



What is Classic Shell?

Classic Shell™ is free software that improves your productivity, enhances the usability of Windows and empowers you to use the computer the way you like it. The main features are:

- Highly customizable start menu with multiple styles and skins
- Quick access to recent, frequently-used, or pinned programs
- Find programs, settings, files and documents
- Start button for Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 8.1
- Toolbar and status bar for Windows Explorer
- Caption and status bar for Internet Explorer

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Apr 20th, 2014 - General release 4.1.0 is out

It improves the support for Windows 8.1 Spring Update and contains some stability fixes. More details [here](#).

Mar 31st, 2014 - General release 4.0.5 is out

It improves the usability on tablets and adds support for animated start buttons. More details [here](#).

Jan 18th, 2014 - General release 4.0.4 is out

This release contains new administrative settings and multiple compatibility fixes. More details [here](#).

Oct 20th, 2013 - General release 4.0.2 is out

This release contains some last minute tweaks and fixes.

Oct 5th, 2013 - General release 4.0.0 is out

The first official build of Classic Shell 4.0.0 is released. Read more about the [new features](#) and see [screenshots](#).

Classic Start Menu

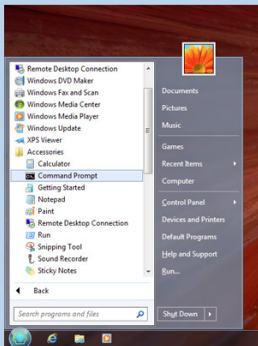
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Choose between 3 different styles:

Classic

Two columns

Windows 7



The Classic Start Menu is compatible with:

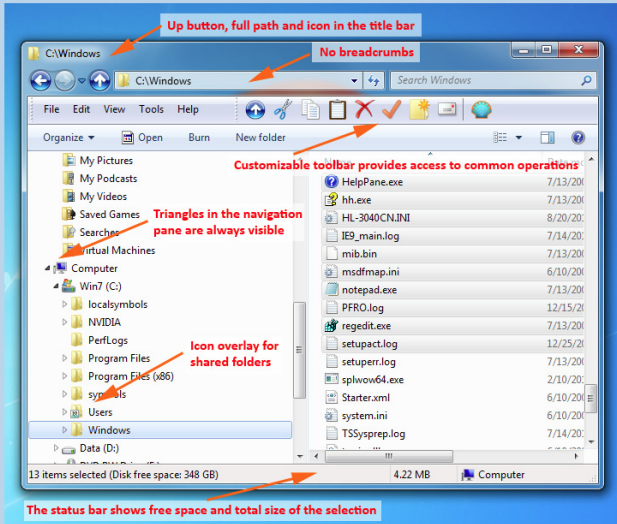


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Classic Explorer

See all features

Many usability improvements to Explorer (every feature can be turned on or off):



If you like Classic Explorer, you might also like this search utility by GOFF Concepts:



Download FileSearchEX from [here](#)

Get Help

- Read the F.A.Q.
- Ask a question in the forum
- Report a bug or submit a feature request
- Learn how to make your own skin
- Learn how to make your own start button

Testimonials

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"So happy to find this program. Very well made with lots of options. Makes Windows 7 worth using. Saves me from daily frustration. Thank you so much!"
Eric

"Brilliant! No more frustration, I can work just like I used to! Thank you!"
Anonymous Donor

System Requirements

Classic Shell works on Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1 and their server counterparts (Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2012, and Windows Server 2012 R2). Both 32 and 64-bit versions are supported. The same installer works for all versions.
Note: Windows RT is not supported.

Friends of Classic Shell

Here are some of the people, who made significant contributions to the Classic Shell project:

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