

# Re: Problems encountered in getting Windows Explorer to open to my hard drive instead of My Documents

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i don't quite understand this, the "my documents" folder is on the hard drive!  
if it wasn't you wouldn't be seeing it!  
don

>-----Original Message-----

>I don't know if this is any help to you, but what I just did was from the

>Start Menu - My Computer I then right clicked on Local Disc (c) create

>shortcut it then asked if I wanted it on Desktop when I said yes it then

>gave me shortcut which then opened up my hard drive instead of My Documents.

>HTH

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>Lynn

>"RL" <NOSPAM@NOSPAM..net> wrote in message

>news:tjpr505j7mlmg07nedcfrs83nlkg11qlr@4ax.com...

>> I am running Windows XP Home Edition.

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>> Through a concatenation of events too convoluted to describe (but

>> which involved the installation and uninstalling of some new

>> programs), the shortcut to Windows Explorer on my Start menu (under

>> All Programs) no longer functions properly. It has as its target

>> C:\Windows\explorer.scf, and when I click on it, I get an error

>> message window with the

title "C:\Windows\explorer.scf", and the  
>> *message "There was a problem sending the command to the program."*  
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>> *This shortcut, when it functioned properly, opened Windows Explorer to my hard drive.*  
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>> *I can still open Windows Explorer successfully with another shortcut located under Accessories in my Start menu. This shortcut has the target %SystemRoot%\explorer.exe, and works fine except that it opens Windows Explorer to My Documents, rather than to my hard drive, which I find annoying.*  
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>> *One way that I can still open Windows Explorer to my hard drive is to go into the Windows folder and click on the file called "explorer" (NOT "explorer.exe", just "explorer"). The file explorer is described, under its properties, as a "Windows Explorer Command", and I believe (based on some preliminary research I have done) that it is actually explorer.scf.*  
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>> *What I don't understand is why the shortcut on my start menu (which, as noted, has as its target C:\Windows\explorer.scf), now has a problem triggering the explorer file in the Windows folder.*  
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>> *I have even tried creating a new shortcut by right-clicking on the explorer file described above (reallly explorer.scf, I think), clicking on "Create shortcut", and then moving this new shortcut to my start menu. However, clicking on the new shortcut (which I see also has the target C:\Windows\explorer.scf) results in the same error message as described above.*  
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>> *One way that I CAN get an item on my Start menu that does what I want*

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>> *is to right-click on the explorer file mentioned above  
and drag it to  
>> the front of my Start menu. This leaves the original  
file in the  
>> Windows folder, and creates an entry on my Start menu  
that seems to  
>> function as a shortcut but that is not designated as a  
shortcut under  
>> its Properties. Rather, it is described as a Windows  
Explorer  
>> Command, located in C:WINDOWS. In other words, even  
though it is an  
>> entry on my Start menu, it appears to be the original  
explorer file,  
>> located in the Windows folder. Perhaps this is the  
answer to my  
>> problem, but it is not quite what I had before, since  
it is not  
>> described as a shortcut to explorer.scf.  
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>> Any comments or suggestions concerning the foregoing  
would be most  
>> appreciated.  
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>> Robert Lawrence  
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