

# 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

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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?