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ℹ️ **Information**

System configuration information is stored centrally in a hierarchical database called the registry. You can use Registry Editor to add and edit registry keys and values, restore the registry from a backup or to default values, and to import or export keys for reference or backup.

For power users, Microsoft has added something special starting with Windows 10 build 14942 – Registry Editor (regedit.exe) now has an address bar. This enables you to easily see your current registry key path, and copy it if needed. You can also paste or type in paths, and pressing enter will take you to that location. You can use **Alt + D** to set focus to the address bar.

The new address bar in Registry Editor replaced the bottom status bar.

This tutorial will show you how to turn on or off showing the address bar in **Registry Editor** for your account in **Windows 10**.

📝 **Note**

Starting with Windows 10 build 14965, Microsoft has incorporated two new features:

1. You can now use CTRL + L to set focus to the address bar – while we already supported ALT + D, we recognize that some people prefer this keyboard shortcut instead, so now you have the option to use either one.
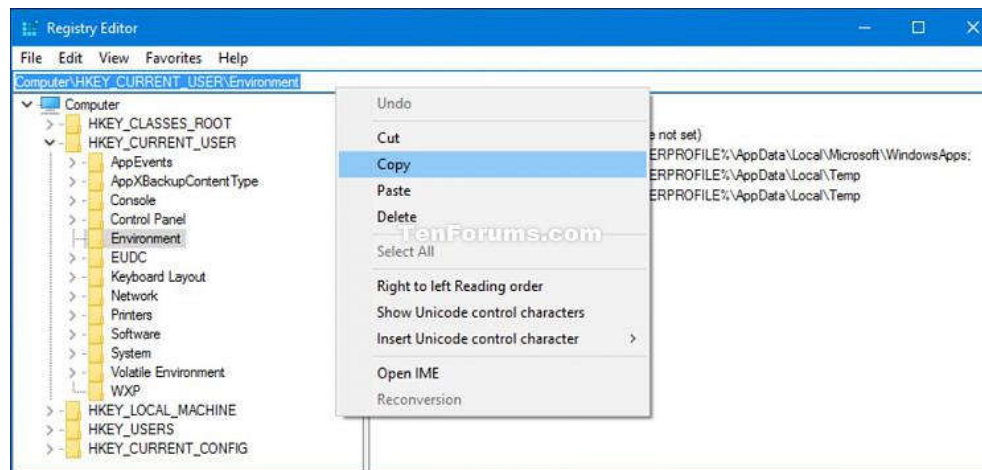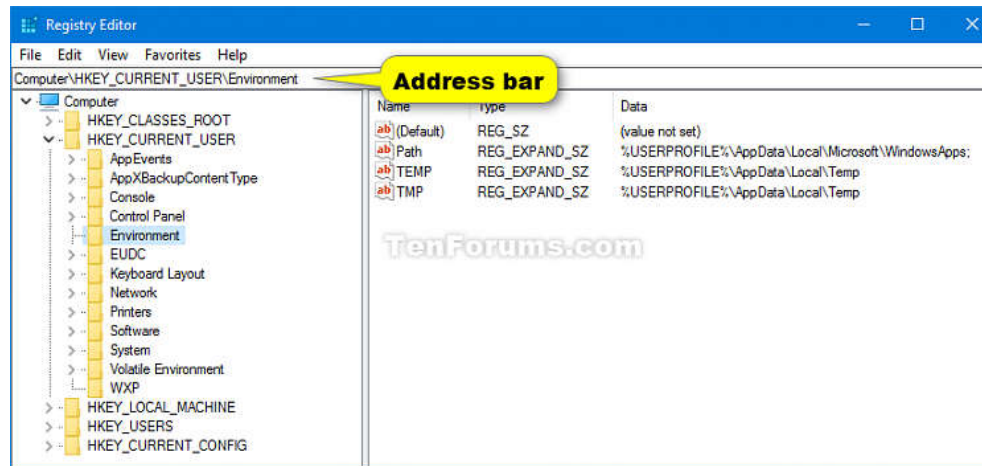
2. You can now use shorthand notation for HKEY names – you told us that when sharing registry paths you always use shorthand notation (HKCU) instead of typing out the full HKEY name (i.e. HKEY_CURRENT_USER), so we should support them in the address bar, and you know what? We agree! You can now just use "HKCR", "HKCU", "HKLM", and "HKU" instead of typing or pasting the respective full name

"HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT", "HKEY_CURRENT_USER", "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE", or "HKEY_USERS" into the address bar.

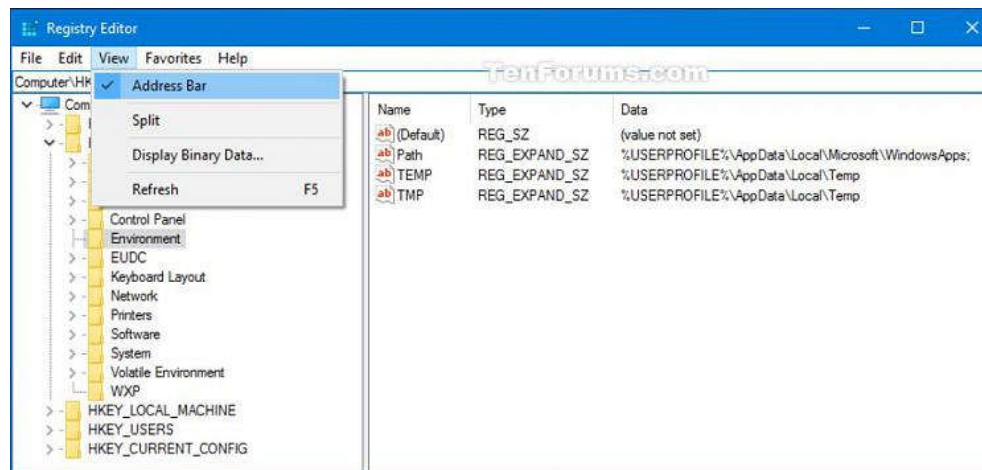EXAMPLE: Address bar in Registry Editor

Here's How:

1. While you have Registry Editor (regedit.exe) open, click/tap on **View** (Alt+V) on the menu bar, and click/tap on **Address Bar** to check (on) or uncheck (off) it for what you want.

That's it,
Shawn

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Cool another new toy, I like it!
You always had the address on the bottom(status bar), but _could not_ copy & paste, and had to right click the key, then select **"Copy Key Name"** before.
This will save a few clicks, and is safer, for clumsy mouse users(not meant derogatorily, I _Slip-Click_ a lot myself😳).

Thanks again for some new infos on hidden stuff.
This is just as important, as, when they added Favorites, to the toolbar.

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> Cliff S said: ▣
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...and copy and paste a registry address into the address bar of Registry Editor to make going to it easier. :)

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Ok...I'm doing something really wrong.

I copied the key from one of your tuts, pasted it in the address bar and hit enter. It just beeped and put me right back where I was.

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Personalization is wrong, the key now reads:
Computer\HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\DesktopBackground\Shell*Personalize*

Try this one Dick.

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Here are some more people can try:

For when you customize recycle bin you need to add a comma zero(,0) after all tree sub keys so it will refresh when deleting & empting it:
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\CLSID\{645FF040-5081-101B-9F08-00AA002F954E}\DefaultIcon

To change Organization and User Name in winver
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\FlightedFeatures

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The key needs to exist to be found, and RegEdit needs EXACT spelling.

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Registry Editor "Find"-command not working any more under Windows 10 in General Support
I recently upgraded to Windows 10. Since then searches in the Registry Editor do not work any more (the app consumes 20% CPU, but the search never finishes. Canceling the search crashes the registry editor.:sarc:

Registry Editor crashing in General Support
Hello, I hope I am posting in the appropriate section :) In the recent TP builds of Windows 10 Pro I am facing a weird problem with the Registry Editor in my system, so I thought to post here in order to research this matter deeper and discover...

Various Folders' Default Icon Value Data in Registry Editor in Performance & Maintenance
Hi Guys, I hope I've posted this in the correct channel. Basically, I'm after the default icon's value data for four folders in the registry editor. I stupidly removed them without copying them down whilst customising their icons. For example,...

Has anyone used "Offline NT Password & Registry Editor" on Windows 10? in Software and Apps
The latest version of "Offline NT Password & Registry Editor" dates from early 2014, and the newest version of Windows mentioned is 8.1. I wonder whether anyone has used it successfully on Windows 10 (presumably for local, non-Microsoft,...

Windows 10 Registry Editor - regedit.exe in Performance & Maintenance

I have just recently upgraded to Win10 Home. After the upgrade, I did a clean install. Runs well. My issue is that regedit.exe freezes during any search. It will search and find the first few instances of an item, then it just stays in the...

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