

Re: Script to Refresh Desktop

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JW, I tried the script but received the below error:

Script: C:\... \Desktop\Desktop Refresh Script.vbs
Line: 6
Char: 4
Error: Object required: 'oItem'
Code: 800A01A8
Source: Microsoft VBScript runtime error

It turns out that there is no underline for "Refresh" on my Win XP SP2 system. I made adjustments per your instructions with no success. Any advise while I continue to identify the error?

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Thanks,
Chris A. Zanowick

"Chris A. Zanowick" wrote:

Thanks, JW!

This will be helpful. Now, all I have to do is get this into a schedule, as this will only perform a single refresh command. My goal is to have it loop every so many minutes and set the registry to start the VBS script file on startup. Unless, you can suggest a better way.

I just realized how screwed-up my IE program is now, after upgrading from version 6 to version 7. Just don't know if Microsoft will fix what they broke.

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Thank you,
Chris A. Zanowick

"mr_unreliable" wrote:

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hi Chris,

Try this:

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---- <snip> ----  
Set oShellApp = CreateObject("Shell.Application")  
Set oFolder = oShellApp.Namespace("C:\WINDOWS\  
Set oItem = oFolder.ParseName("DESKTOP")  
' note: for the refresh verb (or any verb) to work, it MUST BE EXACT,  
' including any underline (you use "&" to prefix the underlined  
character)  
oItem.InvokeVerb "Re&fresh" ' (works for U.S. spelling)  
  
msgbox("finished desktop refresh, quitting now.. ")  
WScript.Quit  
---- </snip> ----
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cheers, jw

You got questions? WE GOT ANSWERS!!! ..(but,
no guarantee the answers will be applicable to the questions)

Chris A. Zanowick wrote:

Hello Everyone,

Has anyone out there written a script to run at startup that refreshes the desktop every so many minutes? Trying to implement a script to work around the broken Active Desktop Items-Schedule Update problem Microsoft created by the current installation of IE 7. Able to still add items, e.g. weather radar maps, to the desktop, but scheduled updates function is broken. Thought a script would be a good workaround for the time being.