

# Change Default Opening Folder in Windows Explorer

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By default, Windows Explorer opens showing the My Documents folder. To change the default setting so that all top-level drives and folders are shown, follow these steps:

1. Click Start, point to Programs, then Accessories, then right-click Windows Explorer, and click Properties.
2. Under Target field, which reads "%SystemRoot%\explorer.exe" add "/n, /e, /select, C:\\" to make the line read "%SystemRoot%\explorer.exe /n, /e, /select, C:\\"
3. Click APPLY, OK.

I love that little trick. Now when you open Windows Explorer you get to choose from all the folders and drives, not just My Documents.

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