

# MAKING "FILE EXPLORER" OF "WINDOWS 8" START IN "COMPUTER" VIEW

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# SUMMARY

In "Windows 8..", "Windows Explorer" is now called "File Explorer".

However, (similar to "Windows Explorer" in "Windows Vista" and "Windows 7", it still starts up in "Libraries" view instead of "Computer" view. Here are the steps for making "File Explorer" in "File Explorer" of "Windows 8" start up in "Computer" view.

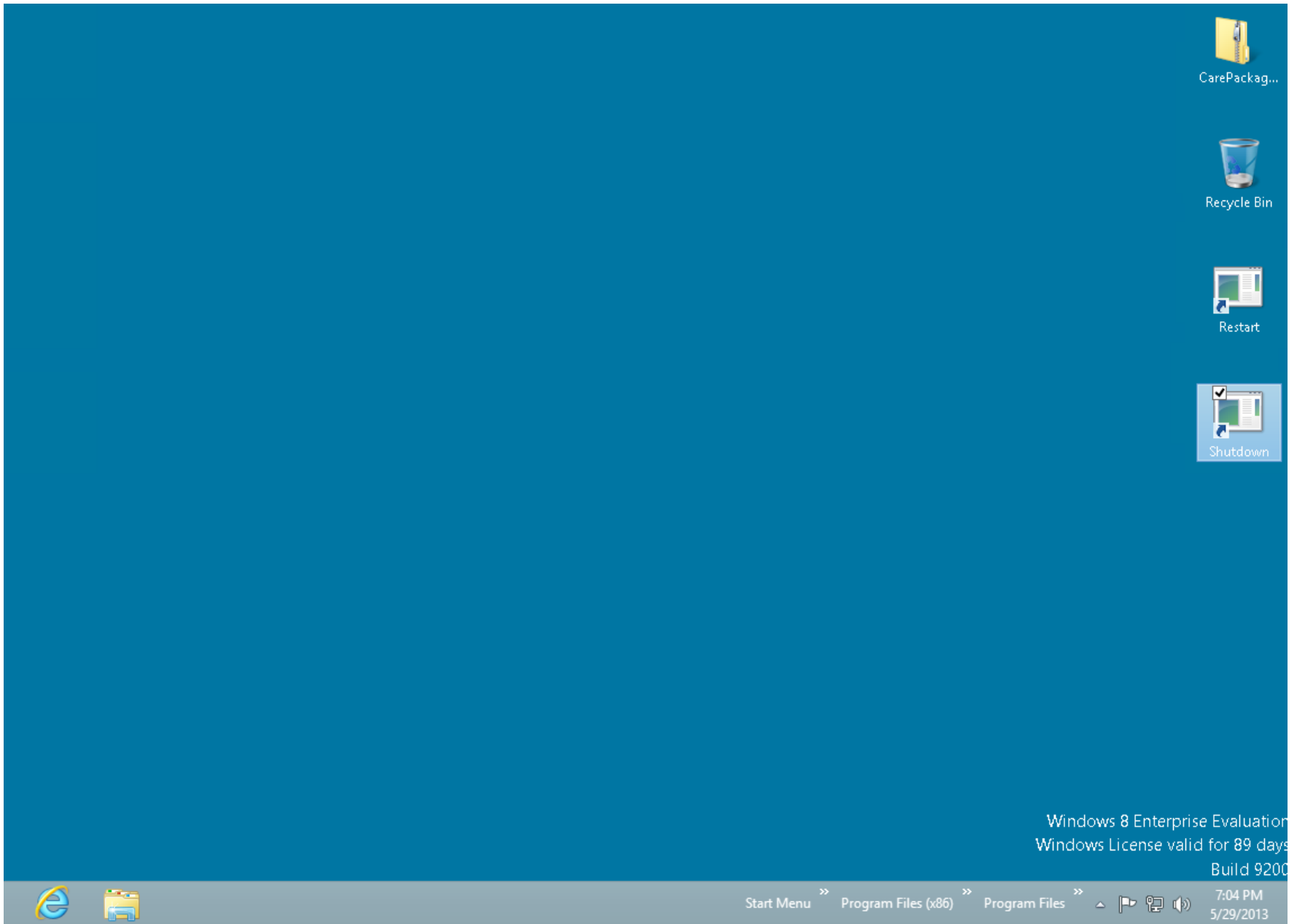
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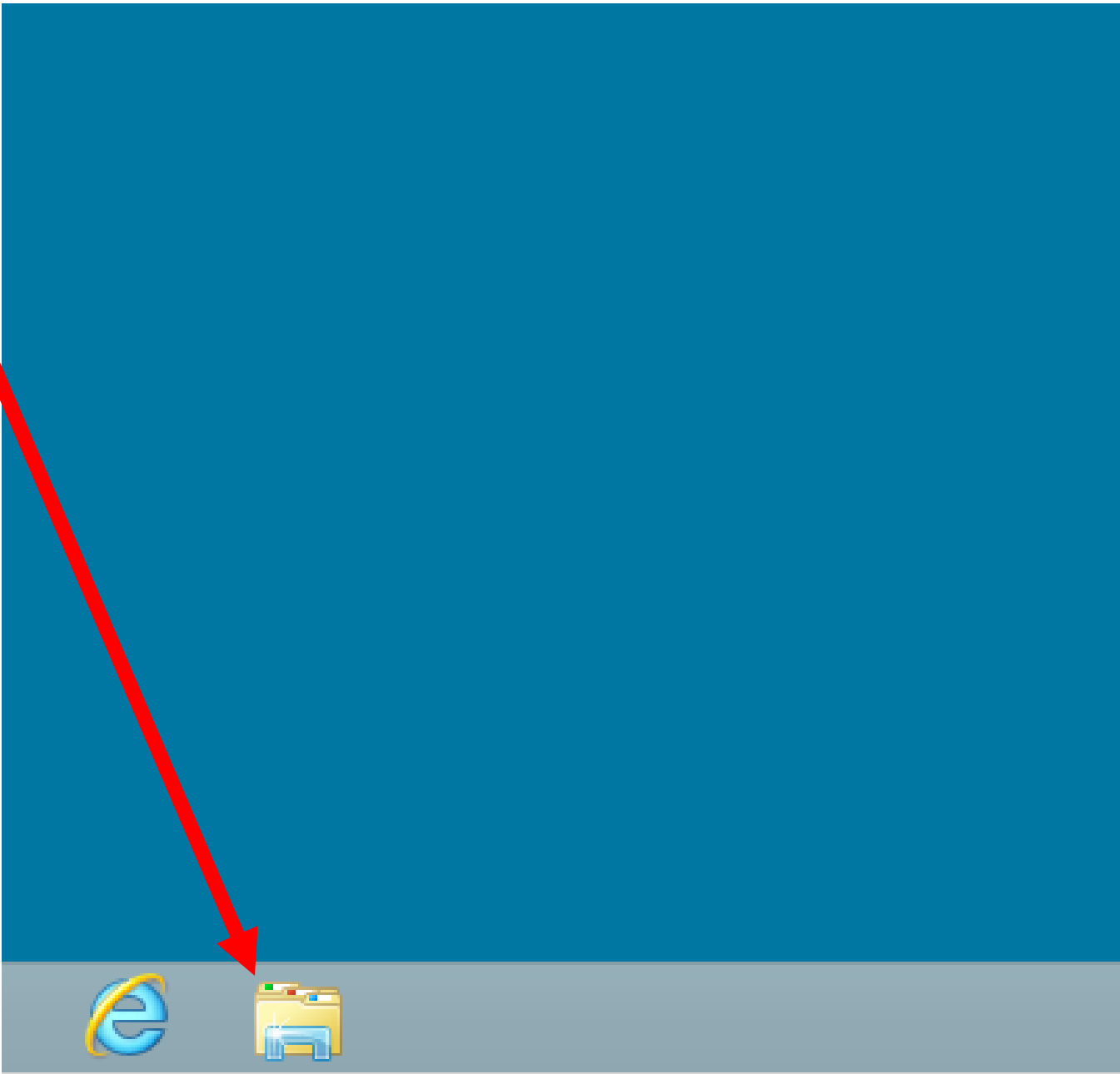
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Step 1: Go to the "Desktop" of  
"Windows 8", if you are not already  
in it. (If you are in a "Windows  
Store App" or the Windows 8  
"Start" screen, press the "Windows  
key and leave it down + press the  
d key and hold it down. Then  
release both keys.)



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Step 2: Locate any icon for "File  
Explorer". (You probably have one  
on the gray Task Bar.):

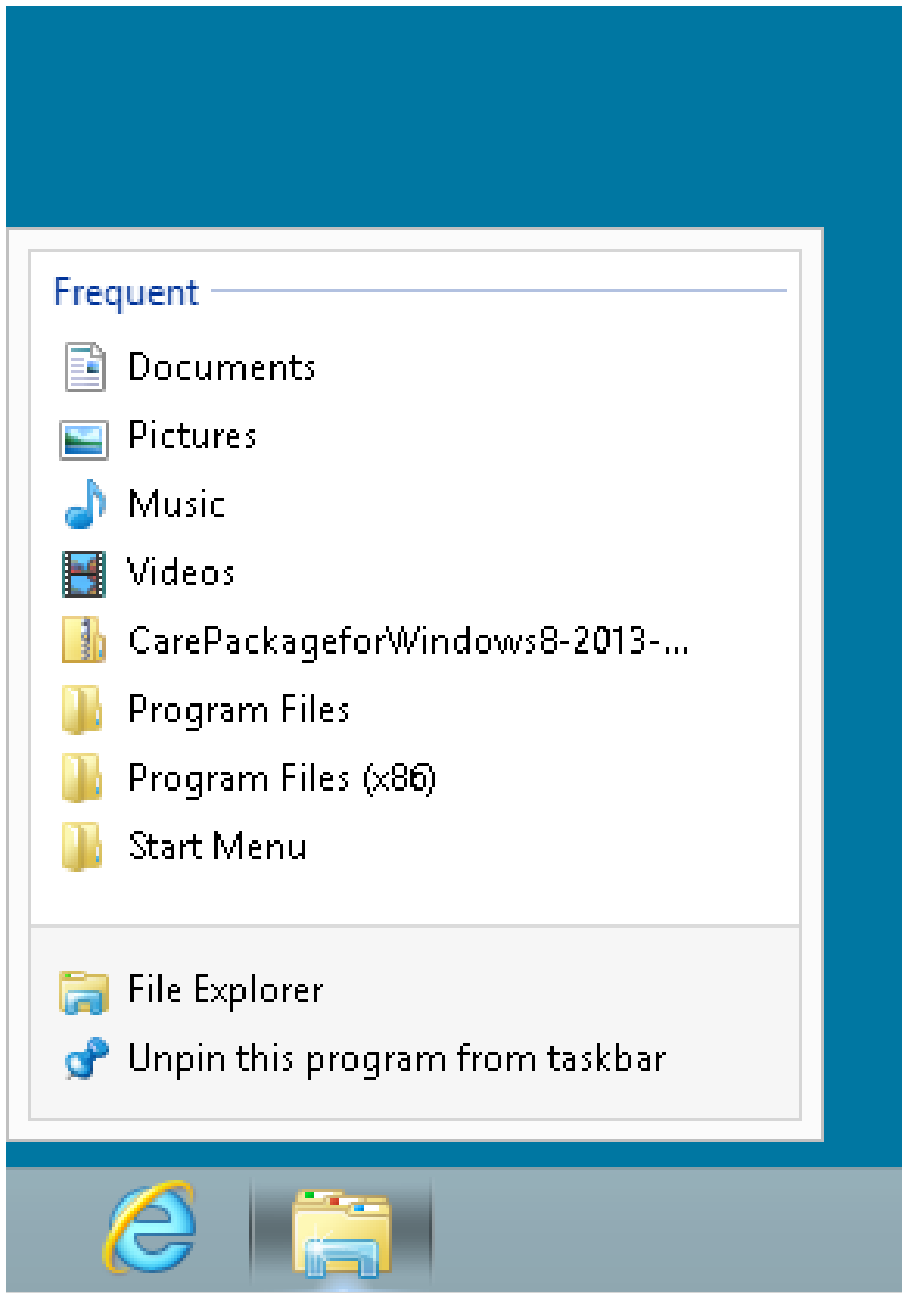




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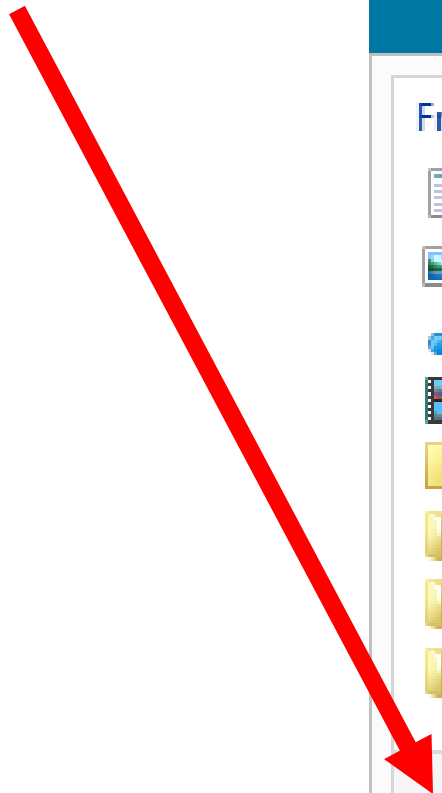
Step 3: Use the RIGHT mouse  
button to click on the "File  
Explorer" icon.

Step 4: A pop-up context menu will  
be displayed:



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**Step 5: Use the RIGHT mouse  
button to click on the "File  
Explorer" in the pop-up context  
menu:**



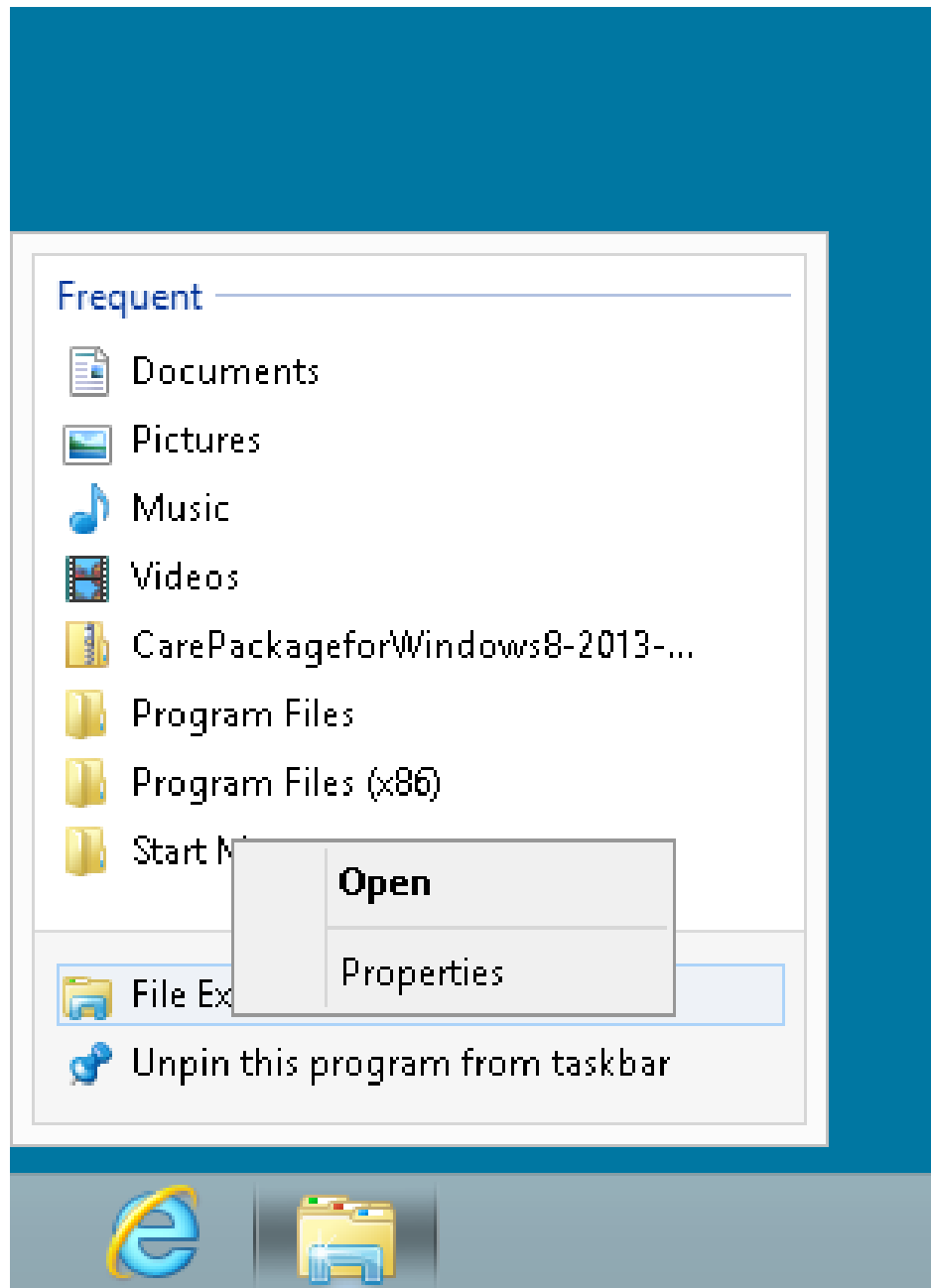
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- Documents
- Pictures
- Music
- Videos
- CarePackageforWindows8-2013-...
- Program Files
- Program Files (x86)
- Start Menu
- File Explorer
- Unpin this program from taskbar

The taskbar at the bottom of the screen shows two icons: Internet Explorer (a blue 'e' with a yellow ring) and File Explorer (a yellow folder icon with a blue folder handle).

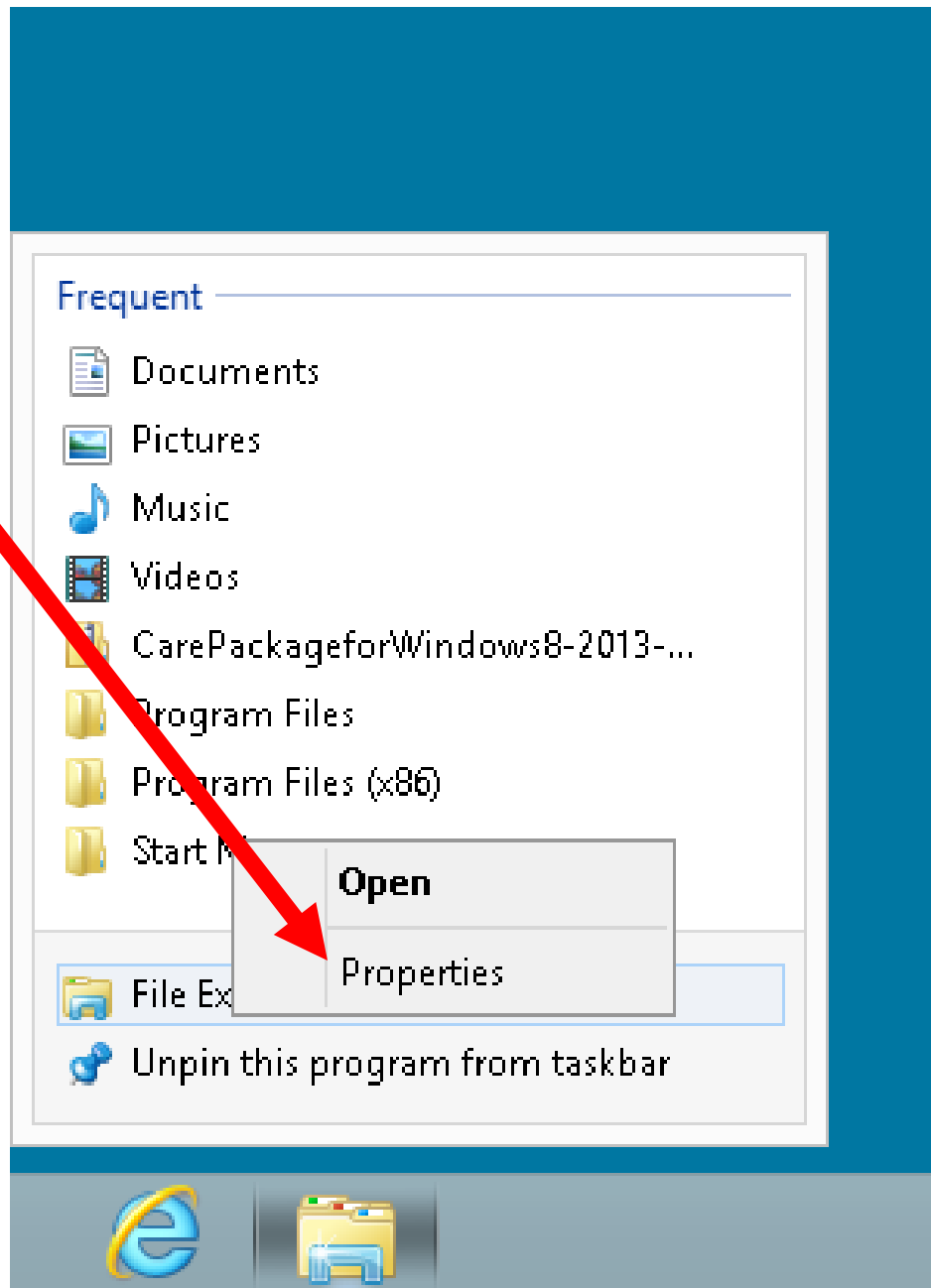
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Step 6: A second, grayer pop-up  
context menu will be displayed:



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Step 7: Use the left mouse button  
to click on "Properties" in the  
second, grayer pop-up context  
menu will be displayed:





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Step 8: A "File Explorer Properties"  
box will be displayed:

File Explorer Properties

General Shortcut Security Details

File Explorer

Target type: File

Target location: Windows

Target: %AppData%\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Libraries

Start in:

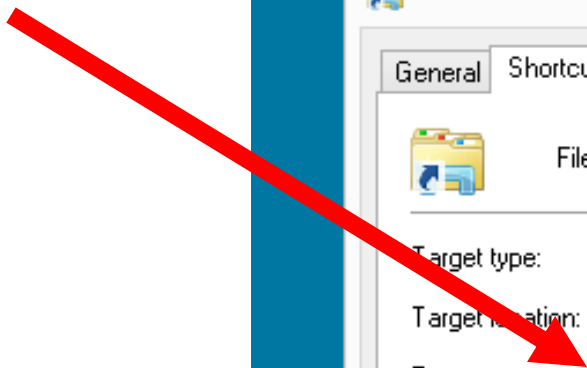
Shortcut key: None

Run: Normal window

Comment: Displays the files and folders on your computer.

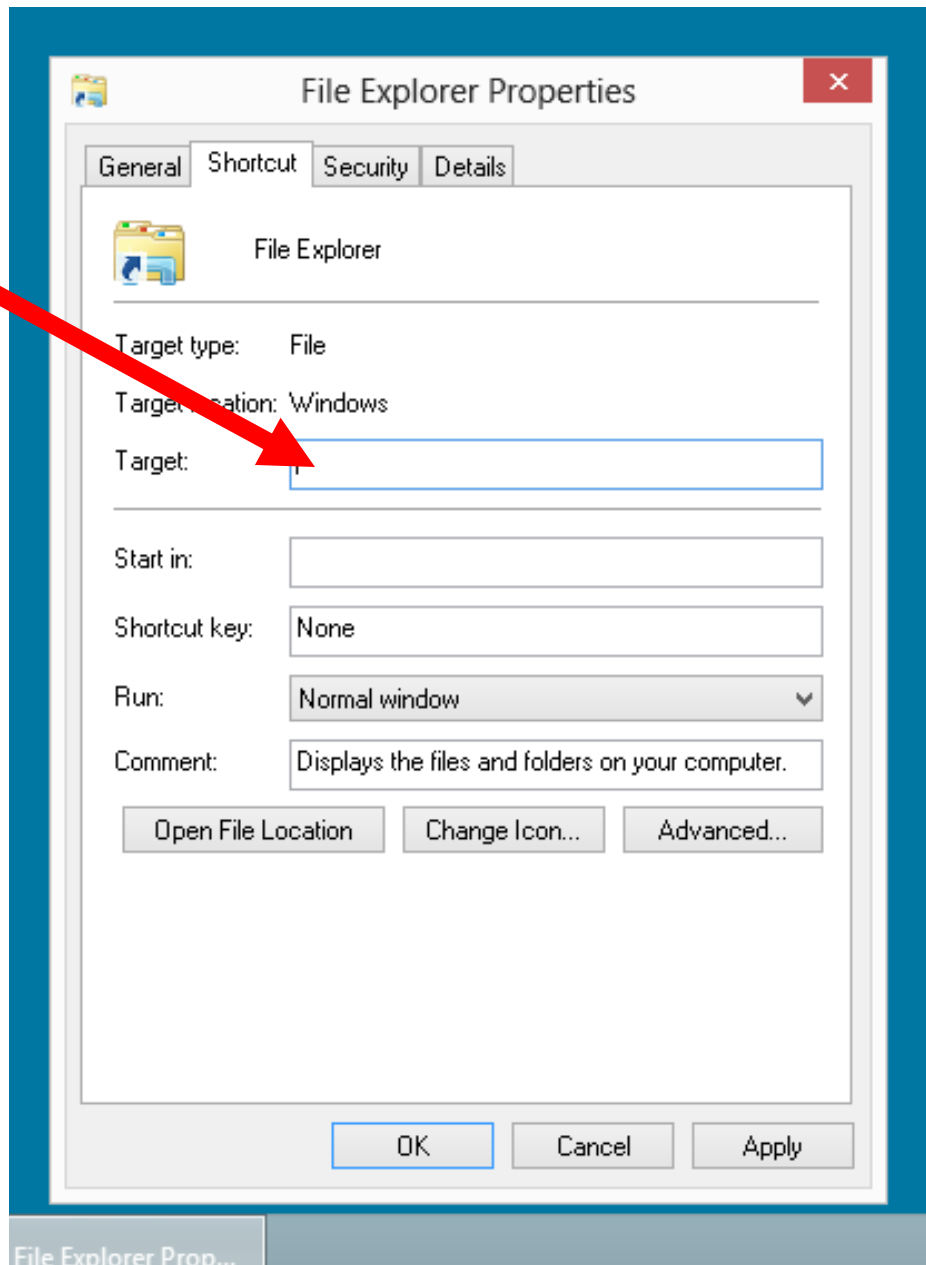
Open File Location Change Icon... Advanced...

OK Cancel Apply



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**Step 9: Delete all of the text in the  
text box to the right of "Target:":**



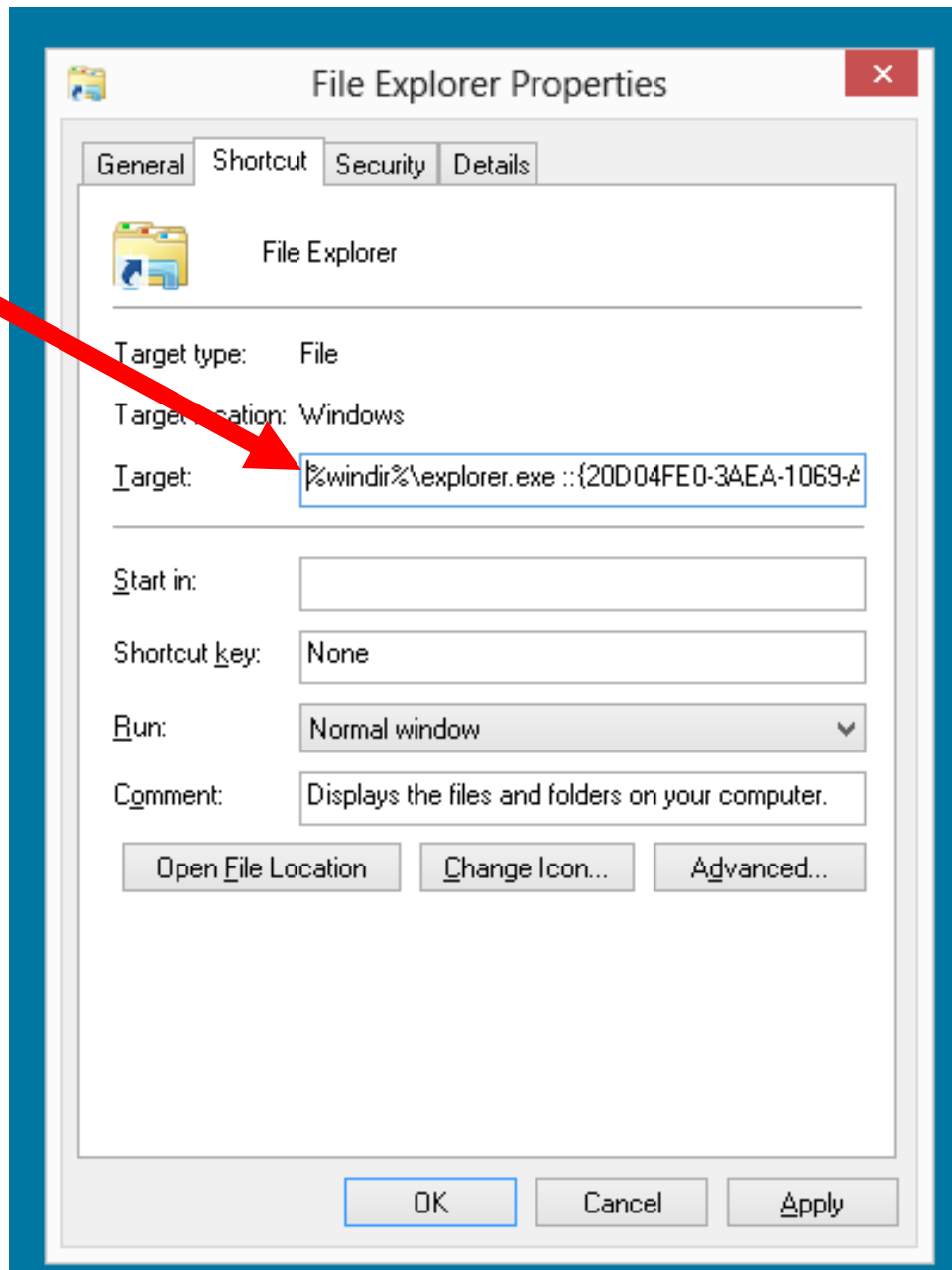
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Step 10: Copy or type the following text into the text box to the right of "Target:":

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%windir%\explorer.exe
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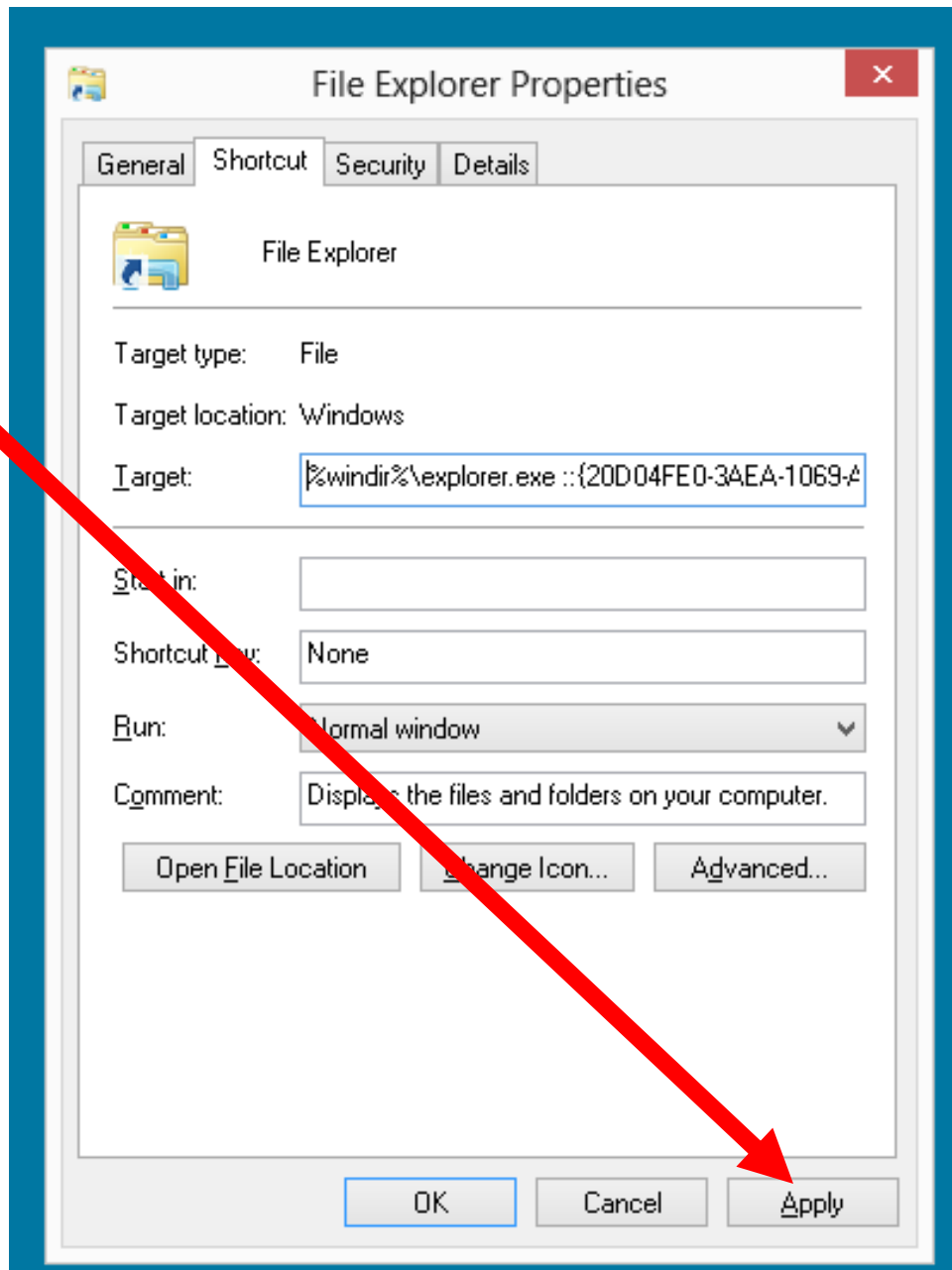
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::{20D04FE0-3AEA-1069-A2D8-08002B30309D}
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(There is one space between .exe and ::)



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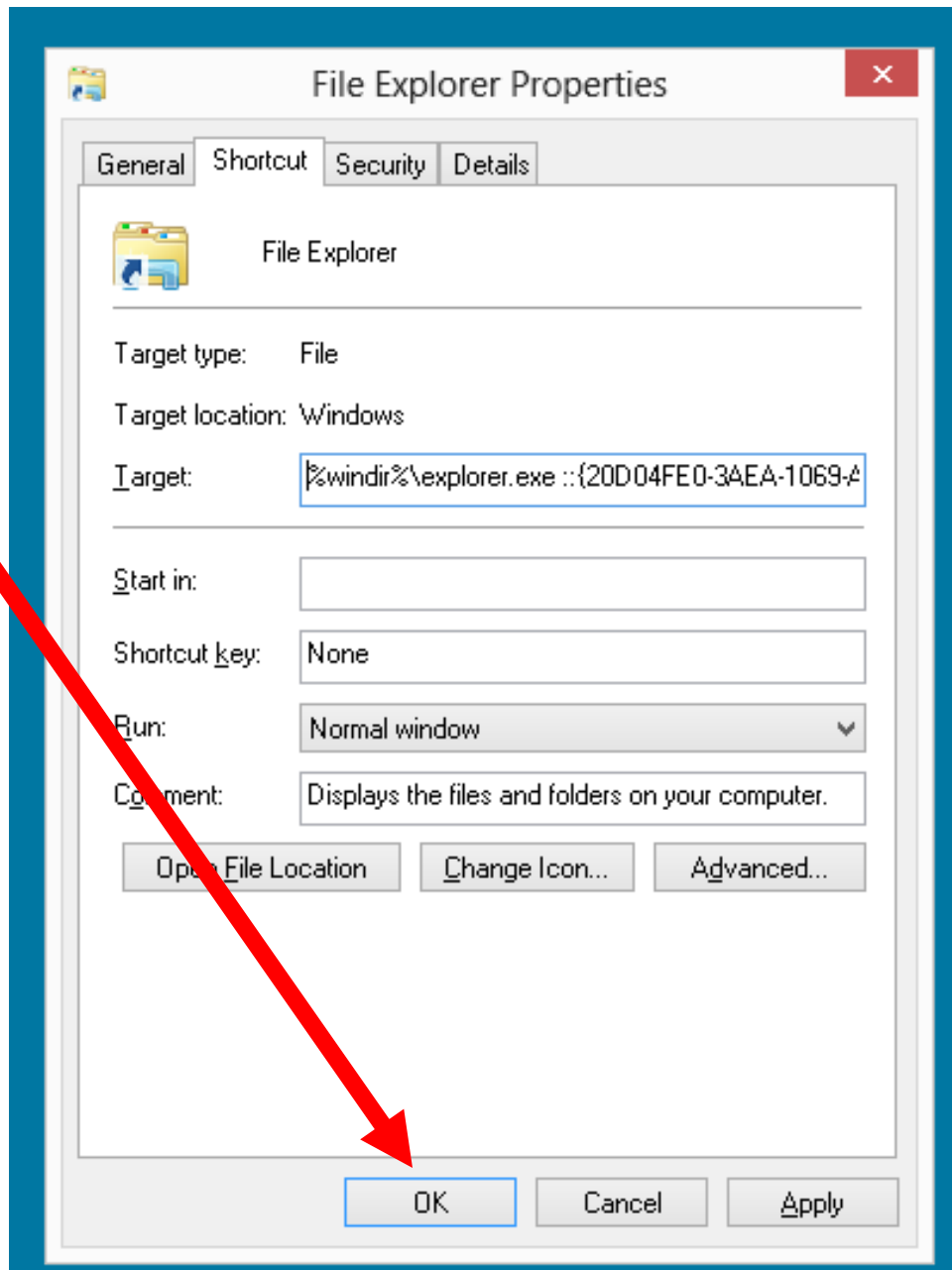
**Step 11: Click on the "Apply"  
button.**





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Step 10: Click on the "OK" button  
and the "File Explorer Properties"  
box will disappear.



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Step 11: From now on, when you  
start "File Explorer", the  
"Computer" view will be displayed:



