



IT1102 Computer Hardware



Week 2

Organizing and managing files and folders



Desktop

- The **desktop** is the main screen area that user see after turn on computer and log on to Windows
- user can store files and folders or short cuts in it , and arrange them as user want



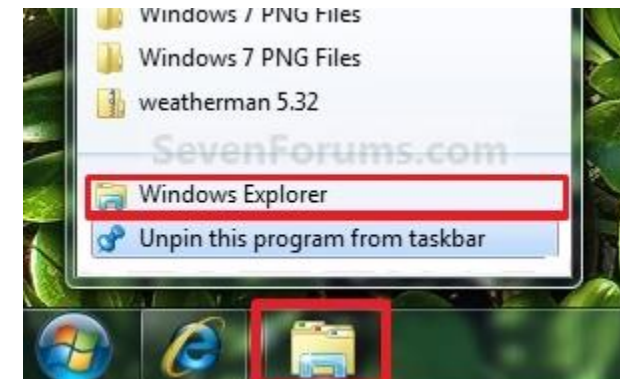
Taskbar

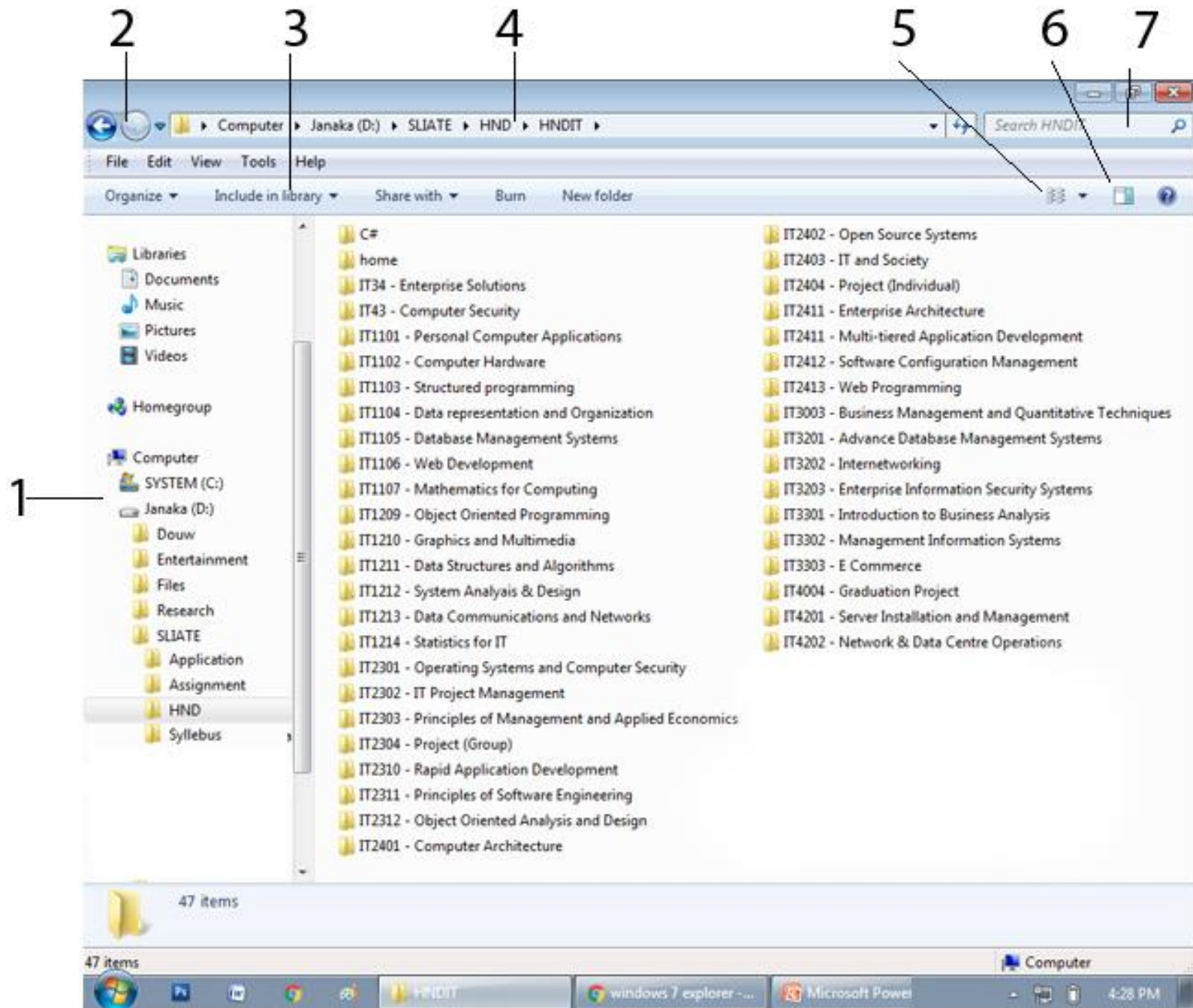
- **Taskbar** sits at the bottom of your screen
- It shows user which programs are running
- It allows user to switch between running programs
- User can also use Alt + Tab to switch between running programs



Windows Explorer

- **Windows Explorer** in early Windows versions
- File Explorer in Windows 8
- File Explorer is a file manager application allows you to open, access, and rearrange your files and folders.
- It provides a graphical user interface for accessing the file systems.
- Windows key + E







1. Navigation pane

- Hierarchically expand the computer to browse folders and subfolders.

2. Back and Forward buttons

- Navigate to other folders or libraries user have already visited

3. Toolbar

- command icons to perform common tasks, such as changing the appearance of your files and folders, burning files to a CD, or starting a digital picture slide show. The toolbar's buttons change to show only the tasks that are relevant.



4. Address bar

- Show the current folder path
- To navigate to a different folder or library

5. View button

- Use to change how the files in the file list are organized. (order or group)

6. Preview button

- show or hide the selected item (e-mail message, text file, or picture.)

7. Search box

- To search for an item by typing the name

File

- A **file** is an item that contains information
- Text, images, video or music
- Graphically represented by an icon



Penguins



Text document



File Extension

- Two, three or four characters followed by period
- Helps identify the type of file
- Common file type in Windows
 - .AVI Multimedia Audio/Video
 - .BAT PC batch file
 - .BMP Windows BitMap
 - .DOC Microsoft Word for Windows/Word97
 - .EXE PC Application
 - .GIF Graphics Interchange Format
 - .JAVA Java files

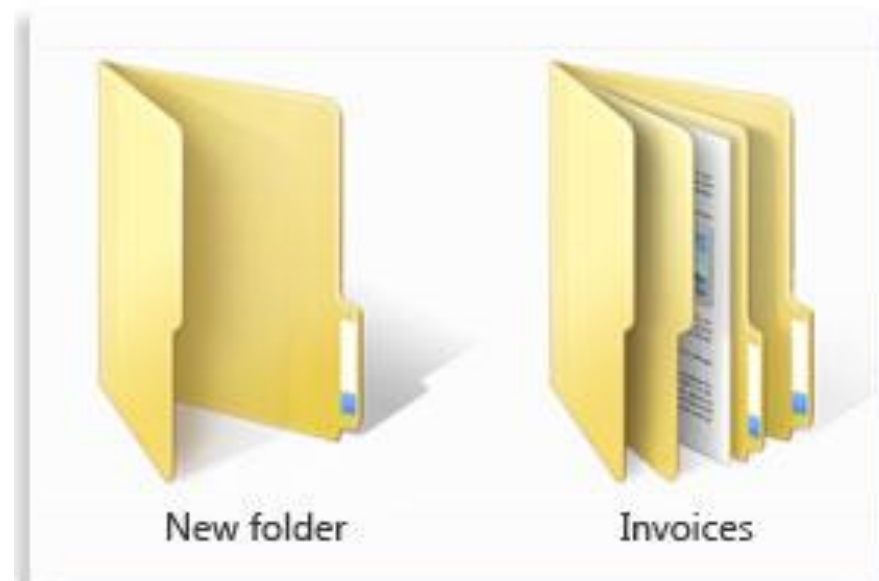
Organizing files

- Why?
 - Easy to store
 - Easy to find



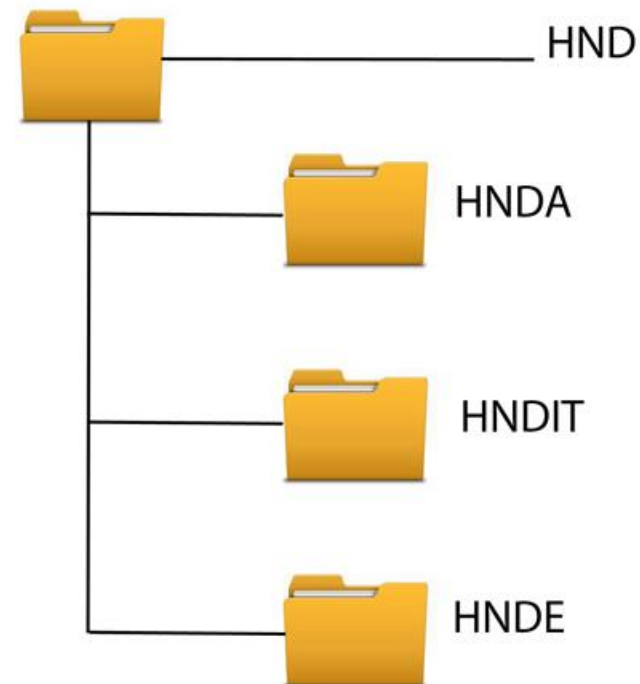
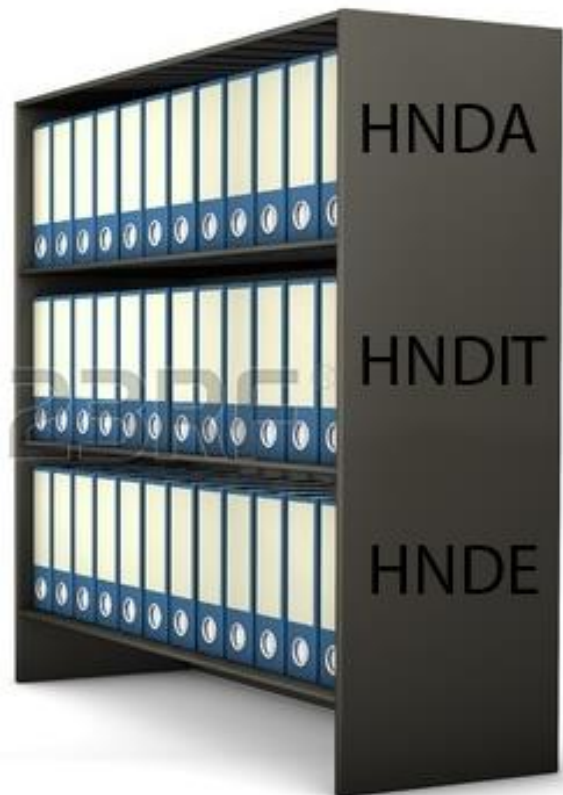
Folder

- Folder is a container used to store files



Folder

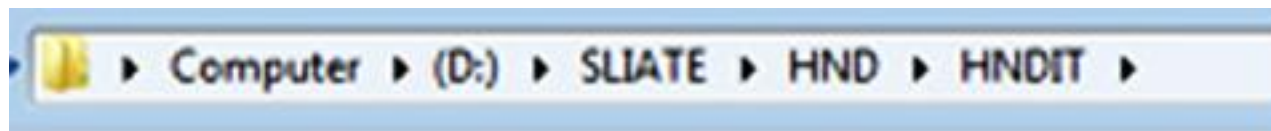
- Folders can also store other folders
- folder within a folder is called a **subfolder**
- Folders are arranged in hierarchal structure





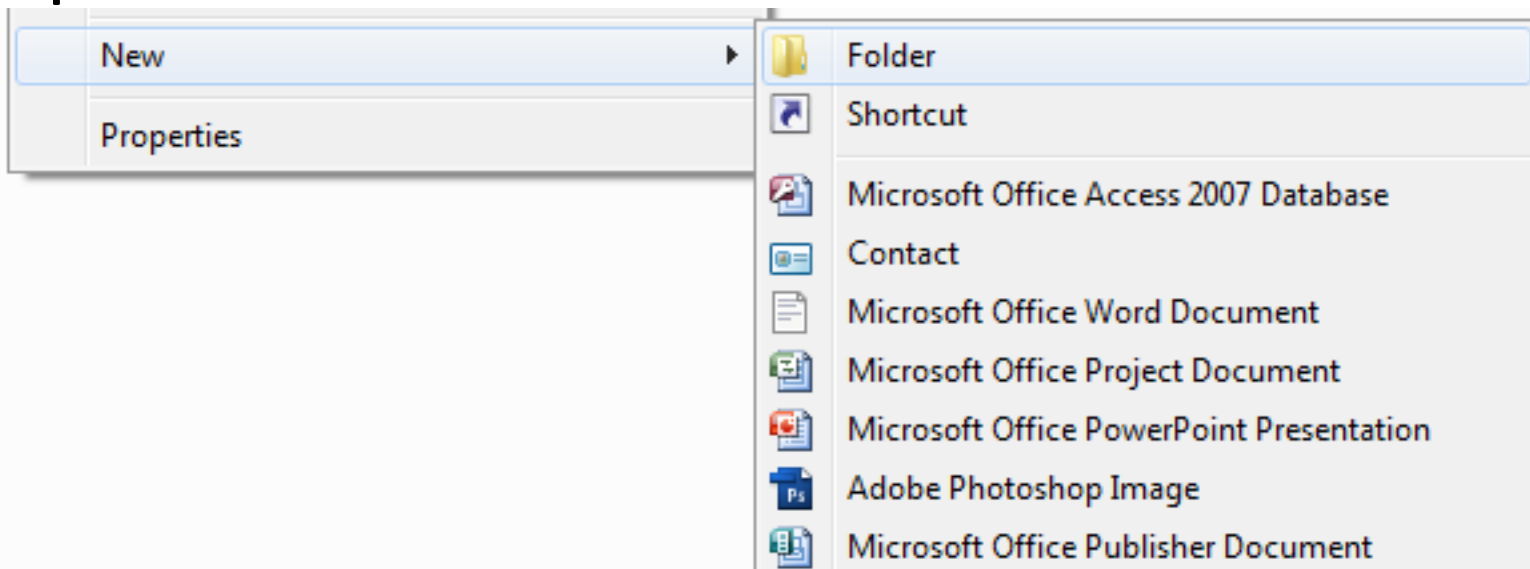
File or folder path

- Specifies a unique location in a file system.



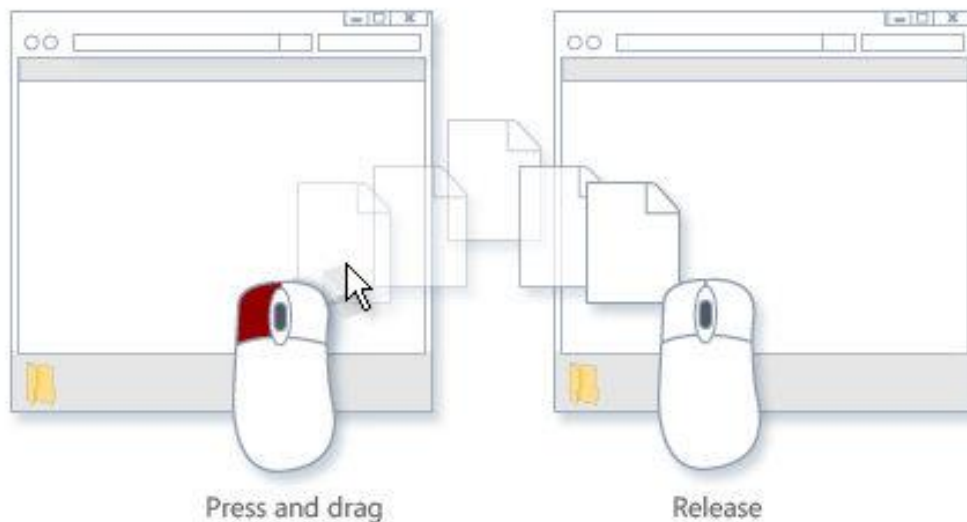
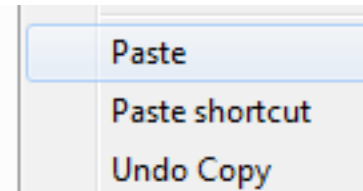
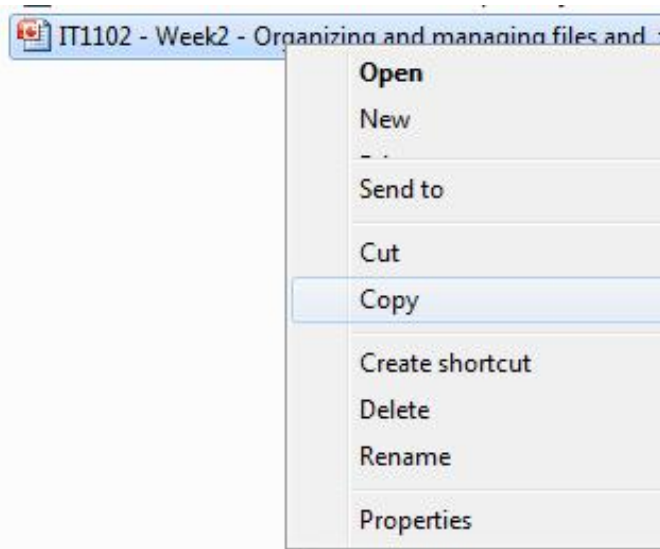
Creating new file or folder

- Right-click a blank area on the desktop or in the folder window, point to New, and then click Folder of require file type .
- Type a name for the new folder of file, and then press Enter.



File and folder operations

- Copy and past
- Cut and pats
- Delete
- Rename
- Drag and drop



Short cuts

- A shortcut is a link to an item (such as a file, folder, or app) on your PC.
- user can easily access the item that the shortcut links to.
- Shortcuts can be distinguished from the original file by the arrow that appears over-layed on the icon
- Adding short cuts to desktop
 - Right-click the item
 - click Send to
 - then click Desktop (create shortcut).
 - The shortcut icon appears on your desktop.



Text file

Text file -
Shortcut



Recycle Bin

- Temporary storage to store the deleting files from the file manager (Windows explorer)
- When user deleting files they are automatically moving to Recycle Bin, and do not delete permanently from the storage.
- Items in the Recycle Bin remain there until permanently deleted by user
- User can bypass Recycle Bin by using Shift + Del





Recycle Bin

- Windows allocates one Recycle Bin for each partition or hard disk
- By default Windows allocates 10% for each Recycle Bin in each partition



Default libraries

- Documents library.
 - To organize and arrange word-processing documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and other text-related files.
 - By default, files that you move, copy, or save to the Documents library are stored in the My Documents folder.
- Pictures library.
 - To organize and arrange your pictures, get them from camera, scanner, or in e-mail.
 - By default, files that you move, copy, or save to the Pictures library are stored in the My Pictures folder.



Default libraries

- Music library.
 - To organize and arrange your music.
 - By default, files that you move, copy, or save to the Music library are stored in the My Music folder.
- Videos library.
 - To organize and arrange videos, such as clips from digital camera or camcorder, or video files that download from the Internet.