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Keyboard shortcut for the Windows Explorer address bar

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Is there a keyboard shortcut in Windows Explorer (Windows 7), to put the cursor into the address bar (where the current path is shown)?



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edited Mar 31 '14 at 9:48



[user2428118](#)

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asked Sep 8 '10 at 6:40



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6 Answers



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Found it, it's possible with the following two shortcuts:

- **Alt** + **D** selects the current path in English versions (see comments for other languages)
- on Windows 8, **Ctrl** + **L** can also be used to select the current path (all languages)
- **F4** will put the cursor at the end of the current path and expand the dropdown list of the address bar (all languages)

BTW: here's a complete list of keyboard shortcuts in windows 7: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows7/Keyboard-shortcuts>

edited Feb 11 '16 at 15:11



Marcus Mangelsdorf

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answered Sep 8 '10 at 6:46



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Those shortcuts also work on IE, and ALT+D works on all browsers. – [paradroid](#) Sep 8 '10 at 7:00

- 6 Alt+D doesn't work on non-English versions of Windows 7 (tried on Brazilian Portuguese and German, probably affects others). – [muriloq](#) Oct 25 '11 at 18:48
- 3 Alt+D doesn't work in Ukrainian and Russian versions as well.

– kolobok Jul 14 '13 at 20:14

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- 6 [Alt+E works in the German Windows 7](#) – handle Jun 24 '15 at 6:22
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- 1 The link for the shortcuts is broken. [This one works](#) – Chriz Jul 25 '18 at 8:55
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If you're using non-English version, you can use [AutoHotkey](#) with this script:

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```
#IfWinActive ahk_class CabinetWClass
!d::ControlClick,ToolbarWindow322
return
```

edited Oct 20 '13 at 5:44



phucv

11.7k 7 46 98

answered Oct 20 '13 at 0:28



epifun

51 1 1

I went with ^1:: for Control+L. – Marc.2377 Dec 20 '18 at 12:55



Another AutoHotKey solution based on the one from @epifun

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@epifun 's solution does not work if the address in the addressbar is very long.

```
#IfWinActive ahk_class CabinetWClass
!d::
```

```
ControlFocus, ToolbarWindow322  
send {space}  
return
```

answered Mar 17 '14 at 16:32



Thomas Schreiner

131 3



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I can't verify this myself at the moment since I'm using Mac OS X, but [this webpage](#) suggests that `Alt-D` is what you're looking for (see section "Windows Explorer keyboard shortcuts").

answered Sep 8 '10 at 6:46



Lawrence Velázquez

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`Ctrl+L` seems now to be working in many browsers to do that, in File Explorer too. Now - I mean Windows 8 (7 does not work).

edited Dec 26 '14 at 17:40

answered Oct 20 '13 at 1:19



pbies

1,584 1 12 19

1 `Ctrl+L` doesn't work in Windows 7 to focus the Windows Explorer address bar. – David Murdoch Dec 19 '14 at 16:34

You're right. I've made edit. – pbies Dec 26 '14 at 17:40



F6 does the trick for me.

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(PC, successive versions of Windows including 8.1, as I write.)

edited May 19 '15 at 19:06



studiohack ♦

11.3k 18 80 114

answered May 19 '15 at 16:00



LeahNYC

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- 1 <kbd>F6</kbd> changes focus to the column header for me in Windows 7. – Jason Aller May 19 '15 at 16:57
- 2 Windows 8.1 here and F6 doesn't work for me. It seems to select the next Windows pane, similar to pressing Tab. I believe your solution is for Internet Explorer (not Windows Explorer) and other browsers, where F6 does change focus to the Address Bar. – Josh May 19 '15 at 17:59 ✎