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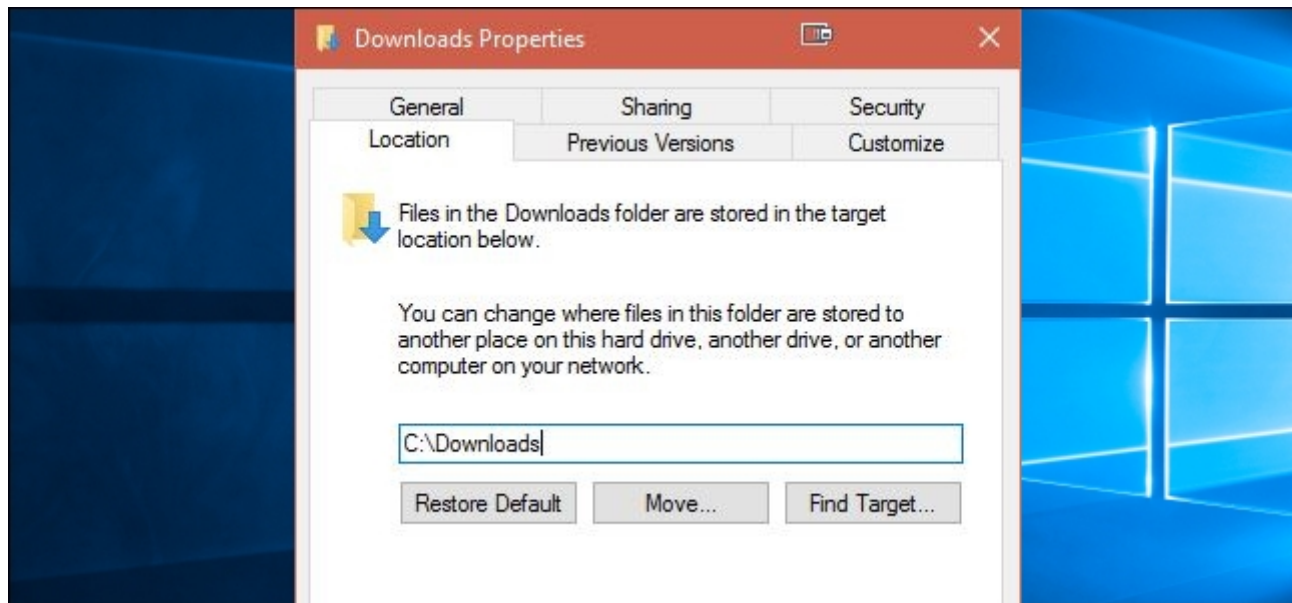
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# How Do You Change Windows' Default Download Path?



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The default download location on our Windows systems works well enough most of the time without a problem, but what if you want or need to change the location at the system level? With that in mind, today's SuperUser Q&A post has some helpful advice for a frustrated reader.

*Today's Question & Answer session comes to us courtesy of SuperUser—a subdivision of Stack Exchange, a community-driven grouping of Q&A web sites.*

## The Question

SuperUser reader Dr. John A Zoidberg wants to know how to change the Windows' default download path:

I would like to keep my drive paths as clean as possible and *C:\Downloads* is much nicer than *C:\Users\Myname\Downloads*. How can I stop Windows 10 from using the user name profile location by default?

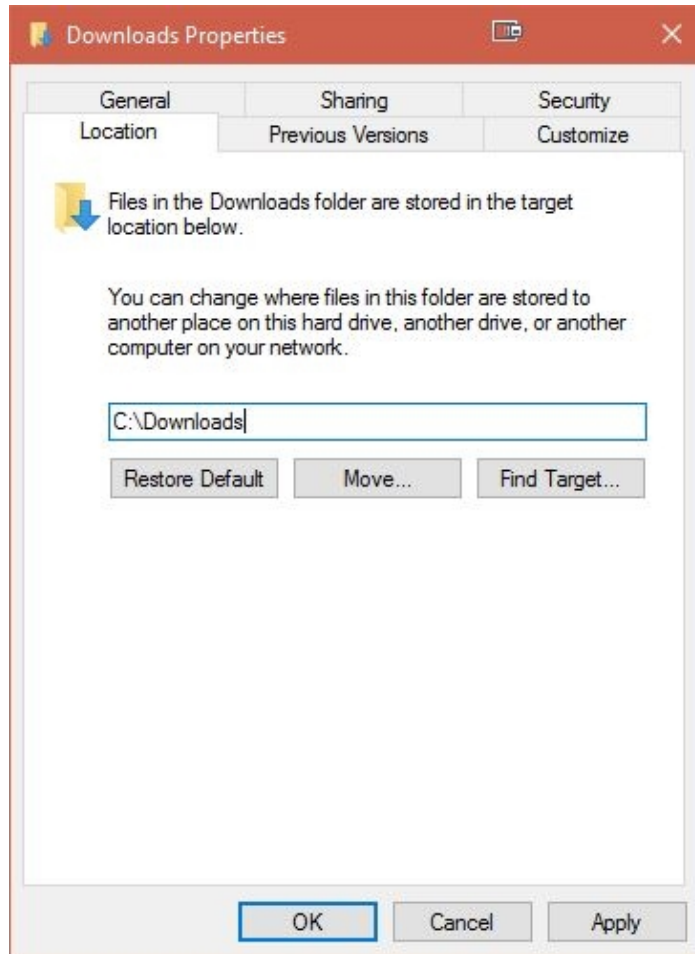
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## The Answer

SuperUser contributors Techie007 and Charles Burge have the answer for us. First up, Techie007:

### 1. Open Windows Explorer

2. Create the folder you want to have as your new Downloads folder (i.e. C:\Downloads)
3. Under *This PC*, right-click *Downloads*
4. Click *Properties*
5. Select the *Location Tab*
6. Click *Move*
7. Select the folder you made in Step 2



8. Once it has finished copying everything to the new folder, click *OK* to close the *Properties Window*

Followed by the answer from Charles Burge:

It is not Windows itself that downloads files, but rather its applications like web browsers or other network clients. If you are specifically talking about downloading files from the Internet, your web browser has a setting for the default download location. You can even set it to ask you each time where you want to put a file that you are about to download.

Have something to add to the explanation? Sound off in the comments. Want to read more answers from other tech-savvy Stack Exchange users?

[Check out the full discussion thread here.](#)

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