

Re: How can I open Windows Explorer using a keyboard shortcut, WITHOUT

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Bob I wrote:

Mine's set to "normal window", but I use "My computer" to navigate. I drag and drop "My Computer" onto the Start button, make a shortcut there, then you may then Click start and navigate all of My Computer by just sliding the mouse cursor around. R-click on and open a folder if desired.

I dont have My Computer on my desktop so I cant duplicate this very readily... But I dont like "My Computer" because it doesnt show the Tree directory in the LH side hence it can be hard to know where you are (e.g. which "images" directory you are looking at...)

As to it switching automatically to the full screen mode, that is a bit odd! Is there some extra keystrokes in the short cut?

Dont quite now what you mean, nor how to find out!
It only allows "Control+Alt+" and not Control+ or Alt+ by themselves.

Interestingly "Shift+Alt+" is allowed - but when the window comes up AGAIN it has the same problem. AAaaaaaaaarrggghh!

Or does it do the same if you double click the shortcut?

No!
If you double-click on a shortcut it does NOT open in that vile full-screen mode!
It seems to be something to do with using short-cut keys...

Ship

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ship wrote:

Well – I tried them all.
Maximised, Normal Window and even "Minimised"
None of them seem to make any difference.
Even "Minimised" although it clearly shrinks down
to the task bar first, immediately leaps back up to
Full Screen mode...

Which option do you theoretically recommend, incidentally?

Ship

Bob I wrote:

Is the shortcut properties " Run" set to Normal window, Or
Maximized?

ship wrote:

Nope!

Okay I managed to get the hotkeys to fire up
Explorer
(I went to Start > All programs >
Accessories >
and then I right clicked on Window Explorer
and put
the short-cut key in.

BUT the damned thing *STILL* opens in
Full-Screen mode!

Ship

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Bob I wrote:

Put the shortcut in the Start,
Programs menu.
QuickLaunch toolbar won't
work.

ship wrote:

Nope – on
my machine
it seems to
completely
ignore
shortcut
keys unless
they are
on the
desktop.
Weird.

Ship

Add
a
shortcut
to
Windows
Explorer
to
the
Start
Menu
or
Desktop
or
Quick
Launch
Bar.
This
will

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make
sure
that
the
shortcut
will
be
available
anywhere.
Then,
right-click
the
shortcut
and
select
Properties.
In
that
screen,
make
sure
that
Run:
is
set
to
Normal
Window,
and
set
your
Shortcut
Key
preference.

If
you
don't
know
how
to
bring
up
the
Quick-Launch
toolbar,
right-click
an
empty
part
of

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the
taskbar,
point
to
Toolbars,
and
click
Quick
Launch.

Note:
The
taskbar
is
that
thing
with
the
Start
Menu
and
Time
on
it

"ship"
wrote:

WindowsXP
Pro
(SP2)

Hi

How
can
I
open
Windows
Explorer
using
a
"keyboard
shortcut"
WITHOUT
explorer

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defaulting
straight
into
Full-Screen
mode?

I've
now
spent
quite
a
lot
of
time
on
this...
and
it's
driving
me
bl**dy
NUTS.

All
I
want
to
do
us
be
able
to
-
use
a
hot-key
combination,
to
-
open
up
WindowsXP
Explorer
-
in
my
directory
of
choice,
-
WITH

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the
folders
visible
(in
LH
column)
–
but
WITHOUT
it
being
in
"Full-Screen"
mode
!

I
have
even
tried
opening
explorer
by
using
a
short-cut
to
a
batch
file
which
then
contains
something
like
%SystemRoot%\explorer.exe
/e,
c:\docs

And
although
this
DID
work
for
a
while...
Suddenly
every
time
I

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use
hotkeys
to
open
a
directory
they
are
in
bl**dy
FULL
SCREEN
mode.

So
I
keep
having
to
hit
F11
to
get
it
back
into
"Normal"
mode
every
single
time.
:^[

Is
the
way
you
close
the
previous
ms
Explorer
view
relevant,
here?
i.e.
If
you
set
it
to
the

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correct
sort
order
you
want...
and
then
hold
down
Control
when
you
click
the
top
right
"X",
then
next
time
Explorer
opens
is
seems
to
keep
your
previous
sort
order...

Sorry
for
starting
a
second
thread
on
this
but
I
have
now
simplified
the
definition
of
what
the
problem
is...

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and
I
am
getting
desperate!

Any
suggestions?

Ship
Shiperton
Henethe