

How to quickly open the current directory from the command prompt? OS - Windows

▲ There is a need to quickly open the current directory from the command prompt. I know that there is a command `explorer .`

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But to enter the full path to the directory is very inconvenient.

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For example:

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```
explorer c:\progra~1\nodejs~1\worskp~1\project\module\convert
```

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It works. But is that the faster you can open the folder with the mouse ... I think it's not right.

And this command:

```
explorer cd.
```

Opens `My Documents .` Although I am in a different directory.

Whether prompt me please!

windows

cmd

command

command-prompt

explorer

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4 Answers

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start .



or

explorer .

. is a shortcut for current directory.

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Legends

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1 This should be the answer – [M O H](#) Mar 2 '18 at 4:12

Late 2018 on Win7 Pro, "explorer ." results in error message about 64-bit... But "start ." works! – [klausnrooster](#) Nov 28 '18 at 13:30 

Use the . to indicate the current directory:

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explorer .



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Just to add to the answers above (tested on windows 10)

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Open current directory

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```
start ...  
start ....  
start .....
```

Open subfolder of current directory

```
start .\subfolder  
explorer .\subfolder
```

Open the parent directory of current directory

```
explorer ..  
start ..
```

Navigate to another folder from the parent directory

```
start ..\another-folder  
explorer ..\another-folder
```

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Create a batch file (eg. c:\somepath\q.bat) with this line:

0 explorer .

Add it to your path (example shown will only work in the current console, add it to your System Properties->Advanced->Environment Variables to make it work anywhere):

```
set PATH=%PATH%;c:\somepath
```

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Then it should open the fastest way.

answered Oct 2 '15 at 12:19



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