

## Re: Can someone explain "My Documents"?

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"rck" <[musonthemt.SPAM\\_ME\\_NOT@earthlink.net](mailto:musonthemt.SPAM_ME_NOT@earthlink.net)> wrote in message  
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> Yes, that is the part I don't understand. It would seem to me that the  
root  
> directory would be C:\ and all subdirectories (folders if you will) would  
> then be displayed under that. Instead my hard drive C:\ seems to be a  
subset  
> of the desktop or whatever with "My Documents" hanging out there somewhere  
> in limbo-land. I could never figure out where in the directory structure  
"My  
> Documents" resides. What is the path? I guess someone is either  
"intuitive"  
> or they are not. I'm real comfortable with the DOS directory and file  
> structure but Windows doesn't seem to have a definite structure.  
>  
> Bob  
>

It does, its exactly as you think, all that has happened is that there are  
some shortcuts placed above that that happen to point directly to structures  
lower down. If you open my computer and right click on one of those 'rck  
documents (or whatever) and select properties, you'll see where it is, it  
will be down a hierarchy on C or D somewhere. The desktop itself is in  
something like C:\docs & settings\username\desktop. Thats how each user can  
have their own desktop. so its all as you surmise with some shortcuts placed  
above that.

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