EZExplorer

The productive alternative to Windows explorer.

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About.

EZExplorer (pronounced Easy Explorer) is a Windows Explorer replacement, designed to make common file system operations easier and quicker to perform.
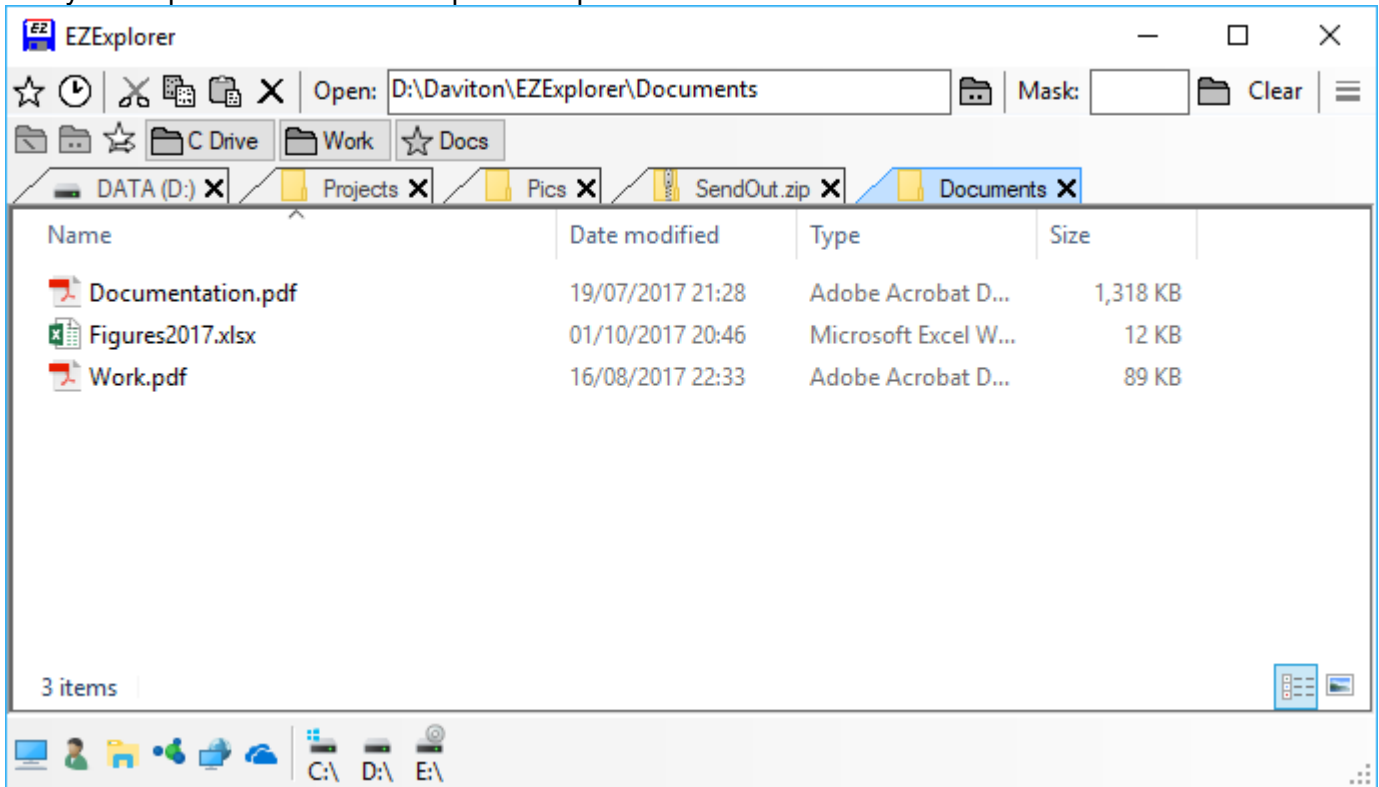
Features.

1) **Tabbed screen layout** – display the directories in tabs so that you can quickly switch between them.
2) **Favourite Items Bar** – create a link to your favourite folders on the favourites bar for easy access. Items can be grouped in directories keeping everything tidy and efficient.
3) **Easy Open** – instead of searching through lots of directory trees to open a file in the standard windows "Open File" dialog box - just double click it or drag it in EZExplorer.
4) **Easy Save** – in the standard windows "Save As" dialog box, instead of having to traverse through lots of directory trees to where you want to save a file, just drag and drop it to the desired folder in EZExplorer.
5) **Tool Bar** – buttons for commonly used file system functions (e.g. Cur, copy, paste and delete) are available at the click of a button.
6) **Favourites Folder** – store favourite items in the favourite folder. Items can also be grouped in directories to make organisation easier.
7) **Recent Folders** – a list of folders recently visited in EZExplorer.
8) **File Mask** – only show items in a folder that match a specific file name or pattern.
9) **Quick Start Bar** – quick access to regular shortcuts (e.g. "Desktop", "My Documents", "My Computer", etc.) and the drives on the PC.
10) **Common Folders Shortcuts** – quick access to all the standard windows common folders ("Desktop", "My Documents", "My Computer" and "My Recent Documents").
11) **Drives Shortcuts** – quick access to every drive on the PC.
12) **Details Pane** – display more details of the currently selected item.
13) **Preview Pane** – get a preview of the selected file. No more having to open numerous files until you find the one that you want.
14) **Fully Multi-threaded** – no waiting for file system operations to complete as they all run in different threads.
15) **Standard Explorer Menu** – Uses the Explorer menu.

EZExplorer Toolbar.

The EZExplorer toolbar gives quick and easy access to frequently used file system functions.

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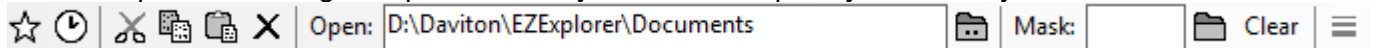
☆	Show Favourites Folder. Opens the root **Favourites:** folder showing any favourite sub folders or file-system objects.
⊙	Show the folders that were recently opened in EZExplorer.
✂	Cut selected objects (files, folders or favourites, etc.) to the clipboard.
🖺	Copy selected objects (files, folders or favourites, etc.) to the clipboard.
🖺	Paste contents of clipboard into the currently visible folder.
✕	Delete the selected objects (files, folders or favourites, etc.).
🖿	Show the parent folder of the one currently in view. Hold down <Alt> and click to hide the current folder once the parent is opened.
Open: [ ]	Displays the contents of the folder specified, or opens the file if a file name is given.
Mask: [ ]	Applies a file mask (files whose name is like the specified mask e.g. *.txt) to all open folder views.
🖿	All directories and masked files.
🗵	No directories and masked files.
🗹	Masked directories and masked files.
Clear	Clears the currently applied mask.
≡	Displays the Options and Help popup menu.

Close All Windows

Options...

Help...

About this program...
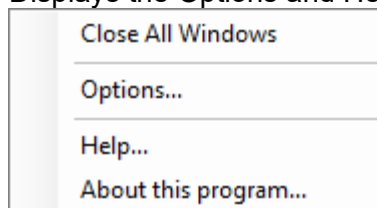
EZExplorer Favourites bar.

The favourites bar displays favourite file system items (folders and files) at the top of the screen, so that commonly used items can be selected directly. For example, a favourites item could be setup to point to c:\Folder1\Folder2\Folder3\Folder4, then by clicking the item the contents of this folder are displayed.

Favourite folders can also be setup to contain any number of items. This enables similar items to be grouped together. E.g. a favourites folder called "work" could contain a number of different network locations of work documents.

Files and folders can be placed on the favourites bar by **dragging and dropping** them there.
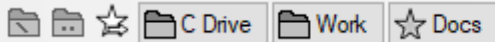
Favourites bar Buttons.

	Display favourites root folder.
	Display favourite parent folder.
	Add current folder view to favourites bar.
Docs	Favourite Item – clicking will open file/folder.
C Drive	Favourite Folder – clicking will update the details displayed on the favourites bar to be the contents of this folder.
◄	Scroll to the first favourite item.
◄	Scroll back one favourite item.
►	Scroll forward one favourite item.
►|	Scroll to the last favourite item.

Favourites bar - Menu.

By **right clicking** in a favourites folder the **Favourites bar menu** will be displayed.

Open		Opens the selected favourite items.
New	*Folder*	Adds a new folder to the favourites window
	Item	Displays the Item Details window
Edit		Displays the Item Details window for the currently selected favourite item.
Cut		Cuts the selected favourite item(s) to the clipboard.
Copy		Copies the selected favourite item(s) to the clipboard.
Paste		Pastes any favourites on the clipboard to the current folder.
Delete		Deletes the selected favourite item(s).

Favourites bar – Adding a New Folder.

To add a new folder to the favourites bar – **right click** in the window to display the **Favourites Bar menu**. Then click the "**New**" => "**Folder**" menu option. A new folder will be added to the display.

Favourites bar – Adding a File System Item.

To add one or more file system items to the favourites window simply **drag and drop** the item(s) on to the favourites bar.

Alternatively, **right click** on the favourites bar to display the menu and then click the "**New**" => "**Item**" menu option. The "**New Favourite Item**" screen will be displayed.

Here a "**Name**" and "**Path**" of the file system item can be entered.
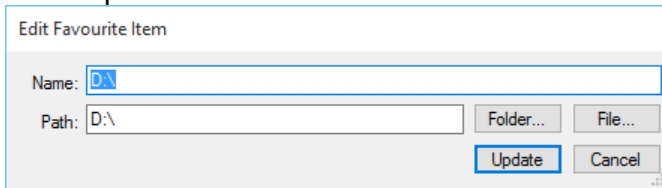To pick a folder click the "**Folder…**" button.
To pick a file click the "**File…**" button.
Once all details are completed click "**Update**" to add the item to the favourites bar.

Favourites bar – Editing an Item.

To edit/modify a favourite item – **right click** on the item for the context menu. From the menu select the "**Edit**" option. The "**Edit Favourite Item**" screen will be displayed.


Once all the details are as desired, click "**Update**" to change the item details.

EZExplorer Tab bar.

The quickest way of displaying folders and contents is by using the tabbed view. This displays a tab for each opened folder so that they can be traversed quickly.

Note: Double clicking a folder with the <Alt> key held down opens the folder and closes the parent folder tab.

DATA (D:) ✕ | Projects ✕ | Pics ✕ | SendOut.zip ✕ | Documents ✕
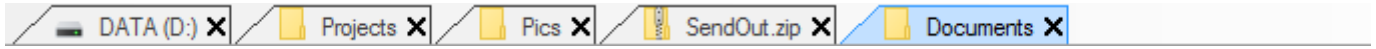
Tab bar Buttons.

Windows7 (C:) ✕	Inactive tab.
Program Files ✕	Active tab.
⏮	Scroll to the first tab.
◀	Scroll back one tab.
▶	Scroll forward one tab.
⏭	Scroll to the end tab.

To activate a tab, click on it.
To close a tab, click the close "**x**" icon.
During a drag and drop operation, by hovering the mouse pointer over an inactive tab will activate it.

Keyboard shortcuts.

<ctrl> <tab>	Activates Next tab.
<ctrl> <shift><tab>	Activates Previous tab.
<alt> <f4>	Closes current tab. (If all the tabs are closed then the program will close).

☆ Favourites Folder.

The root favourites folder is displayed via the ☆ "**Show Favourites**" button. This window lists favourite sub folders and favourite file-system objects.

Favourites Folder Menu.

By clicking the right mouse button in a favourites folder the **Favourites Folder menu** will be displayed.

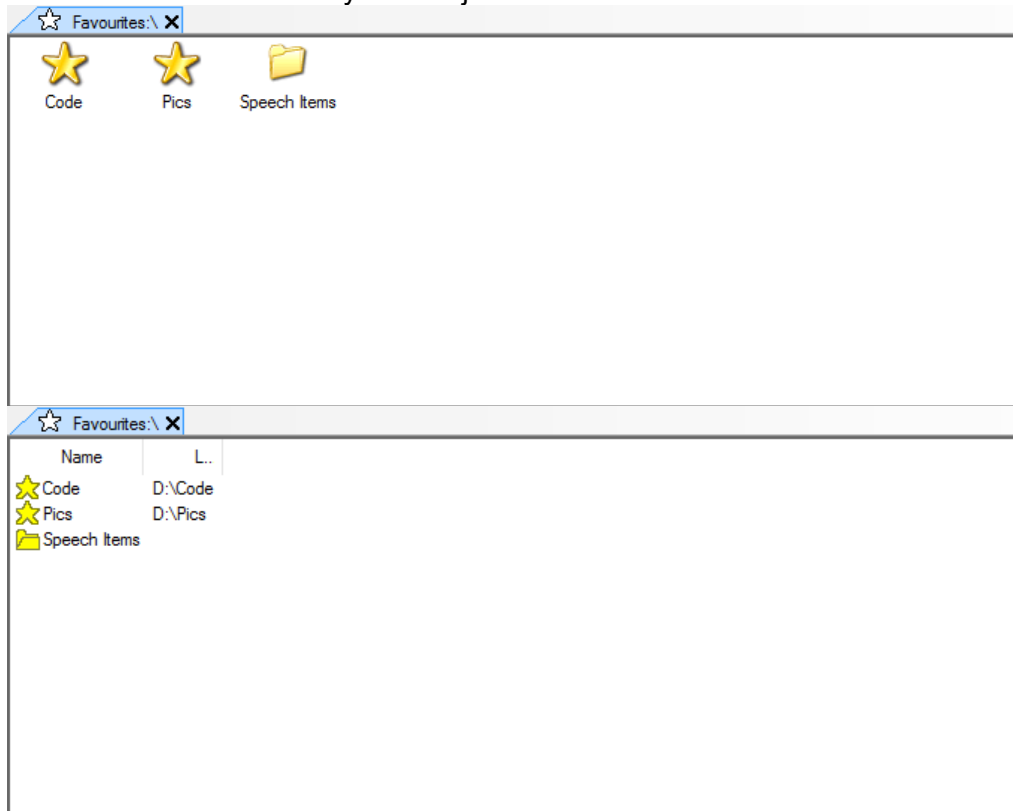|		
Open		Opens the selected favourite items.
View	*Large Icons*	Displays in Large Icon mode
	Small Icons	Displays in Small Icon mode
	Details	Displays in Details mode
New	*Folder*	Adds a new folder to the favourites window
	Item	Displays the Item Details window
Edit		Displays the Item Details window for the currently selected favourite item.
Cut		Cuts the selected favourite item(s) to the clipboard.
Copy		Copies the selected favourite item(s) to the clipboard.
Paste		Pastes any favourites on the clipboard to the current folder.
Delete		Deletes the selected favourite item(s).
Rename		Puts the currently selected favourite item into rename mode.
Select All		Select all items.
Clear Selection		Clears the selected items.
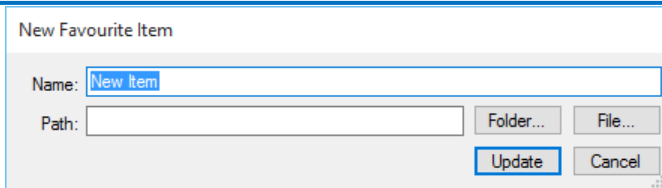
Favourites – Adding a New Folder.

To add a new folder to the current favourites window – right click in the window to display the Favourites folder menu and then click the "**New**" => "**Folder**" menu option. A new folder will be added to the display.

Favourites – Adding a File System Item.

To add one or more file system items to the **favourites window** simply **drag and drop** the item(s) in the favourites folder.

Alternatively, **right click** in the window to display the **Favourites folder menu** and then click the "**New**" => "**Item**" menu option. The "**New Favourite Item**" screen will be displayed.

Here a name and the path of the file system item can be entered.
To pick a folder click the "**Folder…**" button.
To pick a file click the "**File…**" button.
Once all details are completed click "**Update**" to add.
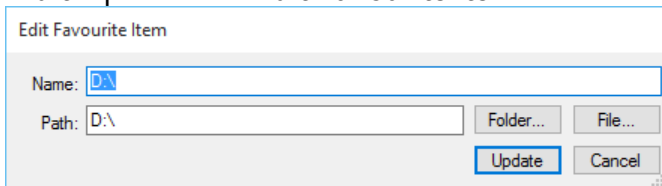
Favourites – Editing an Item.
To edit/modify a favourite item – select it then right click for the context menu. From the menu select the "**Edit**" option. The "**Edit Favourite Item**" screen will be displayed.
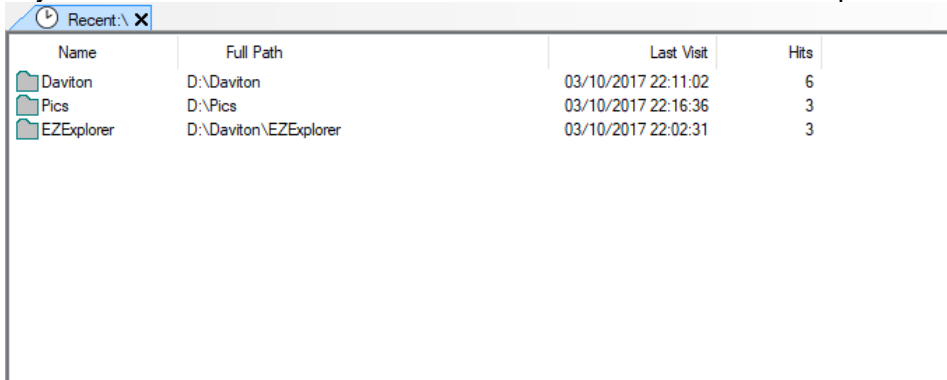

Once all the details are as desired, click "**Update**" to change the item.

🕐 Recently Visited Folders.

All file system items that are typed into the **Open: [   ]** box, are added to the Recently Visited Folders list. Every time these folders are subsequently opened, the last time visited and the number of visits are adjusted. Click the 🕐 "**Show recent folders**" toolbar button to open the recent folder list.

Name	Full Path	Last Visit	Hits
📁 Daviton	D:\Daviton	03/10/2017 22:11:02	6
📁 Pics	D:\Pics	03/10/2017 22:16:36	3
📁 EZExplorer	D:\Daviton\EZExplorer	03/10/2017 22:02:31	3

Recently Visited Folders Menu.

By right clicking in the recently visited folder the following menu will be displayed.

View	*Large Icons*	Displays in Large Icon mode
	Small Icons	Displays in Small Icon mode
	Details	Displays in Details mode
Reset Count		Resets the Hit count of the selected path(s).
Delete		Deletes the selected path(s) from the recent list.
Select All		Select all items.
Clear Selection		Clears the selected items.

Quick File Open/Save As Handling.

Another amazing feature of EZExplorer is the "**Quick Open/Save As**" handling, which can be used from within any application to make opening and saving of files easier. By pressing the **<CTRL><ALT> and Q** keys from insider any application window (e.g. Word), the EZExplorer window is opened and the "**Quick Open/Save As**" box is displayed.
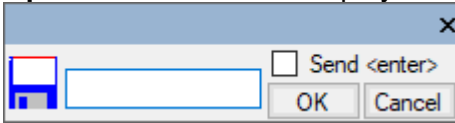
To initiate a "Quick Save As": -

1) In the application saving the file, **select** the "**Save As…**" option as you would normally do. This will open the "**Save As**" dialog box.
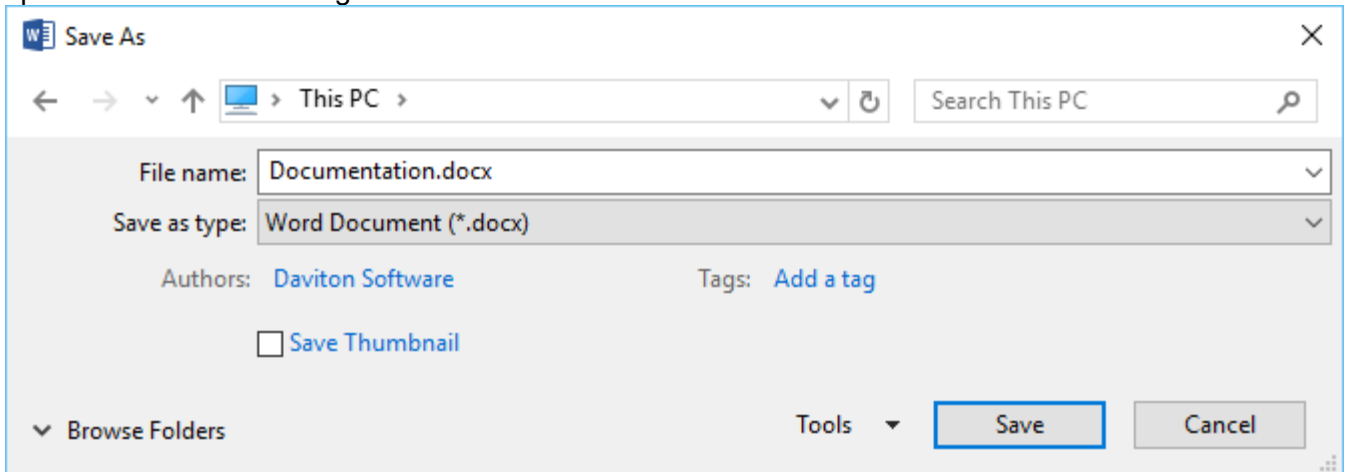
2) With the cursor in the "**File name**" box press **<Ctrl><Alt> Q** (for Quick Open/Save). This results in the EZExplorer main window opening and the "**Quick Open/Save As**" box being displayed. **Type** the name of the file in the box if it is different to the default one.

3) Open the folder where you want your file to be saved (for example D:\Documents\) and **click** the **"OK"** button to save the file there.
Note: **check** the **"Send <enter>"** checkbox to pass back the filename and the **<enter>** key. This will usually have the effect of accepting the file name in the calling application (i.e. save the document).
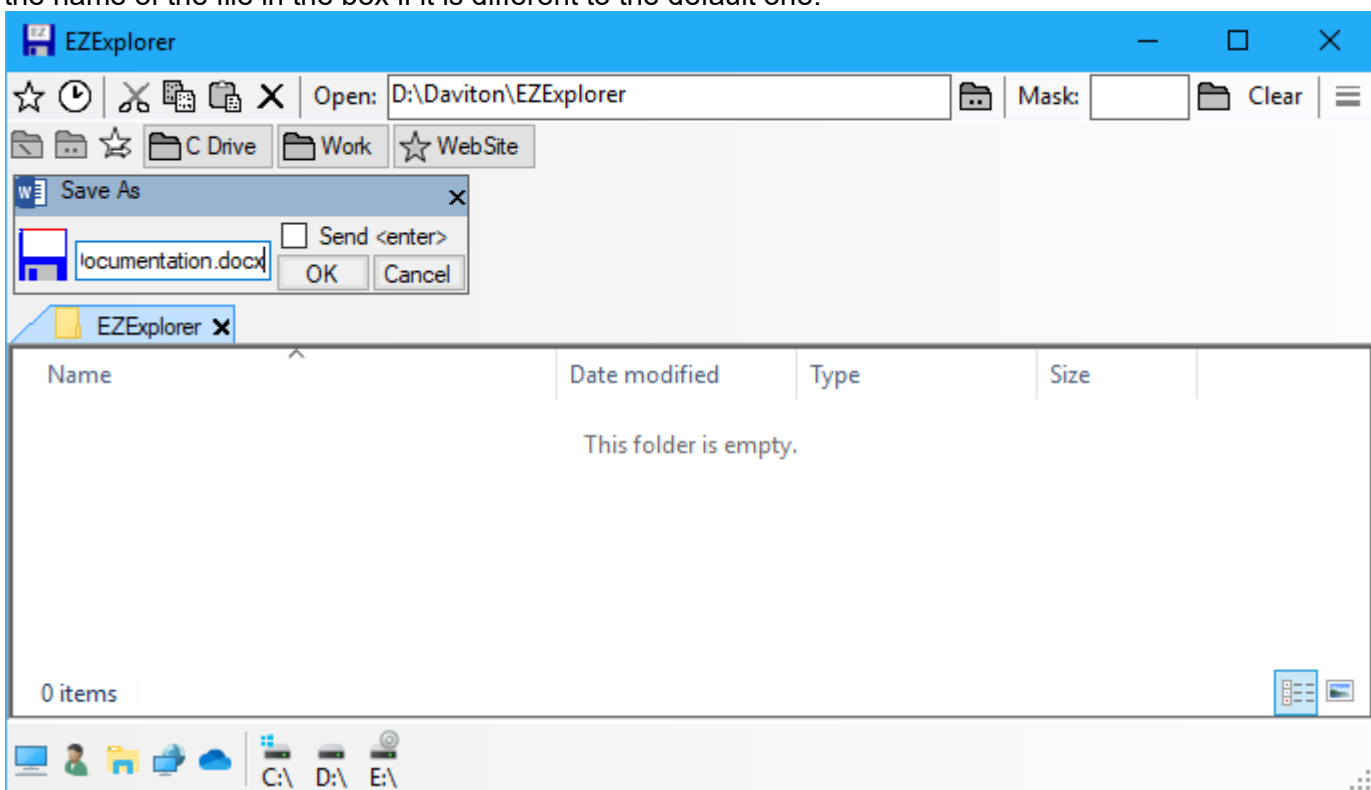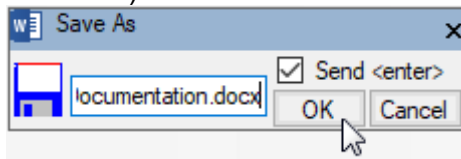
To initiate a "Quick Open": -

1) In the application saving the file, select the Open option as you would normally do. This will show the "Open" dialog box.
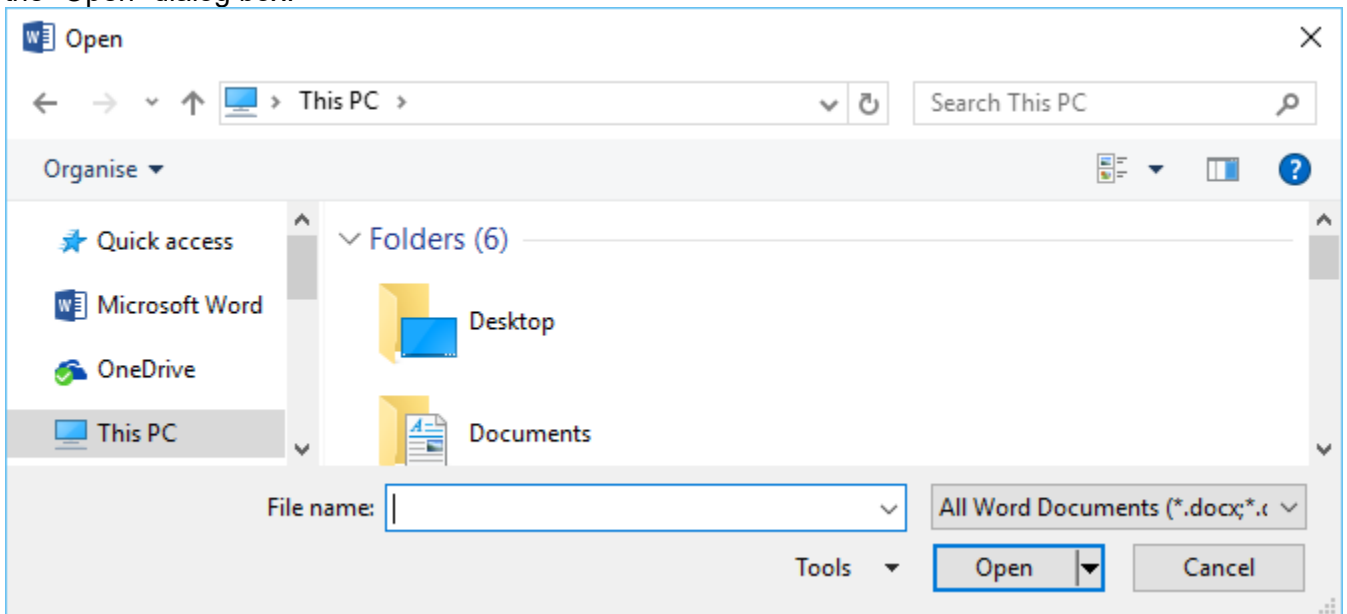
2) With the cursor in the **File name** box press **<Ctrl><Alt>Q** (for Quick Open/Save). This results in the EZExplorer main window opening and the "**Quick Open/Save As**" box being displayed.

3) Either **double click** the file you want to open or **drag** it to the Open/Save As window.

4) The **Filename** text box is updated with the name of the file to be opened.
Click the "**OK**" button to pass the results back to the original application, i.e. the **"Open"** dialog window.
Note: **check** the **"Send <enter>" checkbox** to pass back the filename and the **<enter>** key. This will usually have the effect of accepting the file name in the calling application (i.e. open the document).
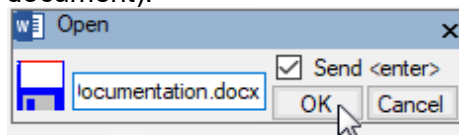
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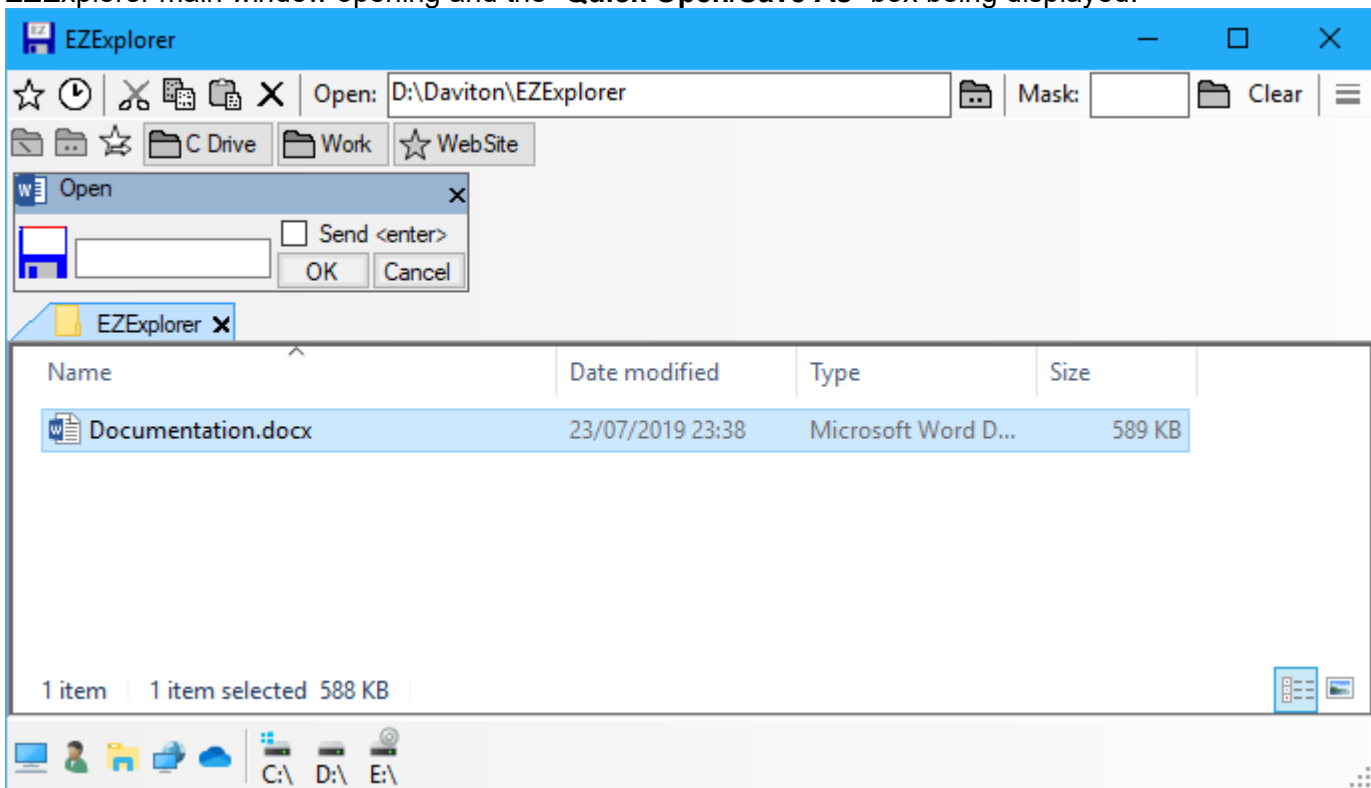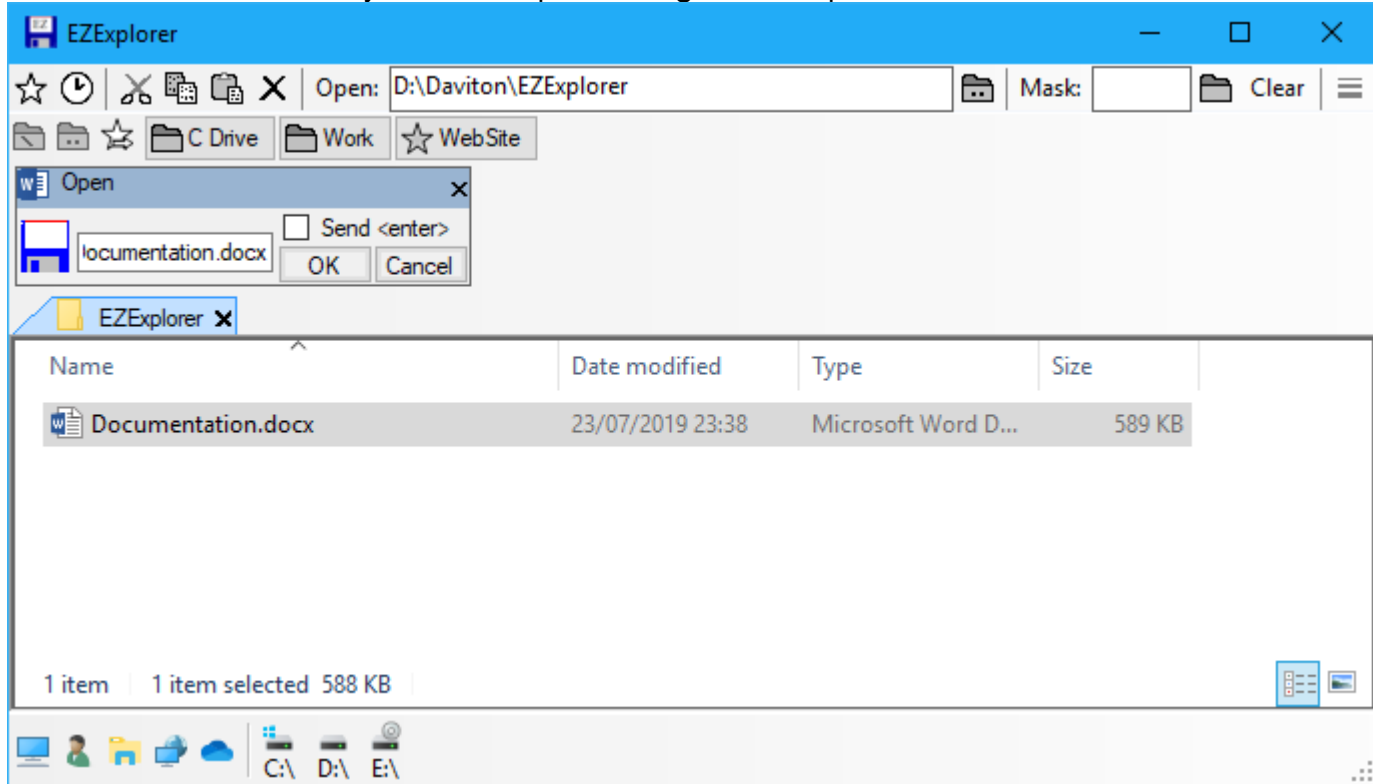The options screen is displayed by clicking on the menu option "**Options**".
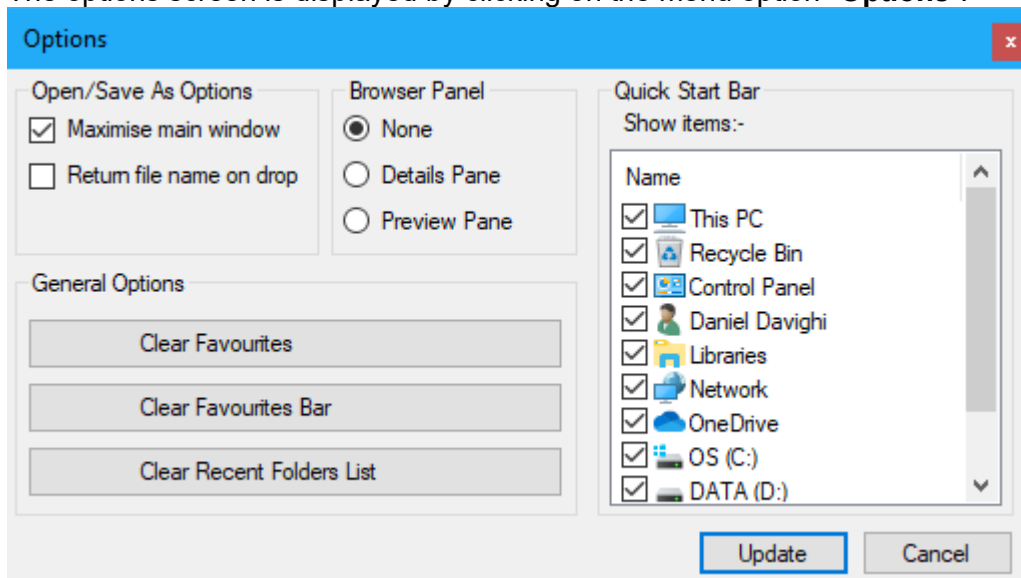
Open/Save options.
Maximise main window.
Check this option if when initiating a Quick Open/Save As (by pressing **<ctrl><alt>Q)**, the EZExplorer main window is to open maximised.

Return file name on drop.
By checking this option, once the **disk icon** has been **dropped** on a folder for a Save As operation, or a file has been **double clicked** or **dropped** on the "**Quick Open/Save As**" window for an open operation, the details are passed straight back to the calling application (instead of having to click the "**OK**" button).

Browser Panel.
None.
No additional details or preview panes.

Details Pane.
For folder views, show details of the selected items.

Preview Pane.
Show a preview of the selected item.

General Options.
Clear Favourites.
This option clears all the favourites setup in the favourites folder.

Clear Favourites Bar.
This option clears all the favourites setup on the favourites bar.

Clear Recent Folders List.
This option clears the list of recently opened folders.

Quick start bar
Check items to appear on the quick start bar at the bottom of the EZExplorer window.

Uninstall.

To remove EZExplorer from the computer follow these instructions: -

Windows 10.

1) **Click** the **Start** button.

2) **Click** the **"Settings"** button from the popup menu.

3) **Click** on the **"Apps"** button.

Apps
Uninstall, defaults, optional features
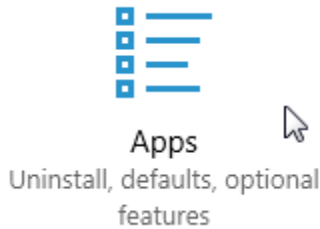
4) **Select "Apps & Features"** from the left hand options.

Apps & features

5) In the list of **installed apps**, **click** on **EZExplorer**.

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6) **Click** on the **"Uninstall"** button.

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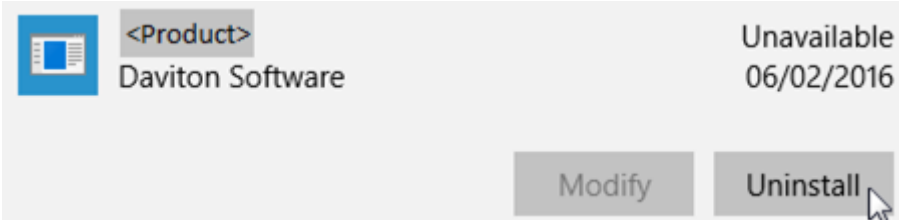
7) When prompted, **click** on the **"Uninstall"** button.

This app and its related info will be uninstalled.

Uninstall
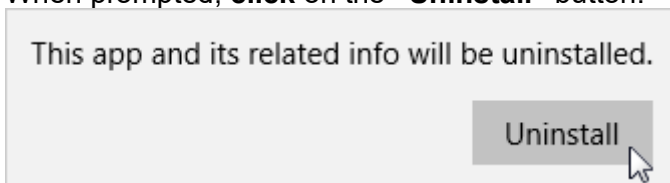
8) You may be prompted for security access. Just **click** the **"Yes"** button.

User Account Control   ×

Do you want to allow this app to make changes to your PC?

Program name: Windows host process (Rundll32)
Verified publisher: **Microsoft Windows**

Show details   Yes   No

Change when these notifications appear
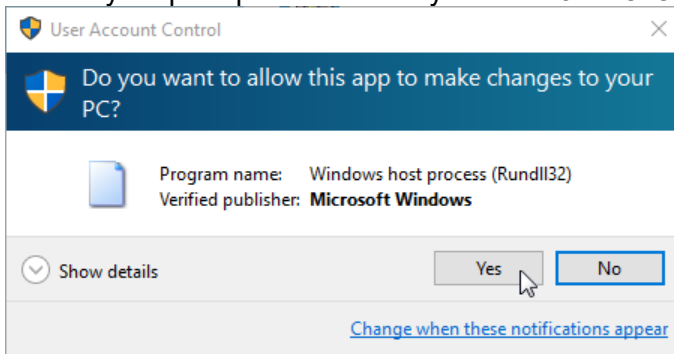
9) Lastly at the **"Product Maintenance"** window, ensure the **"Remove the application from this computer"** option is checked and **click** on the **"OK"** button.
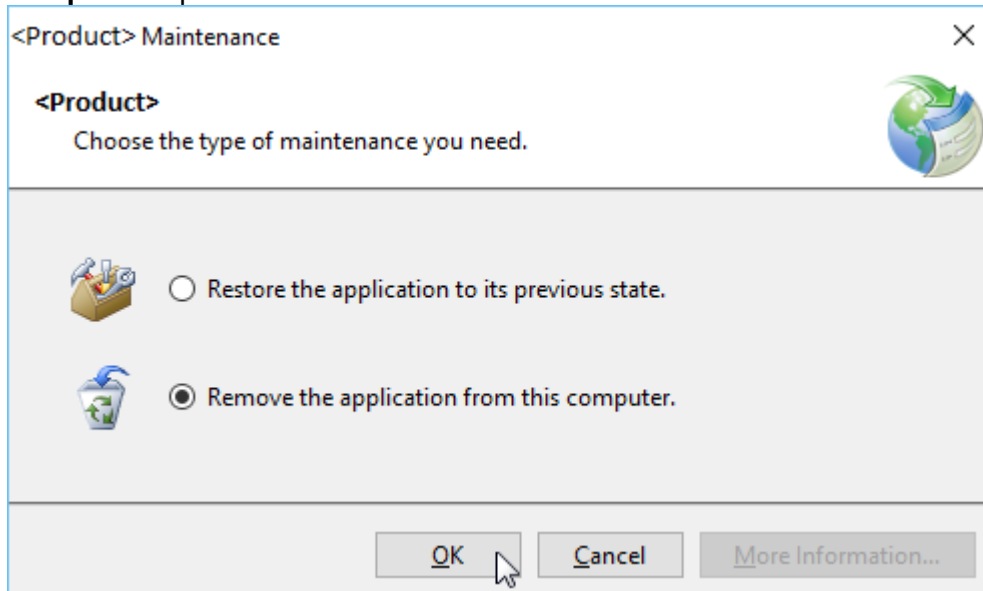
10) **EZExplorer** will now be removed from the computer.

Windows 7.

1) **Click** the **Start** button.

2) **Click** the **"Control Panel"** option from the menu.
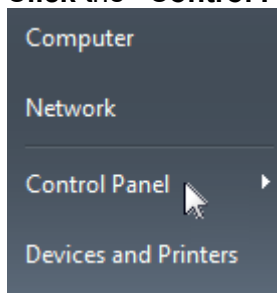
3) **Click** the **"Programs and Features"** option from the menu.
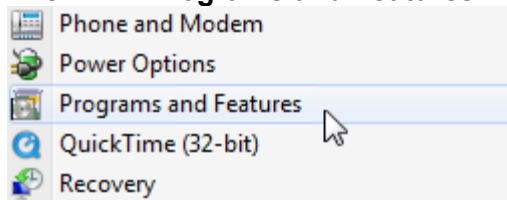
4) In the **"Programs and Features"** window, **double-click EZExplorer**.

5) Lastly at the **"Product Maintenance"** window, ensure the **"Remove the application from this computer"** option is **checked** and **click** on the **"OK"** button.
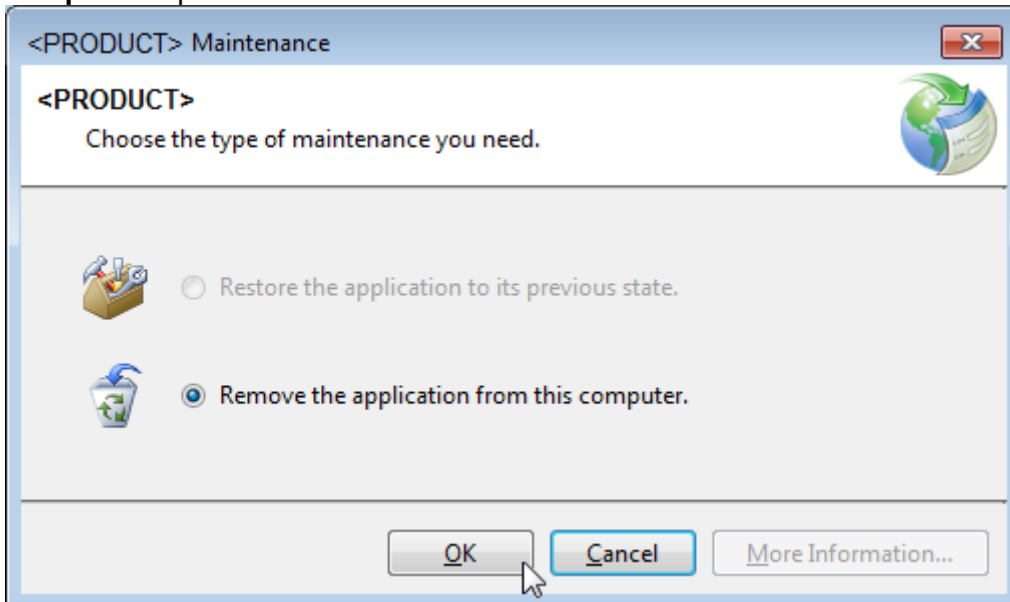
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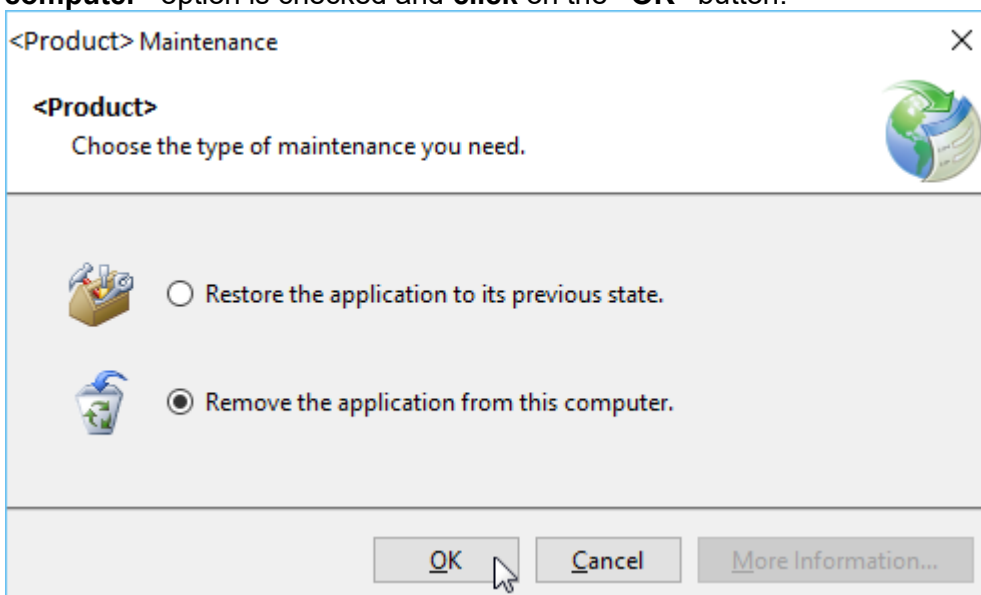
7) **EZExplorer** will now be removed from the computer.

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Version History.

Version Number	Release Date	
1.2	11/01/2021	Fix Zero width bug.
1.1	27/06/2020	Bring version numbers into major and minor format.
		Remove drag from Open/SaveAs window.
		Add "Return <enter>" to Open/SaveAs window.
1.0.0.5	23/07/2019	Add pass back of enter key when clicking OK button in "Open/Save" window.
1.0.0.4	01/12/2018	Convert class folder names to friendly names.
1.0.0.3	16/06/2018	Fix loss of focus bug.
1.0.0.2	01/05/2018	Fix for screens with zoomed desktops.
1.0.0.1	30/09/2017	Icon updates.
1.0.0.0	01/01/2017	Initial release version.