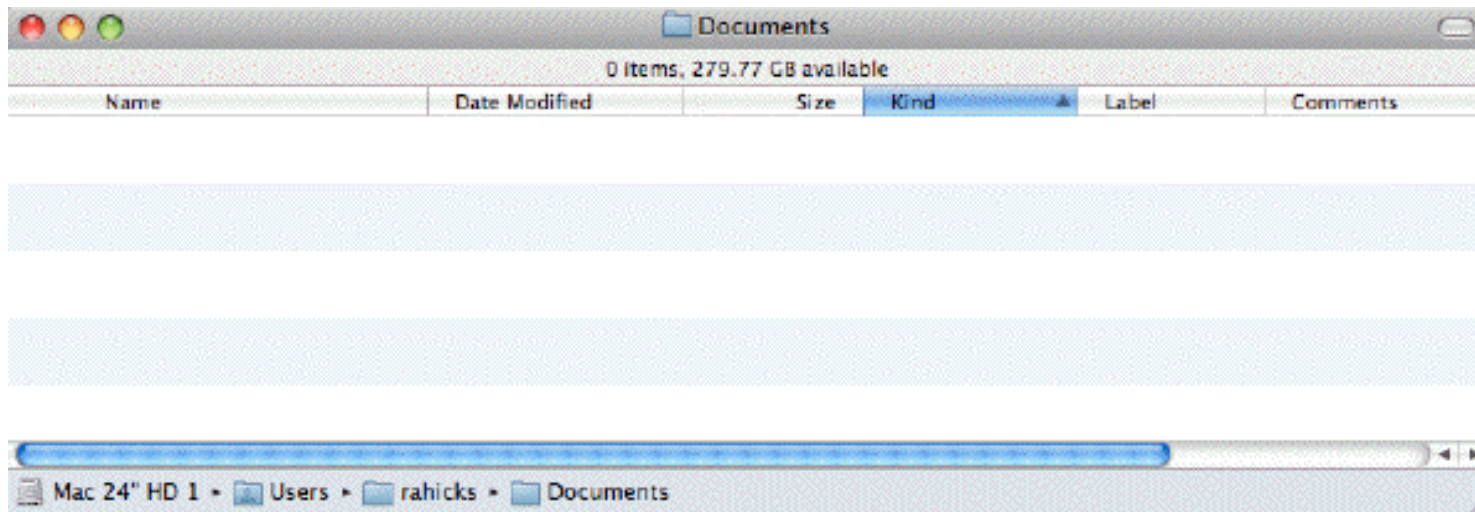


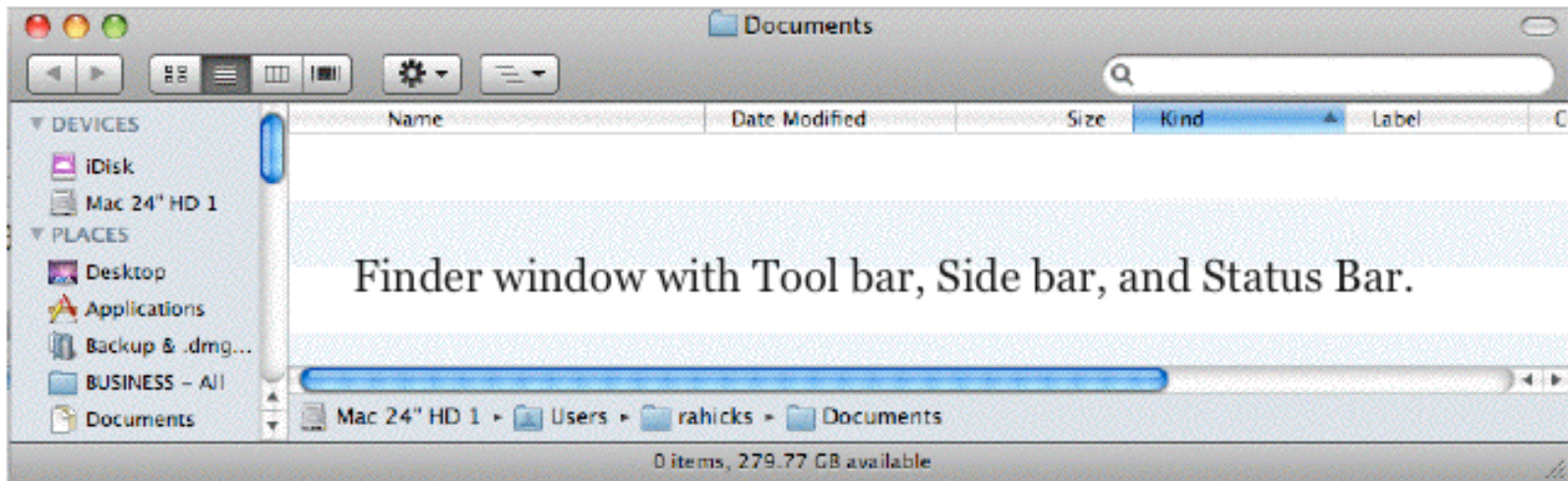
Showing the Finder Toolbar, Sidebar and Status Bar

Open up a Finder window. And you should generally see one of the following views.



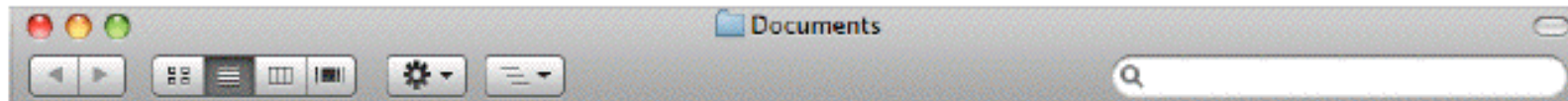
In the image above, you see only an empty Finder window with a Title Bar across the top and the Path Bar at the bottom. See how to show and hide the Path Bar below.

In the image below the Finder window has a Toolbar across the top and a Sidebar on the left side, as well as a Status Bar across the bottom. Each of these contain useful tools, information, and links.



Finder window with Tool bar, Side bar, and Status Bar.

To make the Toolbar, Sidebar and Status Bar visible -click the small **oval** in the top right corner of the Finder window.



Click the small **oval** once to make the **Toolbar**, **Sidebar** and **Status Bar** visible, and again to make them invisible.

If you hold down the **Command** (⌘) key while you click the oval repeatedly you'll see the Toolbar changes slightly with each click.

The **Command** (⌘) Key **clicks** cycle the Toolbar between different views: large or small icons (with and without text), and text-only.

Hold down both **Option** and **Command** (⌘) Key while you click on the oval and the **Customize Toolbar Sheet** appears.

You can try clicking the oval in other programs too, with and without various modifier keys (i.e. **Command, Option, etc**). They may work in various other Apple Applications.

[View of a File Path](#)

Sometimes when you're looking at a file or folder in the Finder you want to know just exactly where it is. It's not always obvious just by looking. Mac OS X 10.5 introduced an extra item to the View Menu, that helps out: Show Path Bar.

Choose Show Path Bar and then go to a Finder Window and select a file. Now at the bottom of the window you can see a list that shows the path from the item to its file location.

[Click below for more information on this topic.](#)

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