still customize your Eclipse dialogues; you just have to know where to look.**

**In the top-left corner of each Eclipse dialogue, you will see a small icon. Click on it to open a system menu, including "Customize".**



Here's what you see when you select "Customize". Each dialogue will remember how you adjust it.

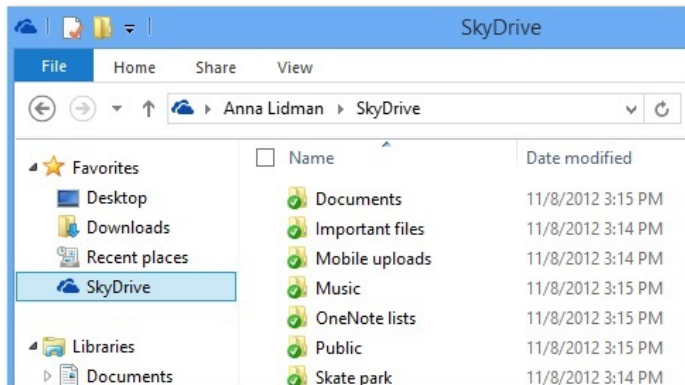
One last note. The "User Settings" screens are actually not dialogues. Windows considers them tabbed properties pages, so they are not customizable the way that real dialogues are. Even so, you should play with all your other dialogues to make your editing environment extra comfortable.



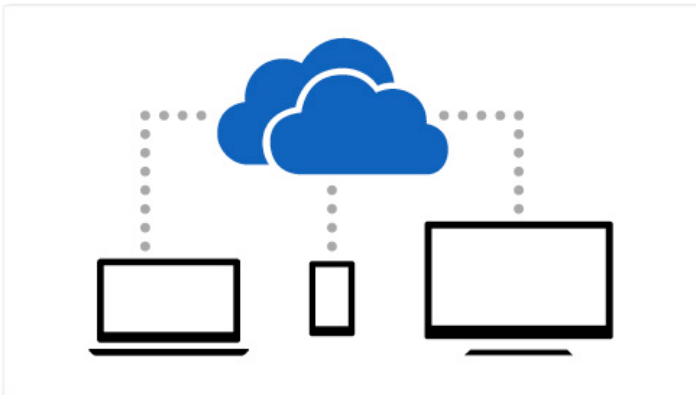
# Microsoft SkyDrive (“OneDrive”) vs. Dropbox & SugarSync, Part 1



Windows 8.1 includes the SkyDrive app for file management. (The name will soon change to OneDrive.) Sure enough, Windows Explorer is still there, but Microsoft is nudging us in the direction of using SkyDrive by default.



What sets SkyDrive apart is that it is heavily oriented to managing your files both in the SkyDrive cloud and also the local files on your PC, tablet or phone. SkyDrive is available for Windows 7, IOS, Android and Windows Phone. SkyDrive is deeply integrated into Windows 8.1 and



has grown to be very powerful.

For quite some time I have been using SkyDrive to store files in the cloud to be able to be accessed from my other devices and also as a secondary form of backup. This has worked very well, for example, with my archive of completed Eclipse transcripts. So if an attorney says she did not get a transcript, I can go to SkyDrive from any of my devices including my cell phone

## SkyDrive ▾

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and attach and email that transcript to her, no problem.

Saving files to SkyDrive is very simple. For instance, when I print a completed file to PDF, I just select a folder located in SkyDrive that I've named "Final Transcripts" as the location to save it in.

Many Eclipse users have been using a similar cloud-storage service, DropBox, as the location where they store their Eclipse transcript files. That way any changes made to a transcript on one computer is saved immediately to the cloud and available on

any other device that has DropBox installed on it.

SkyDrive is able to function in exactly this same way. However, at this time I do not yet recommend going this far with SkyDrive for your all-important transcripts being edited because people are still reporting glitches with SkyDrive syncing to other devices after the upgrade from Windows 8 to Windows 8.1. That's why I still personally use SugarSync for synchronizing my Eclipse transcripts. I will eventually be switching, though.

One of the things that I love about SkyDrive is that any file saved to SkyDrive is capable of synchronizing among your various devices but does not have to be stored on each of them the way DropBox and even SugarSync does. Microsoft calls this Smart Files.

## Microsoft OneDrive (SkyDrive), Part 1 *(continued from page 2)*

For instance, **when you open SkyDrive from a tablet that does not have much file storage, it will show you all of your files. However, they do not have to be on that device.** If they are not stored locally on that tablet or laptop, when you click on that file it downloads and opens for you. This works especially great with photos because it shows thumbnails of the photos that you can browse and they look quite nice. You do not even need to download your pictures from SkyDrive to browse them. This is a brilliant way of saving hard drive space while at the same time giving you access to your files from anywhere.

There is a way to toggle back and forth between seeing SkyDrive files on your PC and those stored only in the cloud. Just tap the SkyDrive text that is in the upper left portion of the SkyDrive Window. This will allow you to select “This PC” or “SkyDrive.” Once you get used to getting around in SkyDrive, you will find it a very convenient way to manage your files.

There is much more that I have to tell you about file management with SkyDrive. Please look for SkyDrive, Part 2, next month. By then, the official name change to “OneDrive” may be complete.



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On **Tuesday, March 11, Michael Starkman will offer a two-hour presentation on Eclipse and the Cloud.** Michael will be discussing several cloud storage options and how to use them in conjunction with Eclipse.

Two weeks later, on **Tuesday, March 25, Keith Vincent will continue the popular “Favorite e-**

**Tips”** series, with a special emphasis on technology that harmonizes with the topics covered in Michael’s class.

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