

Where Is It In Windows Vista: The Reference

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Where Is It In Windows Vista provides a menu map for the features found in the Windows Vista menus, control panels, and explorer views. Where possible I've noted applicable editions or limitations. The following abbreviations are used to reference Windows Vista editions:

HB – Home Basic
HP – Home Premium
B – Business
E – Enterprise
U – Ultimate

This reference is meant for readers of my books Windows Vista Administrator's Pocket Consultant and Windows Vista: The Definitive Guide as well as for those who attend my training seminars. The most current edition can be found online at <http://www.williamstanek.com/vista/>. You are welcome to send updates and corrections.

Thank you,

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All Programs >>

Default Programs
Internet Explorer
Windows Calendar
Windows Contacts
Windows Defender
Windows DVD Maker (HP, U)
Windows Fax and Scan
Windows Live Messenger Download
Windows Mail
Windows Media Center (HP, U)
Windows Media Player
Windows Meeting Space (Full only on HP and up)
Windows Movie Maker (HB, HP, U)
Windows Photo Gallery
Windows Update

All Programs >> Accessories

Calculator
Command Prompt
Connect to a Network Projector (HP and up)
Notepad
Paint
Remote Desktop Connection (Host only on B and up)
Run
Snipping Tool
Sound Recorder
Sync Center
Welcome Center
Windows Explorer
Windows Sidebar
WordPad

All Programs >> Accessories >> Ease of Access

Ease of Access Center
Magnifier
Narrator
On-Screen Keyboard
Windows Speech Recognition

All Programs >> Accessories >> System Tools

Backup Status And Configuration
Character Map
Computer
Control Panel
Disk Cleanup
Disk Defragmenter
Internet Explorer (No Add-ons)
System Information
System Restore
Task Scheduler
Windows Easy Transfer

All Programs >> Accessories >> Tablet PC

Stick Notes
Tablet PC Input Panel
Windows Journal

All Programs >> Administrative Tools

Computer Management
Data Sources (ODBC)
Event Viewer
iSCSI Initiator
Local Security Policy
Memory Diagnostics Tool
Print Management
Reliability and Performance Monitor
Services
System Configuration
Task Scheduler
Windows Firewall with Advanced Security

All Programs >> Extras and Upgrades

Small Business Resources
Windows Marketplace
Windows Ultimate Extras
Windows Web Site

All Programs >> Games (HB, HP, U)

Chess Titans
Freecell
Games Explorer
Hearts
InkBall
Mahjong Titans
Minesweeper
Purble Place
Solitaire
Spider Solitaire

All Programs >> Maintenance

Backup and Restore Center
Help and Support
Problem Reports and Solutions
Windows Remote Assistance

All Programs >> Startup

(startup programs)



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Start Menu:

Account Picture opens User Accounts page in Control Panel
User opens %UserProfile% folder (C:\Users\%UserName% by default), **subfolders include:** Contacts, Desktop, Documents, Downloads, Favorites, Links, Music, Pictures, Saved Games, Searches, Videos

Documents opens the %UserProfile%\Documents folder

Pictures opens the %UserProfile%\Pictures folder

Music opens the %UserProfile%\Music folder

Games (HB, HP, U)

displays Microsoft Games (%ProgramFiles\Microsoft Games)
Chess Titans, Hearts, Minesweeper, Solitaire, FreeCell, Mahjong
Titans, Purple Place, Spider Solitaire

Search opens the Search Results window

Recent Items displays recently opened documents

Computer

(Hard Disk Drives, Devices with Removable Storage, Network Resources)

Quick Search Filters and Keywords:

e-mail, document, picture, movie, music, video,

Network

(access to Network and Sharing Center and Network devices)

Connect to

(dial-up, VPN, and wireless networks)

Default Programs

Help And Support

Power Button (puts computer in sleep)

Lock Button (locks computer)

Options Button (displays options:

Switch User, Log Off, Lock, Shut Down, Restart)

Control Panel >> Classic View

Add Hardware

Administrative Tools

AutoPlay

Backup and Restore Center

BitLocker Drive Encryption (E, U)

Color Management

Date and Time

Default Programs

Device Manager

Ease of Access Center

Folder Options

Fonts

Game Controllers

Indexing Options

Internet Options

iSCSI Initiator

Keyboard

Mail

Mobility Center (Full only on B and up)

Mouse

Network And Sharing Center

Offline Files

Parental Controls

Pen and Input Devices

People Near Me

Performance Information and Tools

Personalization

Phone and Modem

Power Options

Printers

Problem Reports and Solutions

Programs And Features

Regional and Language

Scanners and Cameras

Security Center

Sound

Speech Recognition

Sync Center

System

Tablet PC Settings

Taskbar and Start Menu

Text to Speech

User Accounts

Welcome Center

Windows CardSpace

Windows Defender

Windows Firewall

Windows SideShow

Windows Update

Control Panel >> Appearance and Personalization

Ease of Access

Folder Options

Fonts

Personalization

Taskbar and Start Menu

Control Panel >> System and Maintenance

Welcome Center

Administrative Tools

Backup and Restore Center

System

Indexing Options

Performance Information and Tools

Device Manager

Power Options

Problem Reports and Solutions

Windows Update

Control Panel >> Security

BitLocker Drive Encryption (E, U)

Internet Options

Parental Controls (Not in domains)

Security Center

Windows Defender

Windows Firewall

Windows Update



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Control Panel >> Network and Internet

- Internet Options
- Network And Sharing Center
- Offline Files
- People Near Me
- Windows Firewall
- Sync Center

Control Panel >> Hardware and Sound

- Sound
- AutoPlay
- Device Manager
- Color Management
- Printers
- Game Controllers
- Keyboard
- Mouse
- Pen and Input Devices
- Personalization
- Phone and Modem Options
- Power Options
- Printers
- Scanners and Cameras
- Table PC Settings
- Windows SideShow

Control Panel >> Programs

- Programs And Features
- Get Programs Online
- Default Programs
- Windows Defender
- Windows SideShow (HP and up)
- Windows Sidebar Properties

Control Panel >> Users Accounts and Family Safety

- Mail
- Parental Controls
- User Accounts
- Windows CardSpace

Control Panel >> Clock, Language, and Region

- Date and Time
- Regional and Language Options

Control Panel >> Ease of Access

- Ease of Access Center
- Speech Recognition Options

Control Panel >> Additional Options

- Mobility Center (Full only on B and up)

Windows Explorer

- Computer
- Control Panel
- Desktop
- Network
- Public
- Recycle Bin
- User's Data

Windows Explorer >> Desktop

- Computer
- Internet Explorer
- Recycle Bin
- Control Panel
- Public
- Network
- User's Data

Taskbar tasks:

- Open, E-Mail
- Share, Burn

Windows Explorer >> Computer

- Lists Hard Disk Drives, Devices with Removable Storage, Network Resources

Taskbar tasks:

- System Properties
- Uninstall Or Change A Program
- Map Network Drive

Windows Explorer >> Network

- Lists computers and devices discovered on the network.

Taskbar tasks:

- Network And Sharing Center
- Add A Printer
- Add A Wireless Device

Windows Explorer >> Public

- Public Desktop
- Public Documents
- Public Downloads
- Public Music
- Public Pictures
- Public Videos
- Recorded TV

Taskbar tasks:

- Sharing Settings
- Open, Burn

Windows Explorer >> Recycle Bin

- Shows the contents of the computer's Recycle Bin

Taskbar tasks:

- Empty The Recycle Bin
- Restore All Items

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