

Re: Weird file name sorting order in folder explorer window

any
particular file is difficult to find.

Question: Is there any scripting (or non-scripting) way to
make
a folder
explorer window display the file names in plain ASCII
ascending
order?

Example:

The following script creates 61 zero-byte text files:

```
Option Explicit
Dim i, j, sFileName
For j = 0 To 3
For i = 0 To 15
sFileName = Right("000" & Hex(i * (16 ^ j)), 4) & ".txt"
With CreateObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject")
.CreateTextFile(sFileName, True, False).Write("")
End With
Next 'i
Next 'j
MsgBox "All Done"
```

This creates one file named 0000.txt and four groups of 15
files
with a
single non-zero hexadecimal digit in column 4, 3, 2, and 1
respectively,
for a total of 61 files. The order in which they are created is
the order
in which they are sorted by the 'dir /on' command, and this is
also the
order I'd like to see them in the explorer window. A folder
explorer
window sorts them differently, as follows:

```
0000.txt
00A0.txt
0A00.txt
000A.txt
same pattern of 3 files repeated for B, C, D, E, and F
0001.txt
```

Re: Weird file name sorting order in folder explorer window

0002.txt

...

0008.txt

0009.txt

same pattern of 9 files repeated with the non-zero numeric digit

in

columns 3, 2, and 1.

A000.txt

B000.txt

C000.txt

D000.txt

E000.txt

F000.txt

I'm running WXP Pro SP2, but get the same bad results on WXP Home with no service packs or updates installed. Adding a fixed alphabetic character at the beginning or end of the file name does not change the weird sorting order. W98SE displays the files sorted properly in an explorer window.

Thanks for any help you can give me.

-Paul Randall

My XPPSP2 system sorts it correctly. The only thing I can think of is that I have it set to Windows Classic format (no web content in folder display).

Tom Lavedas

=====

<http://members.cox.net/tglbatch/wsh/>

Tom & Richard,

Thanks for letting me know that my system isn't the problem and it is

Re: Weird file name sorting order in folder explorer window

Re: Weird file name sorting order in folder explorer window

at least possible to have WXP sort non-dyslexically. I tried manually switching to classic folder view from control panel -> Folder Options 'Use Windows classic folders' on the general tab. That did not fix it, but I haven't tried rebooting yet. I'd prefer not to have to reboot to get the proper sort, and be able to easily get back the person's preferences. I will play with it some more....

I've been messing with Unicode a little, and now I understand why the order of the files listed at <http://unicode.org/charts/PDF/?C=N;O=A> seems strange.

-Paul Randall

.