

Janet's Tip #180



Windows 10: PIN a specific folder to Windows 10 File Explorer

I use my CTC OneDrive (for Business) folder more than any other on my computer. So, when I open the File Explorer, 99% of the time it's because I want to access that particular folder.

But the File Explorer opens to your Quick Access list, by default. What to do?

It's too many steps to create a custom Windows 10 shortcut that automatically opens to that folder. Besides...sometimes you might want to open File Explorer to a different folder.

So, I say...PIN your favourite folder to the File Explorer icon located down on your taskbar at the bottom of the screen:

- 1. Open File Explorer.
- 2. Navigate to the folder (that you want as the default). Make sure it is selected.
- 3. Point your mouse at that folder (icon).
- 4. Hold down your RIGHT mouse button.
- 5. Right-drag the folder to your File Explorer icon down on the taskbar.
- 6. You'll see the little pop-up PIN TO FILE EXPLORER appear to indicate that you are truly pointing at the File Explorer.
- 7. Release your mouse button.
- 8. Done. To prove it: RIGHT-CLICK the File Explorer icon (on the taskbar) and you'll see that favourite folder listed under PINNED.
- 9. The next time you want to open the File Explorer to that particular folder instead of clicking the File Explorer icon: RIGHT-CLICK it and choose that folder. Yet, you can always open the File Explorer to the original default (Quick Access) location by just doing a regular click on the File Explorer icon.





<u>Note to Onedrive for Business (ODFB) Users</u>: Only those who sync between the cloud and their computer can do this. And, if you pin your ODFB folder to the File Explorer list – it will be the *computer-based* (C: drive) ODFB folder that is pinned. You can't pin a web-based folder.