

Change the Screen Shot Save File Location in Mac OS X

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By default, anytime you take a screen capture in Mac OS X^[1] it will save the screenshot file to the current users desktop. You can adjust where Mac OS X saves a captured screenshot to any other location, here is how to do this:

Launch Terminal and use the following syntax:

```
defaults write com.apple.screencapture location  
/path/
```

For example, if I want to have the screenshots appear in my Pictures folder, I would use:

```
defaults write com.apple.screencapture location  
~/Pictures/
```

To have the changes take effect, you then must type:

```
killall SystemUIServer
```

So the next time you take a screenshot (or as Windows converts like to say, Print Screen on a Mac^[2]), the screenshot file will appear at the location you specified.

You can change the saved screenshot location back to the default setting by specifying the desktop again:

```
defaults write com.apple.screencapture location  
~/Desktop/
```

Again, you'd need to kill SystemUIServer for changes to take effect.

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