

# Re: Windows Explorer Opening options?

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Thank you Anna – but the target you suggest selects the c: drive – not 'My Computer'.  
Malcolm

"Anna" <[myname@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:myname@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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Malcolm H:  
Try this & see if this is what you're looking for...

Right-click on your Explorer shortcut icon and select Properties.  
In the "Target" text box, enter the following: C:\WINDOWS\explorer.scf

See if that's what you want.  
Anna

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Hi Ramesh

What I would really like to achieve with a shortcut is an Explorer two pane display with 'My Computer' selected in the left hand pane.

I have tried the following target in the shortcut but it doesn't work.

C:\WINDOWS\explorer.exe /e, /root, \My Computer

Please can you help me with the syntax?

Many thanks

Malcolm H

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Thank you again Ramesh. The shortcut works OK and is a lot simpler than messing around with the registry.

Malcolm H

"Ramesh, MS-MVP" <ramesh@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hi Malcolm,

You can create a desktop shortcut with required parameters.

Example: explorer /e,

The above command/shortcut opens My Computer window with the folder pane enabled.

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Regards,

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Thank you Ramesh. I had already seen this article but it does NOT answer my question, nor does it state how it is applied. I do not wish to use a command line.

When launched (e.g. by clicking 'My Computer') I want Windows Explorer always to appear with two panes with the left pane showing the folder tree instead of the 'Common Tasks'

Malcolm H

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"Ramesh, MS-MVP" <ramesh@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
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Hi Malcolm,

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Yes. See this article.

Explorer.exe Command-Line Options for Windows XP:  
<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=314853>

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Regards,

Ramesh Srinivasan, Microsoft MVP [Windows Shell/User]  
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When opening Windows Explorer the default behaviour is to  
display two  
panes  
with the left pane displaying 'System Tasks' etc on a blue  
background.

I almost never want this view so have to click the 'Folders'  
icon to  
display  
the folders tree in the left pane.

Is there any way of changing the default behaviour to remove  
the  
annoying  
need to click the 'Folders' icon every time I wish to browse  
files?

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Malcolm H

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misprint.