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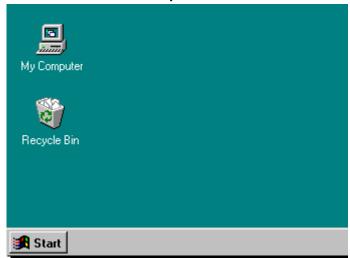
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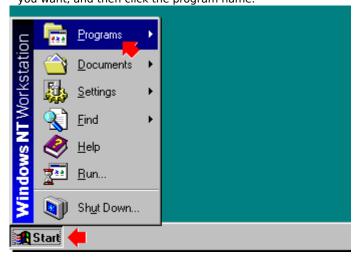
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Your programs are in groups just like in earlier versions of Windows. To start a program, click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to the folder that contains the program you want, and then click the program name.



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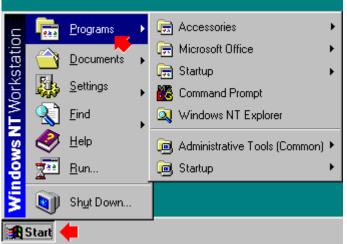
You can find your program groups by clicking the **Start** button, and then pointing to **Programs**. There are two types of program groups:



Indicates Personal program groups that appear above the separator line.



Indicates Common program groups that appear below the separator line.



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

To open Windows NT Explorer, click **Start**, point to **Programs**, and then click Windows NT Explorer.



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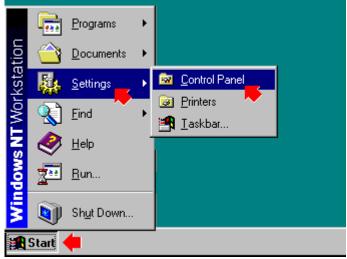
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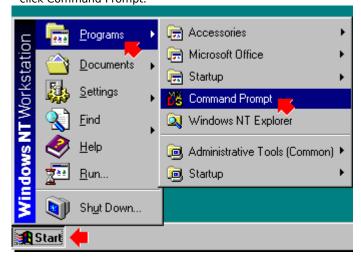
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The MS-DOS prompt is now called Command Prompt and is located in the Programs folder. To open a Command Prompt window, click **Start**, point to **Programs**, and then click Command Prompt.



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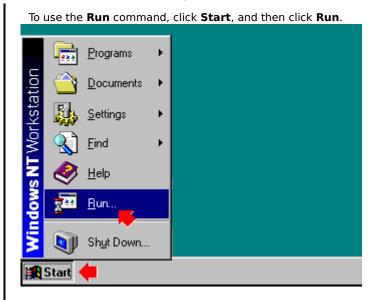
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You can copy files the same way you copy and paste text. First, select a file in My Computer or Windows NT Explorer. Click the **Edit** menu, and then click **Copy**. (A dialog box no longer appears.) Open the folder in which you want to put the file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



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You cannot practice here. If you want to try opening Windows NT Explorer, click **Start**.

You cannot practice here. If you want to try opening a program, click **Start** in the lower-left corner of the screen.

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You cannot practice here. If you want to open Control Panel, click **Start**, and then click **Settings**.

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Command Prompt.

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Run.

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click **Start**, and then click **Help**.

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