

Mac Lesson #27

Open New Folder with Command N

If you grew up on Mac OS 9 or earlier, you know that pressing the Command and the N keys opened a new folder. Mac OS X changed a lot of things, and in X you have to press Command-Shift-N to open a new folder. Here's how you can make OS X use the traditional Command-N keys to open that new folder.

Open System Preferences (on the Dock) and then click on the Keyboard & Mouse icon. Now click on the Keyboard Shortcut tab on the far right.

You'll find a plus (+) sign just under the Shortcuts window on the left side. Click on the + and in the resulting drop-down menu, click on the down arrow next to Application and select Finder. In the Menu Title field, type "New Folder" (without the quotes.)

Now click in the Keyboard Shortcut field and then press the Command and the N keys. Now click on Add.

Repeat this process, use Finder for your application, but in the Menu Title window type "New Finder Window" (again, no quotes) and for the Keyboard Shortcut press the Command, Shift and N keys. Click Add. Now close System Preferences and restart your Mac. That's it - you're done.

