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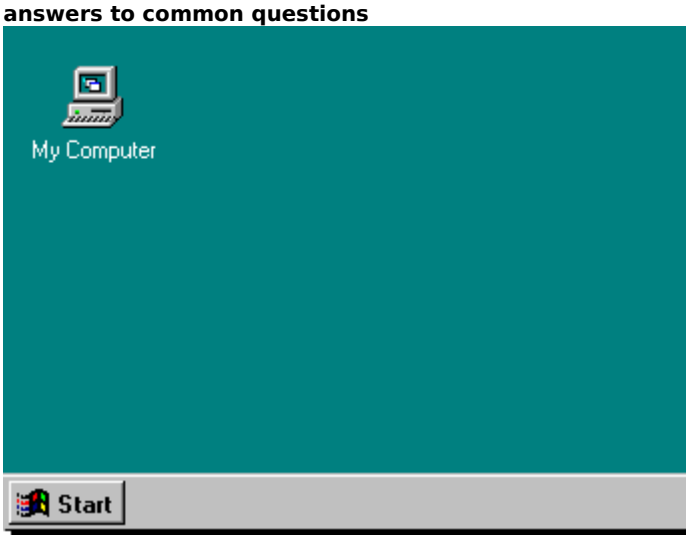

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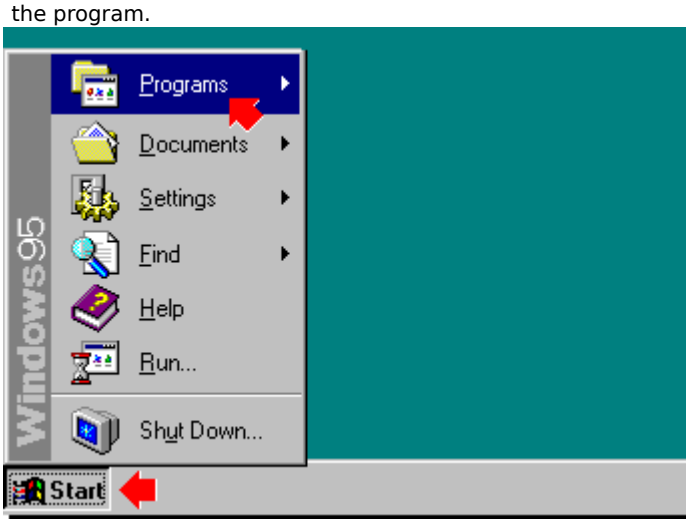
Your programs are in groups just like in Windows 3.1. To start a program, click the Start button, point to Programs, point to the folder that contains the program you want, and then click the program.



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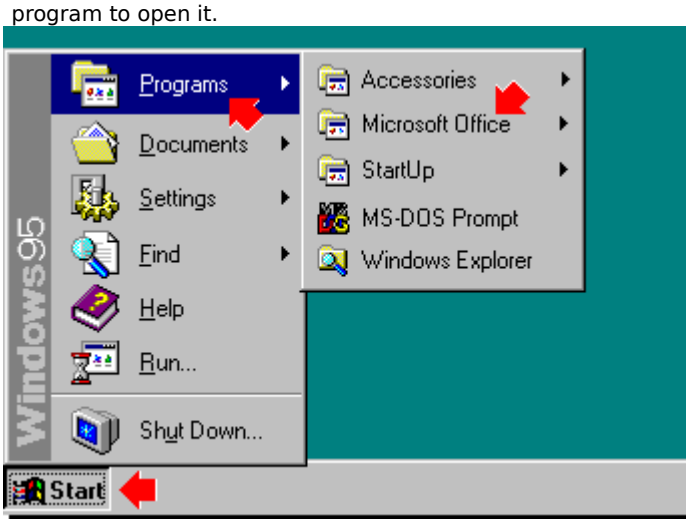

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Windows Explorer works a lot like File Manager but has the added benefit of displaying all of your drive connections in one window.

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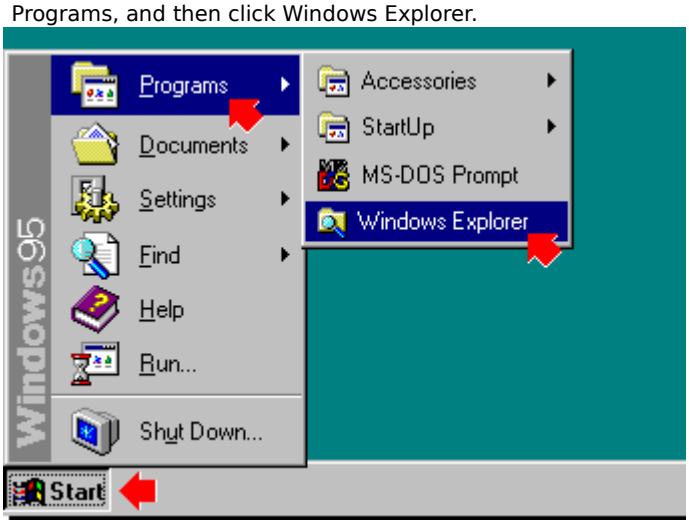

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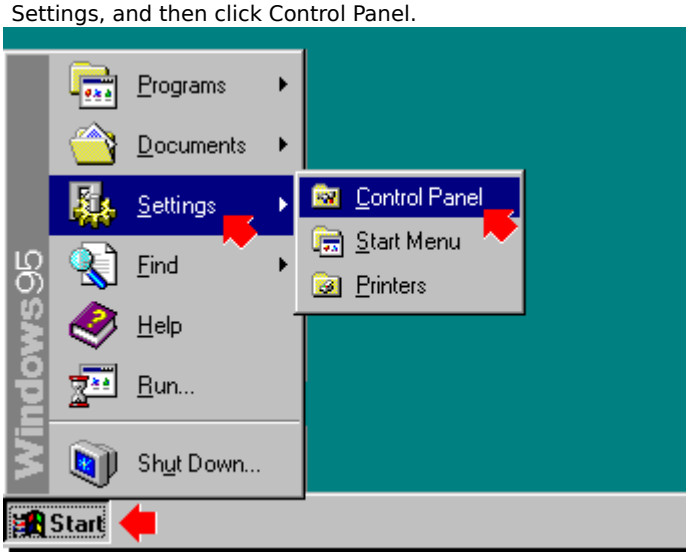

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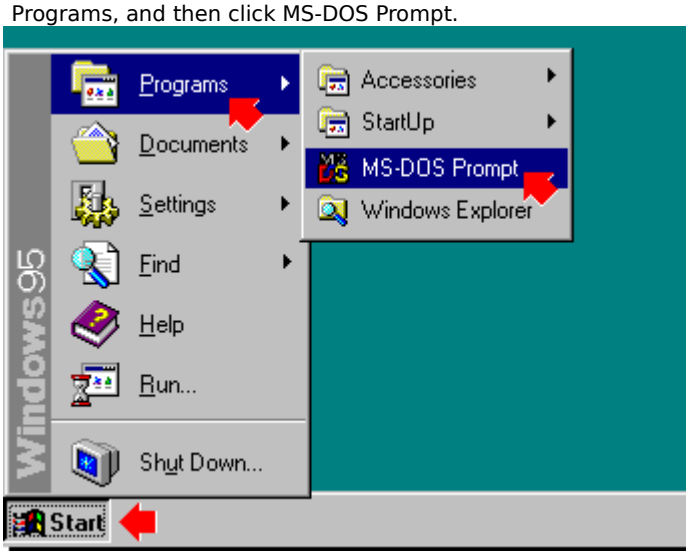
The MS-DOS prompt is now located in the Programs folder. To open an MS-DOS window, click the Start button, point to Programs, and then click MS-DOS Prompt.



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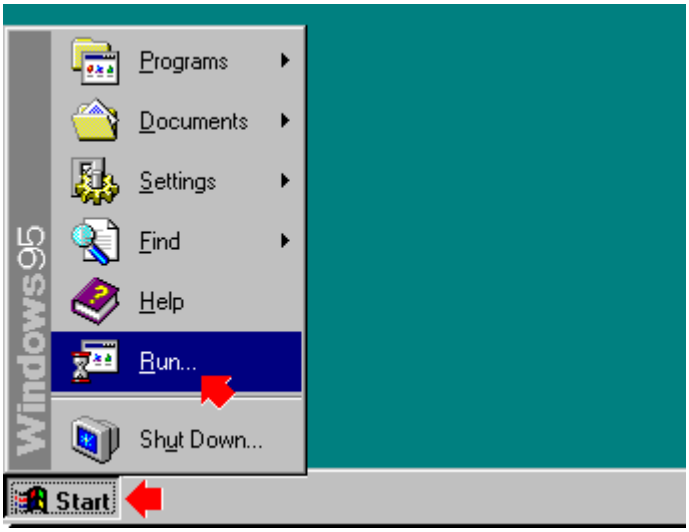

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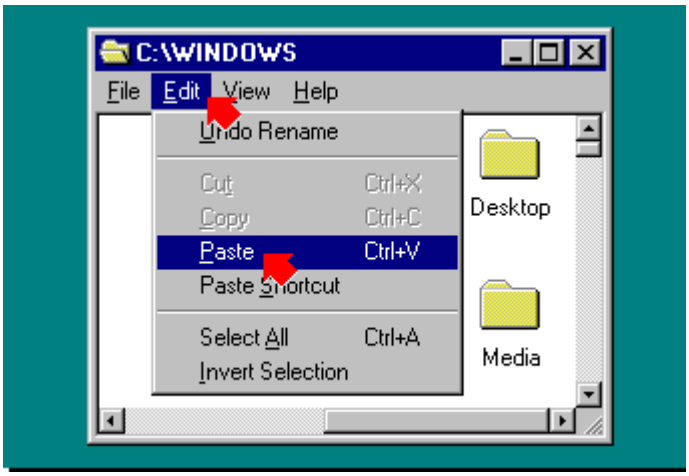
You can copy files the same way you copy and paste text. First, select a file in either My Computer or Windows Explorer. Click the Edit menu, and then click Copy. (A dialog box no longer appears.) Open the folder in which you want to put the file you are copying, click the Edit menu, and then click Paste.



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To switch between windows, click the button on the taskbar that represents the window you want to switch to.

This is just an illustration. Click one of the buttons on the left to learn about Windows.

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You cannot practice here. If you want to use the MS-DOS prompt, click the Start button, click Programs, and then click MS-DOS Prompt.

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