

Path Names Incomplete

Path is a term given to the way the computer lists the structure of a file in the Windows Operating system.

For example:

the path C:\windows\media\hornblower.wav is a way of telling you that the file hornblower.wav is a wav file that is located in the C: drive, the windows subfolder, the media subsubfolder. So once you know the path C:\windows\media\hornblower.wav, you know you will be able to find the actual file simply by

1. Rightclicking Start...click Explore.
2. Then click the + beside the C: drive in the left column to expand it's folders.
3. Scroll down and click the + beside the Windows folder to expand it's folders.
4. Scroll further down to the Media folder and doubleclick it.
5. Now look on the right side of the screen and you'll find the file hornblower.wav
6. IF you doubleclick that file it will play a sound since it's a .wav file.
7. IF you rightclick the file, you will be given several choices of actions to take on the file.

To find the PATH of a particular file so you can locate it in Explore, rightclick START and click SEARCH. Put the name of the particular file in the top box. and click the down arrow in the LOOK IN box and select the Local C: drive. Click Search Now.

But, have you done a search for a particular file and got a list such as the one below with two of the paths showing ...at the end? Those 3 dots ... are there to tell you that there is more to the PATH. To see the rest you must widen the column.

Name	In Folder
Organize	C:\lotus
URL Organize	C:\Program files
Shortcut to OrganizeC:\Program Files\America Online...	
URL Organizer	C:\Program Files\URL Organizer
URL Organizer	C:\Documents and Settings\Own...

Change the width of a column:

1. Place your mouse cursor on the upright divider, that's that little crack between column titles.
2. Click the left mouse button, hold it down and drag to the left to make the column more narrow.
3. Hold down the mouse button and drag to the right to make the column wider so you can see the rest of the path of those two lines that have the ...
4. The file at the very end of the path is the one you're looking for .