

## Re: Strange Icon Behavior

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Thanks for investigating Chris. On the uninstall the shortcut is removed from the desktop, but indeed on reinstall with new shortcut icon, the old icon comes up on the desktop. However, when I change the icon in properties, the only choice that comes up in the window is the new icon (although the old icon is the one displayed on the desktop). I choose the new icon, apply, and it now shows up on the desktop.

>-----Original Message-----

>Anyone using Microsoft's PDW needs God's help Chaplain ;-)

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>In the meantime...

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>I wasn't aware PDW could create shortcuts on the "Desktop" (maybe 2003 can). I

>must assume you are using the term accurately. I have found PDW installs

>shortcuts in the Start/Program menu, leaving any "manual copies" in the

>desktop or wherever untouched.

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>Still, you are correct, in that once a shortcut is created then it's icon is

>retained within the shortcut file and the ico file need not then even exist.

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>You said you uninstalled the app. This should uninstall any shortcuts created

>by PDW (but not others). So any such shortcuts will then be installed anew

>with the new install.

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>My guess is that the shortcut you refer to was NOT deleted, or otherwise

>updated, and that's just a fact.

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>So,

>> *It appears that there is something residual left from the*  
*previous installation that makes the old icon come up.*  
> *Yes. A shortcut which was not deleted when you said you "uninstalled".*  
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>> *Where would this be found? In the registry? Where?*  
> *-I think it's directly in the shortcut file. For the desktop it's in*  
*C:\Windows\Desktop or suchlike.*  
> *-There are dangers in copying shortcuts elsewhere if you expect them to be*  
*updated.*  
> *-There is NO update mechanism (I theorise). There is Uninstall and Install if*  
*it's an original PDW-generated shortcut.*  
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> *BTW thanks, investigating gave me a slightly better insight, for instance I*  
*found the ico file need no longer exist after the shortcuts are created, and*  
*rebooting makes no difference. So it's held in the shortcut file, or in your*  
*case by God.*  
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> *(hope you don't mind me having some respectfull fun)*  
> *Chris*  
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> *"Chaplain Doug" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message*  
*news:c4d001c47a4e\$1e116230\$a301280a@phx.gbl...*  
>> *Access 2003 ADE, Packaging Wizard. I installed an Access*  
*db from an installation CD created by the packaging wizard. In the packaging process I specified the db icon*  
*and the icon came up fine on the desktop of the system to*  
*which it was installed. I subsequently uninstalled the db, then reinstalled from a CD which had been updated from*  
*the packaging wizard. In the update I included a different icon. However upon installation the old icon*  
*still came up on the desktop (I was able to subsequently change the icon in the properties). However, the same CD*  
*installed to a system on which I had not previously installed the db brought up the new icon on the desktop.*  
>> *It appears that there is something residual left from the*

>> *previous installation that makes the old icon come up.*

>> *Where would this be found? In the registry? Where?*

>> *Thanks for the help.*

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