

CLASSIC CONTROL PANEL IN XP

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By default, the Windows XP Control Panel (Start > Control Panel) is in "Category View", so when you open it you see 10 categories (Appearance and Themes, Network and Internet Connections, Sounds, Speech, and Audio Devices, etc.) from which to choose.

That can make it hard to find what you want. If you notice on the left side there is a link marked "Switch to Classic View".

Click there and you will be magically taken to more familiar territory.

Not only are your old friends there, like "Add or Remove Programs", but some new friends and descriptions of what they do can be found. Most users are more comfortable with the classic view.

If you want to see the Windows Explorer view (where the folders are in the left column and the contents are in the right column) simply click on the Folder icon from the Tools bar.