

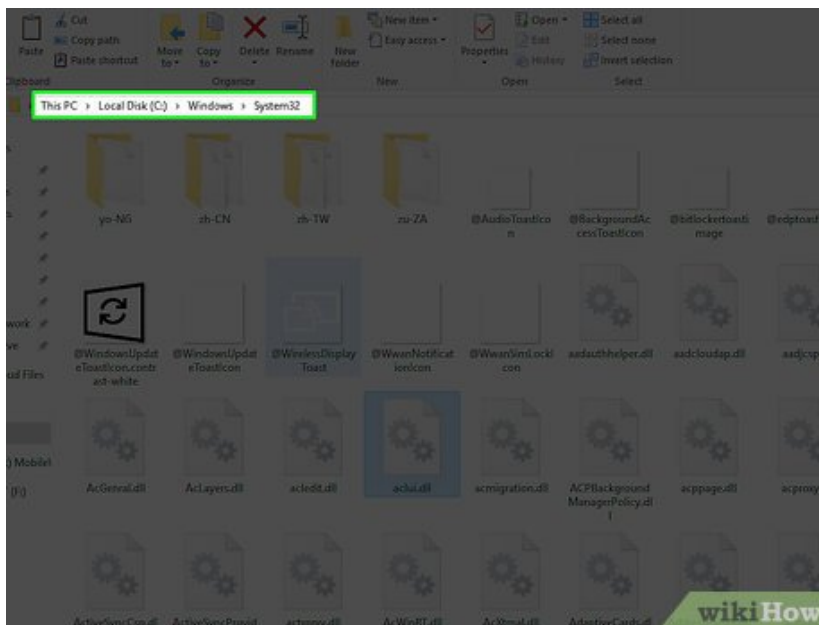
# How to Edit DLL Files

This wikiHow teaches you how to open and edit your Windows computer's DLL files using a free program or a free web service. Keep in mind that modifying DLL files can permanently damage your computer. Understand where to find DLL files. DLL...

Part 1 of 2:

## Preparing to Edit a DLL

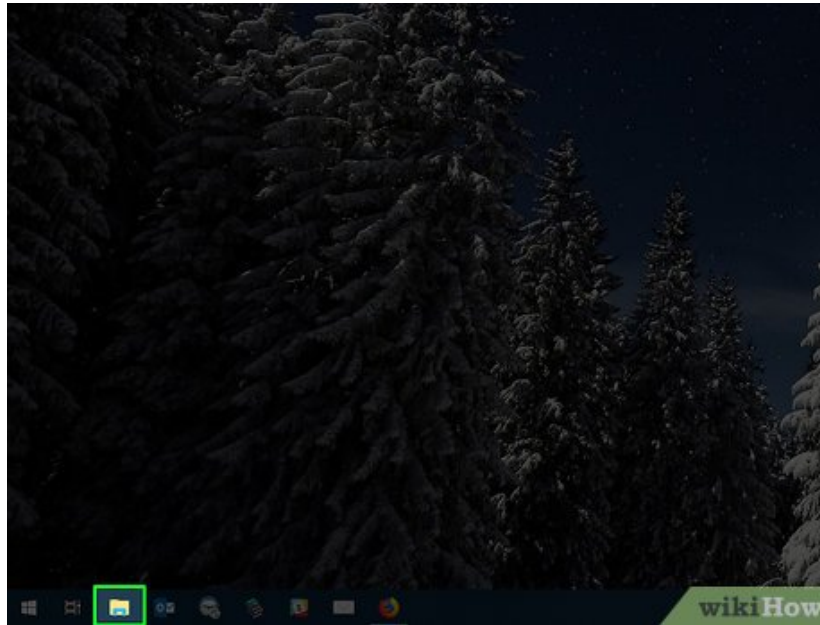
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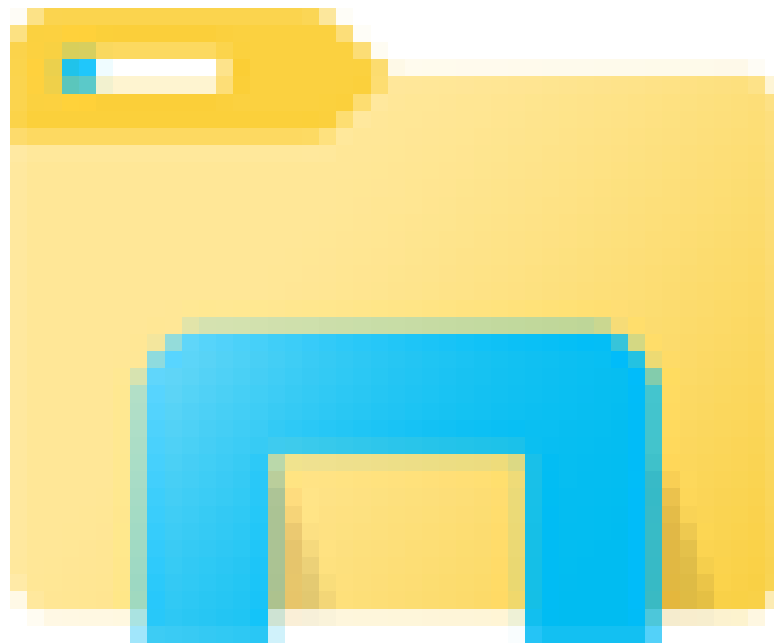
**Understand where to find DLL files.** DLL files—which are binary files used by Windows in order to perform basic tasks—are usually found deep within your computer's system folders. Because of this, it's usually a good idea not to mess with them; if you're positive you want to edit a DLL file, though, you may have to unhide your computer's hidden folders and files.

1. You'll typically find DLL files in the `C:\Windows\System32` path, which can be found by opening This PC, double-clicking your hard drive, double-clicking the "Windows" folder, and double-clicking the "System32" folder.
2. If you want to edit the DLL files for a specific program (typically a program you installed yourself), you'll usually find the pertinent files in the installation folder.

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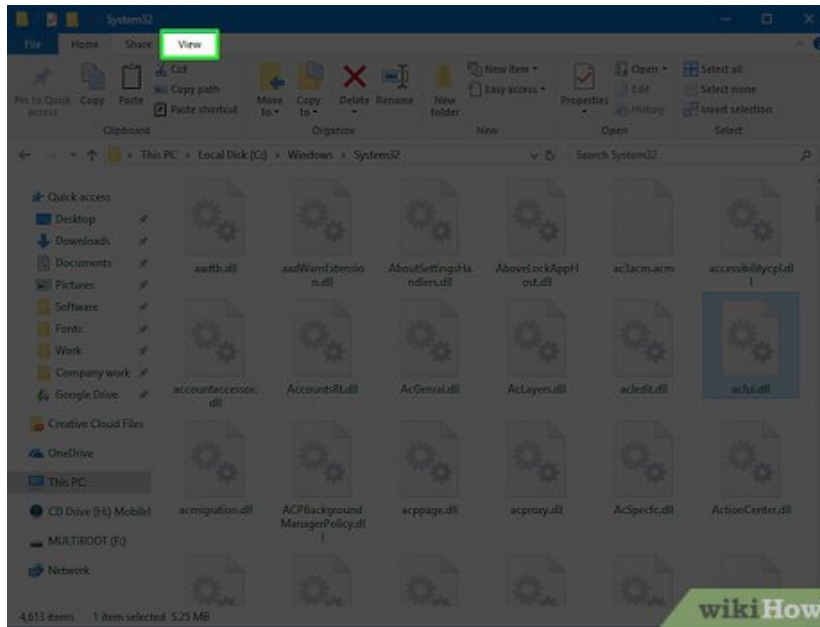
## Open File Explorer



. Click the File Explorer app icon, which resembles a yellow and blue folder, in your computer's taskbar. A pop-up window will appear.

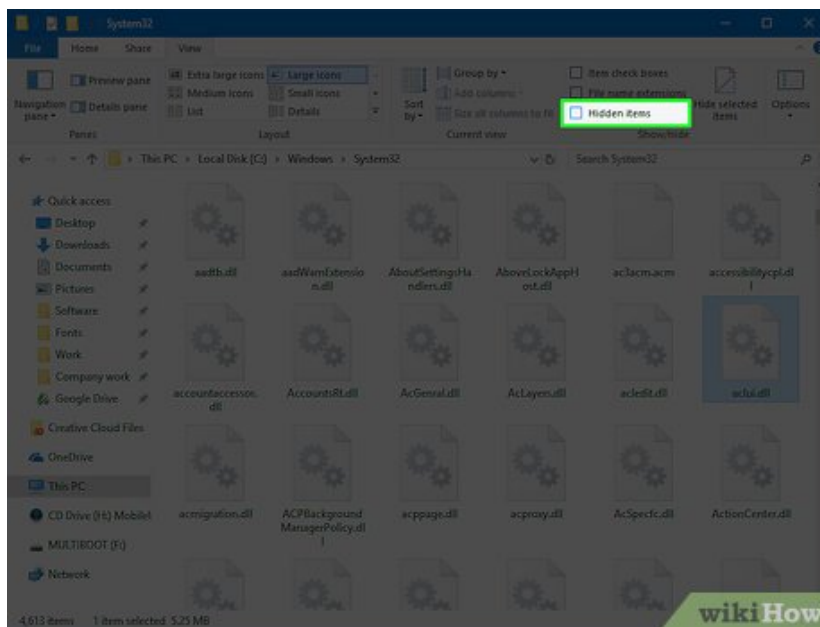
1. You can also press **Win + E** to open the File Explorer.

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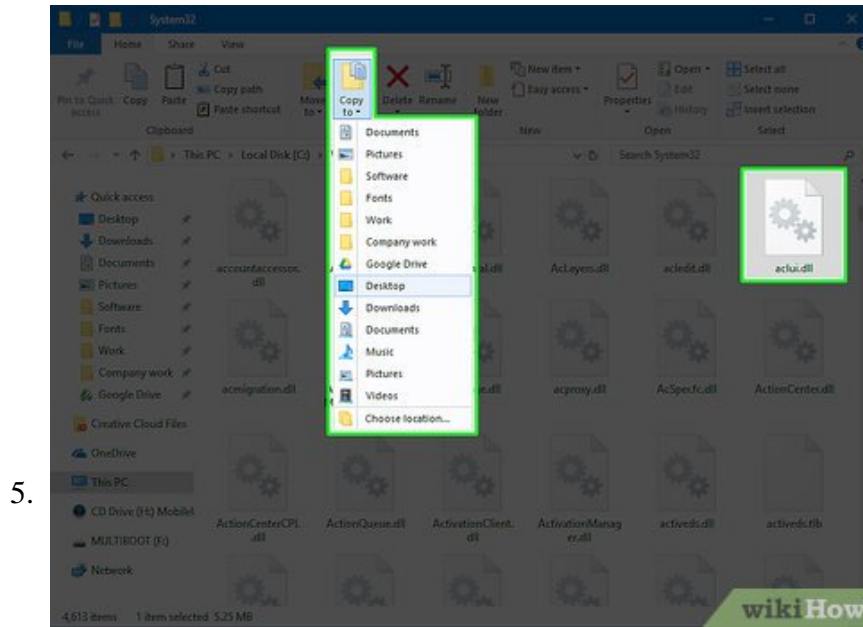
Click **View**. It's a tab at the top of the File Explorer window. You should see a toolbar appear at the top of the window.

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Check the "Hidden items" box. This box is in the "Show/hide" section of the toolbar. Placing a checkmark in this box ensures that your computer will show hidden files and folders.

1. You can exit File Explorer at this point.

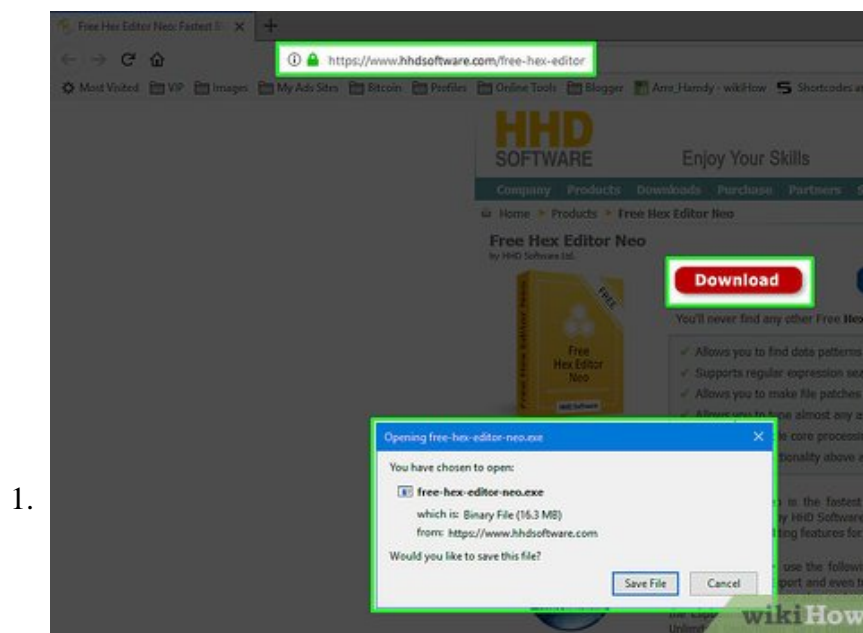


**Consider making a copy of the DLL.** Since DLL files are often crucial to the performance of your computer or a specific program,

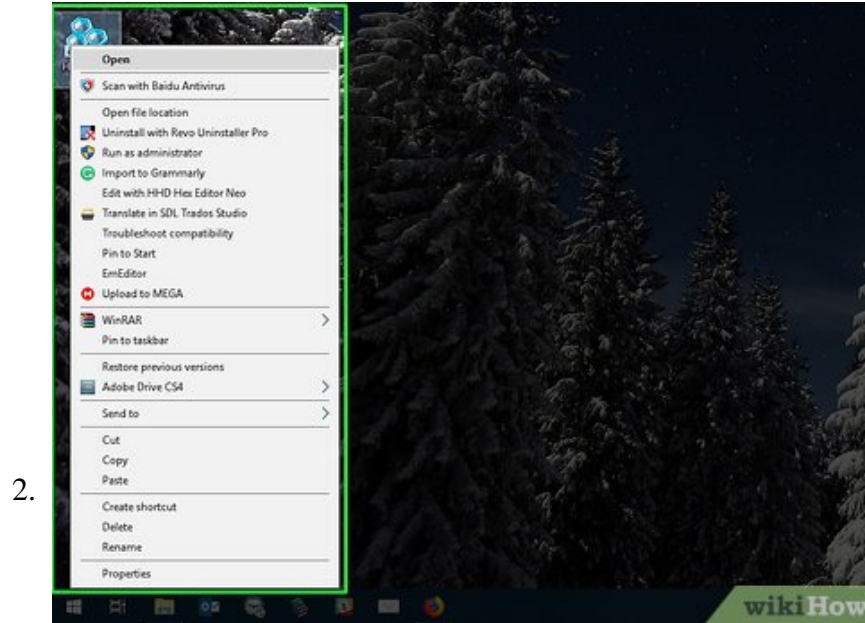
1. Find the DLL you want to edit and click it once.
2. Press **Ctrl + C** to copy the DLL.
3. Go to your desktop or a similarly easy-to-access folder.
4. Press **Ctrl + V** to paste the copied DLL here.

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## Editing DLLs with Hex Editor

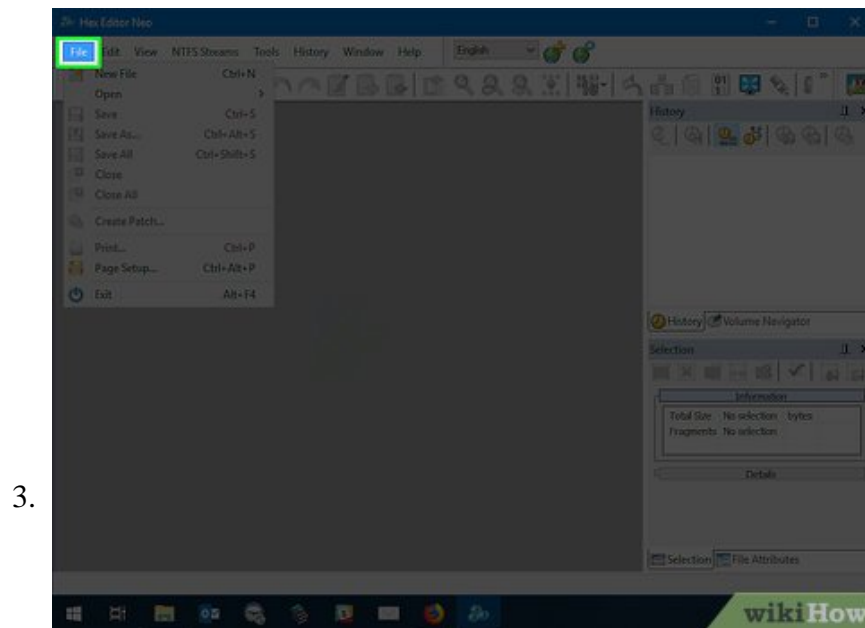


**Download the Hex Editor setup file.** Go to <https://www.hhdsoftware.com/free-hex-editor> in your computer's web browser, then click **Download** near the top of the page.



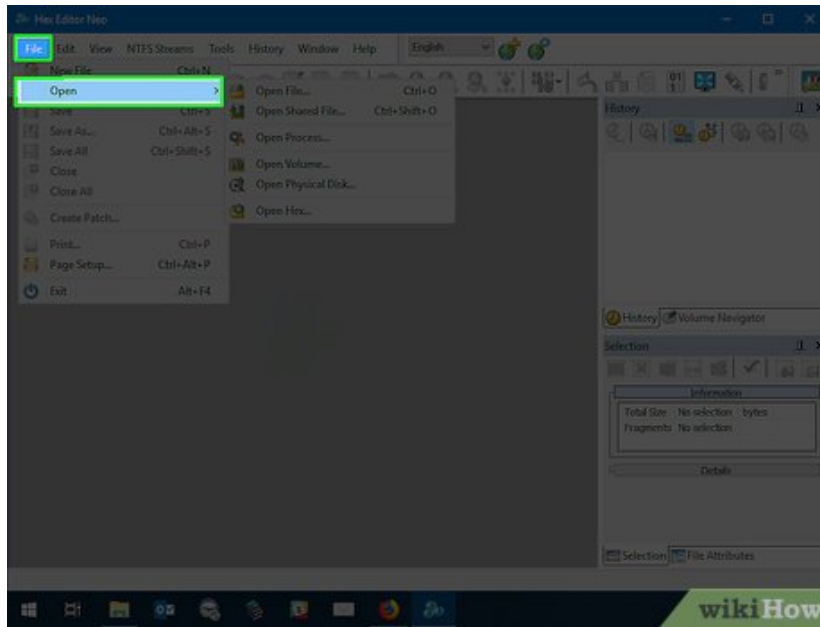
**Install the Hex Editor.** Double-click the "free-hex-editor-neo" setup file that you downloaded, then click through the on-screen prompts to install the program. Once you're done, the Hex Editor program should open.

1. If Hex Editor doesn't open after installing, double-click the blue "Hex Editor Neo" shortcut on your desktop to open it before proceeding.



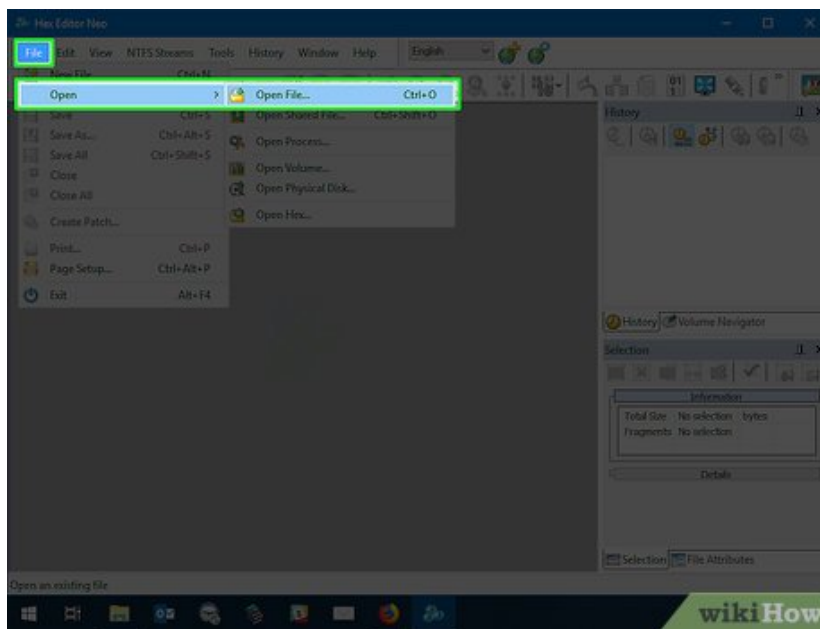
Click **File**. It's in the top-left corner of the Hex Editor window. Doing so prompts a drop-down menu.

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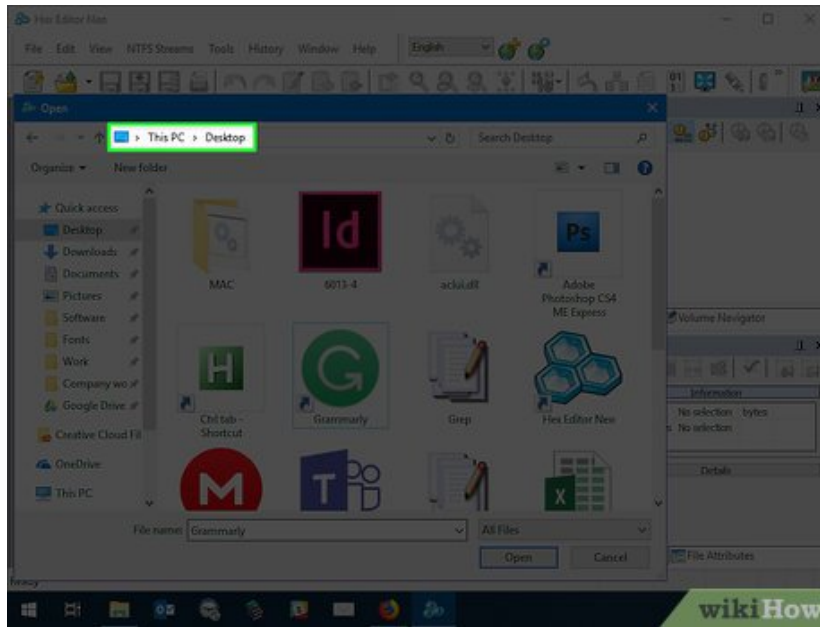
Select **Open**. This is in the **File** drop-down menu. A pop-out menu will appear.

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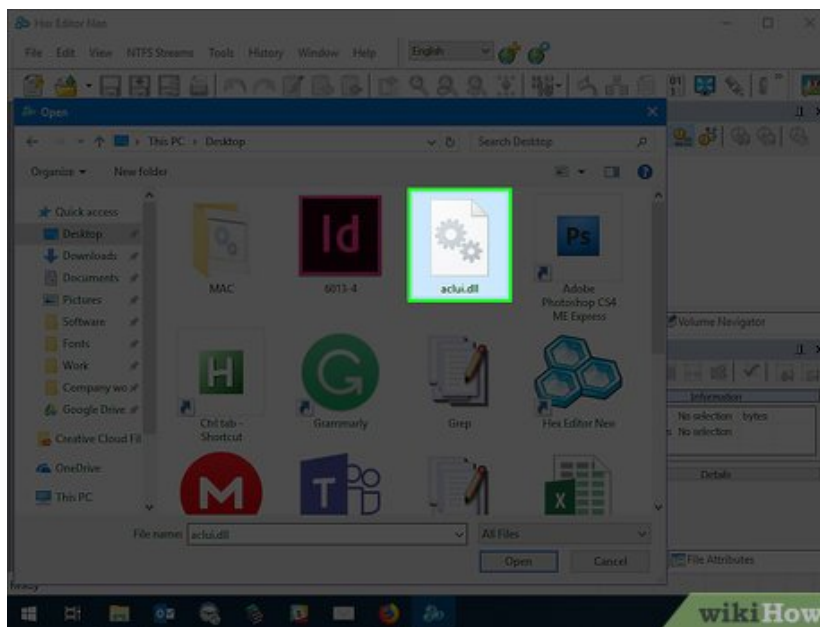
Click **Open File...**. It's in the **Open** pop-out menu. Doing so opens a File Explorer window.

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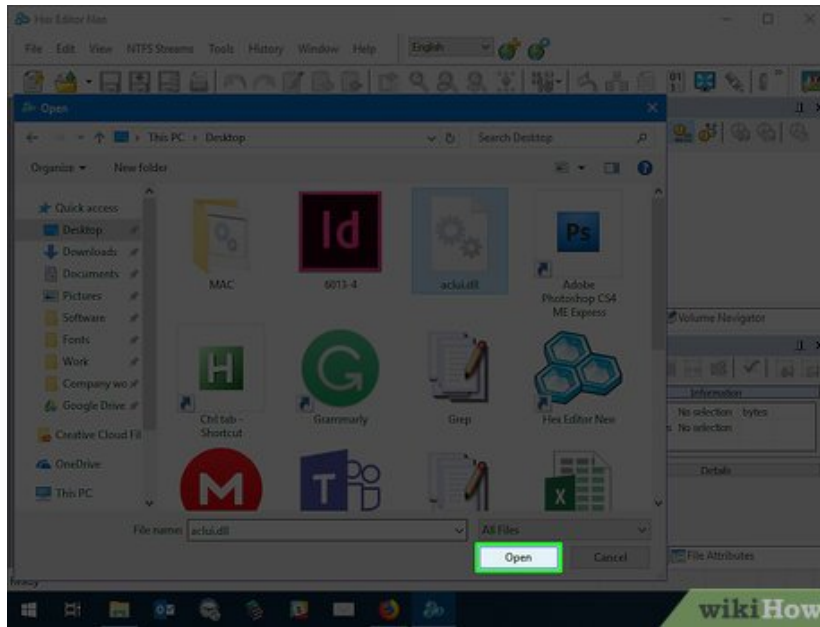
**Find the DLL you want to edit.** In the File Explorer window, go to the folder location of the DLL file that you want to edit.

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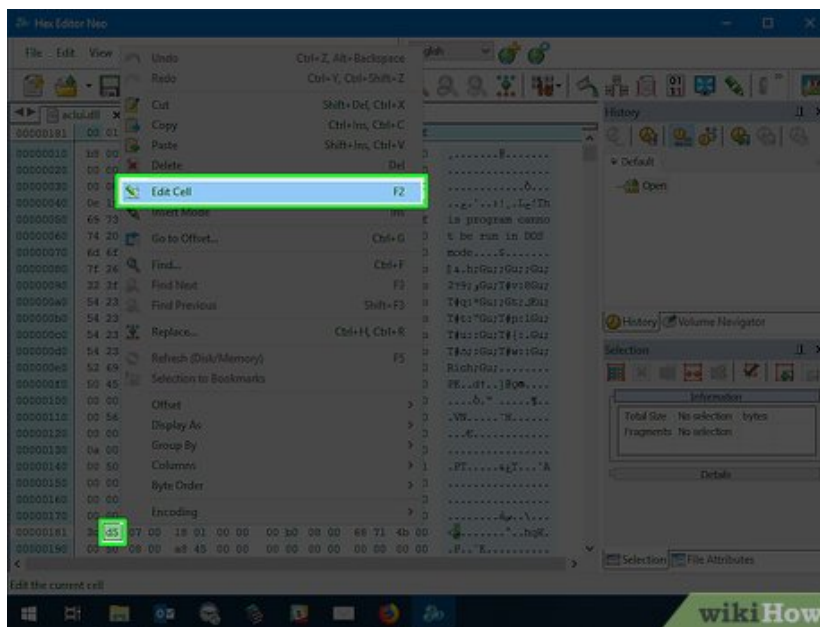
**Select the DLL.** Click once the DLL to do so.

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Click **Open**. It's in the bottom-right corner of the window. This will open the DLL file in the Hex Editor.

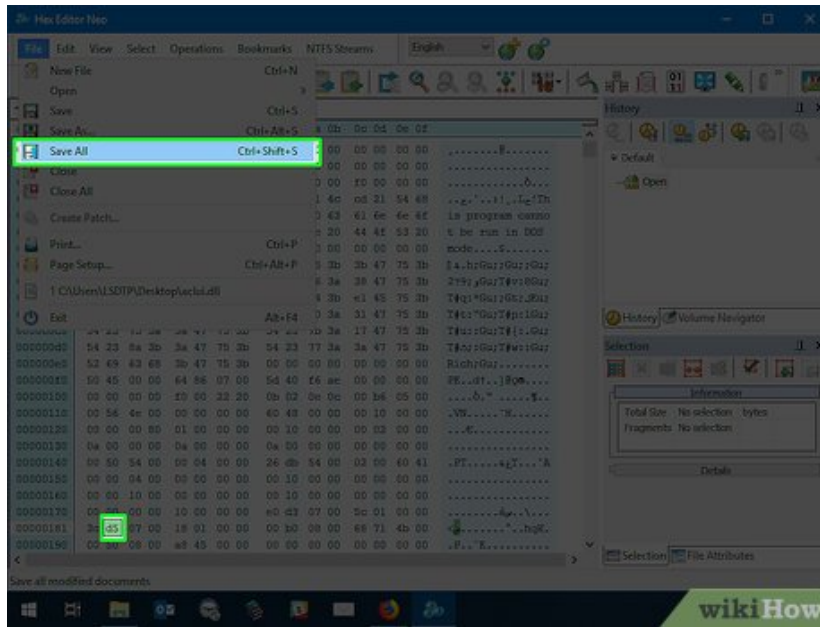
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**Edit the DLL's contents.** To edit a binary value, right-click it, click **Edit**, and change the value as needed.

1. You can also delete a value by clicking it and then pressing **Del**.

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**Save all of your changes.** Click **File**, then click **Save All** in the resulting drop-down menu. This will save any changes you made to the DLL.

1. You can also press **Ctrl + Shift + S** to save all changes.

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