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Subject: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents

Posted by [zunnie](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 20:42:09 GMT

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In windows there are certain variables one can use to access files on a target pc, some examples are %userprofile% or %appdata%

Is there such a variable for the My Documents folder?

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents

Posted by [samous](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 20:49:43 GMT

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mod forum? i don't think so, but, you can do something like€:

%UserNAME%\aPLICATIONS\mydocument

(not speller correct, or even the correct commands, just a sugestion.)

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents

Posted by [zunnie](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 20:50:56 GMT

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The problem is that in languages other than english the My Documents folder is named different.

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents

Posted by [samous](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 20:54:34 GMT

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it is? with MSdos, i can use My Documents as a command. (actually, its more like CD C:Applications and Data/ect.

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents

Posted by [zunnie](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 21:01:14 GMT

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In dutch the My Documents folder would be called "Mijn Documenten"

I can't use "%userprofile%\My Documents" to install files then, they would end up in the wrong folder.

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This is why i need to know wether there is a variable for the My Documents folder.  
Something like %mydocs% which doesnt work unfortunately

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents  
Posted by [samous](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 21:31:34 GMT  
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oh. you could make different versions.

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents  
Posted by [Omar007](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 21:37:05 GMT  
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Sorry to tell you zunnie but there isn't one  
afaik there really isn't one!

You can make a new variable yourself with the Environment Variables in the System setting (like %mydocs%). I'll add pictures if you want.

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents  
Posted by [zunnie](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 22:30:54 GMT  
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Yea i know how to do that. But that wont fix it on other people their pc's  
I need it for a UT3 mappack installer. But it probably doesn't exist :/

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Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 22:35:10 GMT  
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The only way I know to get the path is by using something like this:  
<http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb762494.aspx>  
You'll need to program something to use it though. It might also be possible to read the value from the registry somewhere perhaps.

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Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Tue, 11 Nov 2008 22:54:51 GMT  
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[http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb762204\(VS.85\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb762204(VS.85).aspx)

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Use the SHGetSpecialFolderPath API call and pass it CSIDL\_MYDOCUMENTS to get the My Documents folder. Also see this page for other CSIDL definitions.

EDIT: Meh, beaten to it, guess thats what happens when you open a topic and reply 20 minutes later without checking for new replies first

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents  
Posted by [zunnie](#) on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 01:23:09 GMT

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Thanks for the help guys but this is for a simple winrar installer  
i'm not gonna make installshield installers although i am seriously concidering it...

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents  
Posted by [danpaul88](#) on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 08:58:56 GMT

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Well in that case don't forget that for Vista it changes again to 'C:\Users\\Documents', without the My part on the front. Also also don't forget that it is actually possible to MOVE the (My) Documents folder anywhere you want on the drive, for example mine is at G:\Documents, so your installer would experience epic fail unless it actually made the API call to get the correct location of the Documents folder.

Why are you installing things to the users Documents folder anyway?

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents  
Posted by [zunnie](#) on Wed, 12 Nov 2008 12:06:20 GMT

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It is not for renegade but for unreal tournament 3 which saves custom maps at X:\Documents and Settings\zunnie\My Documents\My Games\Unreal Tournament 3\UTGame\Published\CookedPC\Maps

Yes i know: a gay path for a map installation lol  
Why don't they make games with a simple directory structure like Renegade\data :/

I have been working on the UT3 section of G-M the last couple of weeks:  
<http://ut3.game-maps.net/>

The mappacks are all installers. The maps are .zip (for now)

I'm gonna buy this game soon, mainly because of Renegade-X

Some screenshots i took:

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image1.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image2.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image3.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image4.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image5.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image6.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image7.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image8.png> this is my favorite

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image9.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image10.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image11.png>

<http://www.game-maps.net/staff/zunnie/ut3/ss/Image12.png>

More screens: <http://www.multiplayerforums.com/index.php?showtopic=6088>

Nice ones from new maps.

I'm using a cracked UT3 atm, but i'm gonna buy it later this week or next week or so.

We're also running a Top 5 War New Maps server which has the top 5 winners of the 'make something unreal contest' in rotation: <http://ut3.game-maps.net/index.php?action=file&id=1390>

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Subject: Re: %userprofile% to access someones' My Documents

Posted by [djlaptop](#) on Thu, 13 Nov 2008 14:19:46 GMT

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You can also get the path of "My Documents" for the current user by reading the registry key:

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HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\User Shell  
Folders\Personal
```

You may have to resolve the %USERPROFILE% variable within the string returned from the registry.

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