

How to edit the Host file, how to edit the Host file, read and open the Host file

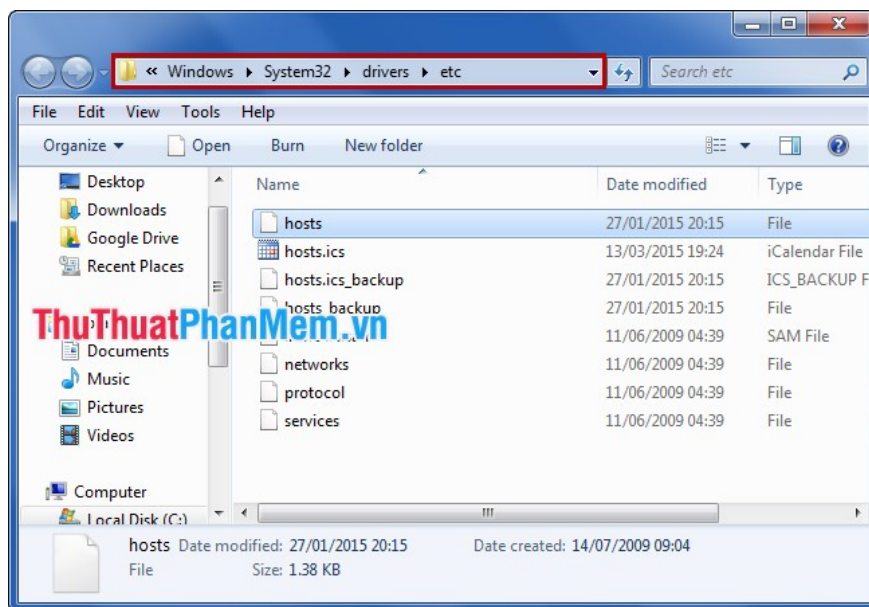
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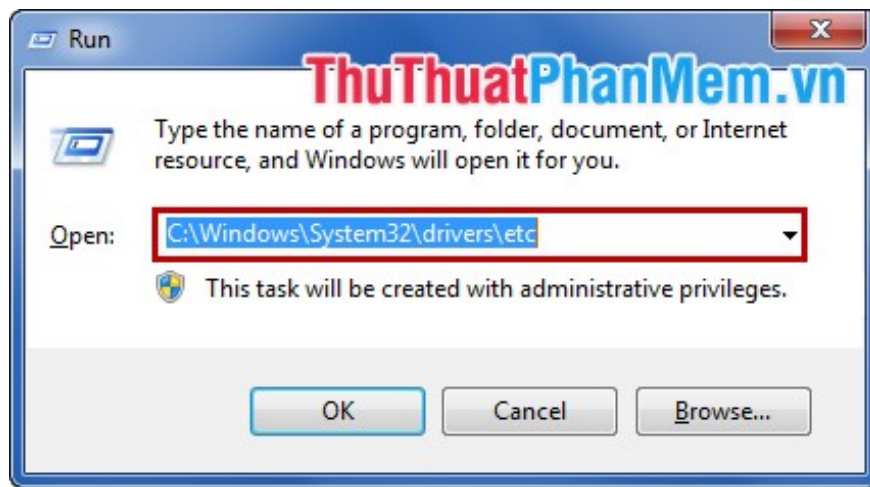
The following article will guide you how to open the hosts file on Windows 7.

Step 1: First, to open the hosts file, you need to find the folder containing the hosts file on Windows.

Method 1: Go to the Windows installation drive (usually the C drive), go to the etc folder containing the hosts file under the path *C: WindowsSystem32driversetc* .



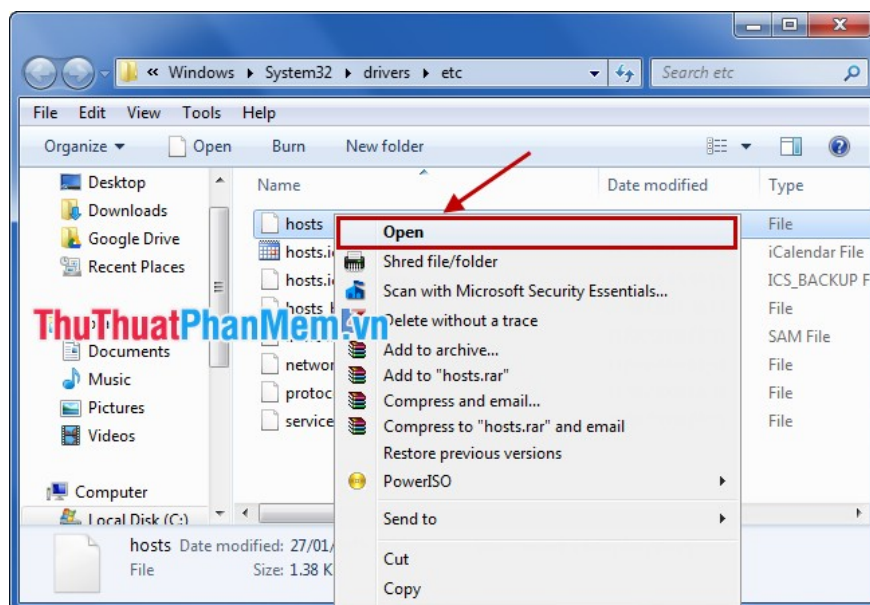
Method 2: Press **Windows + R** key combination to open the **Run** dialog box , then enter the path *C: WindowsSystem32driversetc* into the dialog box and click **OK** .



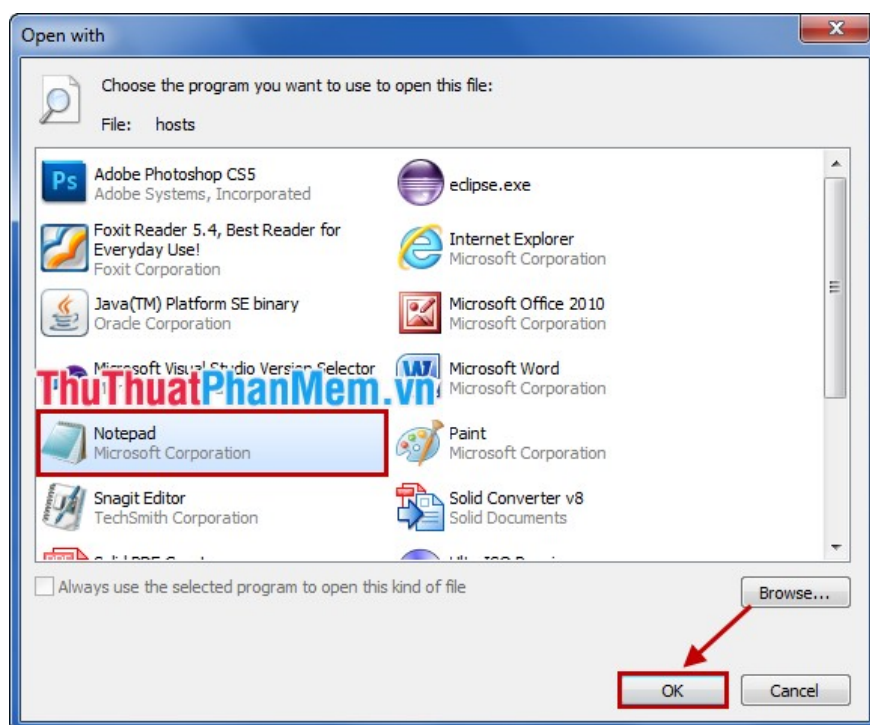
Method 3: Select **Start** on the Taskbar and enter the path *C: WindowsSystem32driversetc* in the **Search programs and files box** . Then click on the **etc** folder just found.



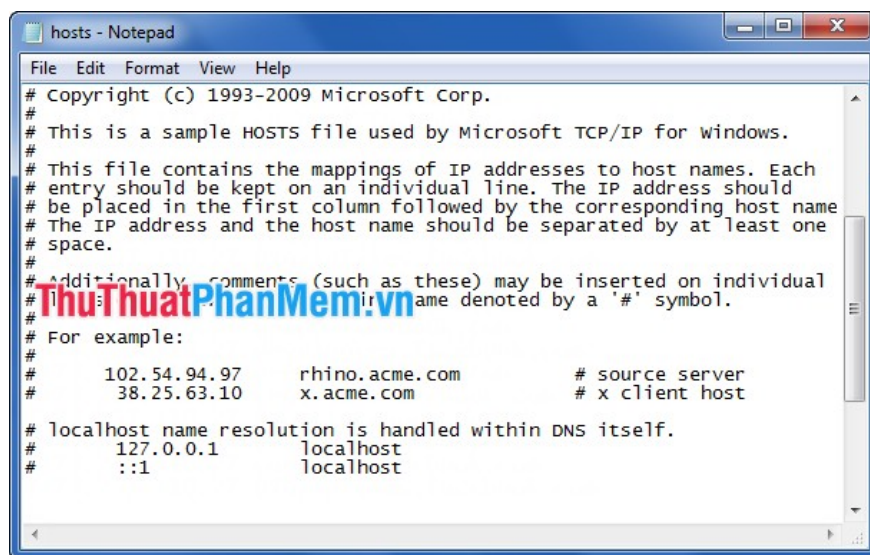
Step 2: Next, to open the hosts file, right-click the hosts file in the **etc** folder and select **Open** .



Open With dialog box appears , select the application to open the hosts file: Word, Internet Explorer, Notepad, WordPad . For example, select Notepad and click **OK** .



The hosts file opens with Notepad:



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hosts - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
# Copyright (c) 1993-2009 Microsoft Corp.
#
# This is a sample HOSTS file used by Microsoft TCP/IP for Windows.
#
# This file contains the mappings of IP addresses to host names. Each
# entry should be kept on an individual line. The IP address should
# be placed in the first column followed by the corresponding host name
# The IP address and the host name should be separated by at least one
# space.
#
# Additionally, comments (such as these) may be inserted on individual
# lines to be denoted by a '#' symbol.
#
# For example:
#
#       102.54.94.97       rhino.acme.com       # source server
#       38.25.63.10      x.acme.com         # x client host
#
# localhost name resolution is handled within DNS itself.
#       127.0.0.1        localhost
#       ::1             localhost
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If you need to edit the hosts file, but after opening it, you cannot edit it, you can fix as follows:

- Open the host file with an account **Administrator** .

- Turn off antivirus software.

Or simply copy the hosts file out of the installation and editing directory, after saving you copy and replace the hosts file in the etc. folder.

With just a few simple steps, you know how to open the hosts file on Windows 7. From now on you can edit the hosts file to suit your needs. Good luck!

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