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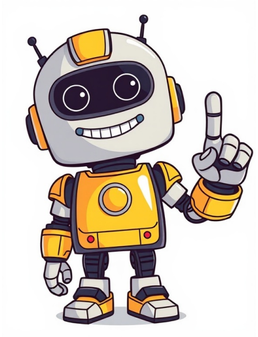

This tutorial will show you how to add Devices and Printers to This PC in File Explorer for your account or all users in Windows 10 and Windows 11. If added, Devices and Printers will appear under the "Devices and drives" group in This PC in File Explorer. The Devices and Printers folder shows devices that are connected to a computer, including the document devices. When you select a device in Devices and Printers, Device Stage shows the details for that device. Option One: Add or Remove Devices and Printers to This PC in File Explorer for Current User Only Option Two: Add or Remove Devices and Printers to This PC in File Explorer for All Users EXAMPLE: Devices and Printers added to This PC in File Explorer 1 Do step 2 (add) or step 3 (remove) below for what you want. 2. Add Devices and Printers to This PC in File Explorer for Current User Only A) Click/tap on the Download button below to download the file below, and go to step 4 below. 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Been scrounging around for days since updating PC from 21H2 to 23H2. Prior to the upgrade, I had File Explorer configured to open to C:\. After the upgrade, File Explorer defaulted to "Home" or "This PC". Your method finally allowed me to go back to my custom preference. But, I have another question: Is it possible to automatically 'expand' that folder like before? As it stands now, I have to manually do that. Thanks again for your time & effort. Hello Jack, Check using the tutorial below to make sure Expand to current folder is turned on for the navigation pane. That should have it open expanded afterwards. Hello Brink: It appears that in my earlier post, I spoke a bit prematurely. After deploying this reg file: (Set_File_Explorer_to_open_to_custom_location) I created a shortcut for File Explorer to open to C:\. Unfortunately, the shortcut will only open to: "ThisPC" instead, no matter what I do. (*See screenshot). The reason why I prefer the root drive to open is because I have lots of sub folders I work with on a regular basis. BTW, it's not the end of the world if I can't get this to work as in 21H2. I'll just bite the bullet and make the adjustment. I have several desktop computers, plus two laptops in my house. I'll leave them at 21H2 until this is dealt with. Thanks again Brink. You're the best. If you would like to try the REG file below, it uses the same method as option three but preset for the "C:" drive. Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00 [HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Classes\CLSID\{52205fd8-5dfb-447d-801a-d0b52f2e83e1}\shell\OpenNewWindow\command] @="Explorer \"C:\"" "DelegateExecute"="" Say Brink: Thanks for the reg file. I "merged" the file. No go. Still defaulting to that darn "MyPC". Amazing how the ability to fine-tune some of these features can vanish so quickly with a version 'upgrade' on the same OS. Microsoft sure seems to love MyPC in File Explorer, eh? BTW, Out of the 3 options in "Folder Options": 'This PC', 'Home' & 'Downloads', wouldn't it have been smart for the developers to have added a "browse" option so that the user could have selected a default start folder of their choice? Would have made this issue a non-issue. OS Windows 11 Pro 25H2 (Build 26200.6899) Computer type PC/Desktop Manufacturer/Model Asus TUF Gaming A520M-Plus WiFi CPU HexaCore AMD Ryzen 5 4600G, 4300 MHz (43 x 100 Motherboard Asus TUF Gaming A520M-Plus WiFi Memory Corsair 32GB (16x2) Graphics Card(s) AMD Radeon R7 240 (Oland) Sound Card System Monitor(s) Displays ACER 24 Inch Screen Resolution 1600 x 900 Hard Drives 3 X Samsung SSD 990 EVO 1TB PSU CORSAIR RMx Series RM850x Case NZXT H510 - CA-H510B-B1 Cooling Aer F120mm Keyboard Logitech Mouse Logitech Browser Mozilla Firefox Antivirus Malwarebytes Page 2 Say