

NAME

File::HomeDir::Windows – Find your home and other directories on Windows

SYNOPSIS

```
use File::HomeDir;
```

```
# Find directories for the current user (eg. using Windows XP Professional)
$home      = File::HomeDir->my_home;          # C:\Documents and Settings\mylogin
$desktop    = File::HomeDir->my_desktop;        # C:\Documents and Settings\mylogin\D
$docs       = File::HomeDir->my_documents;      # C:\Documents and Settings\mylogin\M
$music      = File::HomeDir->my_music;          # C:\Documents and Settings\mylogin\M
$pics       = File::HomeDir->my_pictures;       # C:\Documents and Settings\mylogin\M
$videos     = File::HomeDir->my_videos;        # C:\Documents and Settings\mylogin\M
$data       = File::HomeDir->my_data;           # C:\Documents and Settings\mylogin\L
```

DESCRIPTION

This module provides Windows-specific implementations for determining common user directories. In normal usage this module will always be used via `File::HomeDir`.

Internally this module will use `Win32::GetFolderPath` to fetch the location of your directories. As a result of this, in certain unusual situations (usually found inside large organizations) the methods may return UNC paths such as `\\cifs.local\home$`.

If your application runs on Windows and you want to have it work comprehensively everywhere, you may need to implement your own handling for these paths as they can cause strange behaviour.

For example, `stat` calls to UNC paths may work but block for several seconds, but `opendir()` may not be able to read any files (creating the appearance of an existing but empty directory).

To avoid complicating the problem any further, in the rare situation that a UNC path is returned by `GetFolderPath` the usual `-d` validation checks will **not** be done.

SUPPORT

See the support section the main `File::HomeDir` module.

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SEE ALSO

`File::HomeDir`, `File::HomeDir::Win32` (legacy)

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