

Command-Line Switches for Windows Explorer

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SUMMARY

This article lists command-line switches you can use when you start Windows Explorer (EXPLORER.EXE).

MORE INFORMATION

Syntax

```
EXPLORER.EXE [/n][/e][,/root,<object>][[/select],<sub object>]
```

Switches

`/n`: Opens a new window in single-paned (My Computer) view for each item selected, even if the new window duplicates a window that is already open.

`/e`: Uses Windows Explorer view. Windows Explorer view is most similar to File Manager in Windows version 3.x. Note that the default view is Open view.

`/root,<object>`: Specifies the root level of the specified view. The default is to use the normal namespace root (the desktop). Whatever is specified is the root for the display.

`/select,<sub object>`: Specifies the folder to receive the initial focus. If `/select` is used, the parent folder is opened and the specified object is selected.

Examples

- To open a Windows Explorer view to explore only objects on `\\<server name>`, use the following syntax:

```
explorer /e,/root,\\<server name>
```

- To view the `C:\WINDOWS` folder and select `CALC.EXE`, use the following syntax:

```
explorer /select,c:\windows\calc.exe
```