

Re: Can I change my default file manager

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Also, xplorer2 (lite or pro), and PowerFile (from the maker of the old Drag & File, for anyone here old enough to remember) are pretty good. :-).

Personally, at least at this point, I prefer XYplorer, but YMMV. (for a basic file manager, not an albatross).

The good thing about all of these is you don't have to wait a few seconds as you do using windows explorer (for it to finally settle down with all those extra, superfluous + signs initially presented on *every single folder* (that change came with IE6).

BoB wrote:

"dljesse" wrote in message
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I would rather use something other than windows explorer, is there a way to change the default manager fro when I open folders?

There's some FREE file managers you can chose from at:

<http://www.pricelesswarehome.org/2007/PL2007FILEUTILITIES.php#2.01FileManager:Dualpane>

XY, 2x and FreeCmdr are all quite good.

XYplorer (wasTrackerV3)

Company: --

Author: Donald Lessau

(Freeware) older version of a \$ware program

<http://www.xyplorer.com/free.php>

Windows OS: Windows 98/ME/NT/2000/XP NOTES: No files are added to your system and your registry is not touched. You may need to install

GdiPlus.dll (GDI+) on OS that are older than Windows XP. A no install

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version is available.

Languages: English

Description: XYplorer is an Advanced File System Explorer. It comes with an Windows Explorer-like interface but has a far broader scope: you get much more information and you get it all on the fly, plus variously enhanced functionality and ease of use, tabbed browsing, extended file find, reporting features, and instant preview of font, HTML, image, audio, and video files, plus ASCII/binary file viewer.

Home page:

<http://www.xyplorer.com/>

Program description: download:

v 5.55.0001 (2007-11-29)

[xyplorer_free.zip (835 KB)]

<http://www.xyplorer.com/free.php>

File Manager: Dual pane

2xExplorer (v 1.4.1.12)

Company: --

Author: Nikos Bozinis

(Donationware) (free) LFW (v 1.4.1.12)

<http://netez.com/2xExplorer/>

Windows OS: Windows 95/98/NT/2000/ME/XP NOTES: No installation required.

One key is added to the registry. The thumbnail viewer is not available if you run 2xExplorer on Windows 95.

Languages: English and many other languages

Description: Lightweight and powerful, fully shell integrated and extremely usable for increased everyday productivity, 2xExplorer is an ideal dual-pane replacement for explorer, compatible with all 32-bit windows platforms. NOTES: The help file is accessible from the Help menu, but you must download it separately (right click and save)..

Home page:

<http://netez.com/2xExplorer/>

download page:

v 1.4.1.12 (2002-10-03)

[2xex1412.zip (391 KB)]

<http://www.snapfiles.com/get/2xexplorer.html>

Direct download:

help file (right click and save the file)

[2xExplorer.chm (151 KB)]

<http://www.ps.ic.ac.uk/~umeca74/2xExplorer.chm>

Buzzy's review:

<http://www.buzzys.net/2xexplorer.html>

freeCommander

Company: --

Author: Marek Jasinski

<http://www.freecommander.com/>

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Windows OS: Windows NOTES: No registry entries. A no install version is available

Languages: English and many other languages

Description: freeCommander is an easy-to-use alternative to the standard windows file manager. The program helps you with daily work in Windows. Here you can find all the necessary functions to manage your data stock. You can take freeCommander anywhere – just copy the installation directory on a CD, USB-Stick or even a floppy disk – and you can even work with this program on a foreign computer. Main features: dual-panel technology; optional tree view for each panel; built in file viewer to view files in hex, binary, text or image format; file viewer inside archives too; built in archive handling: ZIP (read, write), CAB (read, write), RAR (read); nested archive handling; easy access to system folders, control panel, desktop and start menu; copy, move, delete, rename files and folders; file splitting; file properties and context menu; calculation of folder size; folder comparison / synchronization; modification of file date and attributes; folder / program favorites; file searching (inside archive too); file filters for display; DOS command line.

Home page:

<http://www.freecommander.com/>

download pages:

v 2007.10a (2007-12-06)

[fc_setup_.zip (2152 KB)]

http://www.freecommander.com/fc_downl_en.htm

[FreeCommander200710a.zip (1847 KB)]

http://www.freecommander.com/fc_u3_en.htm

HTH,

BoB