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On Sat, 2 Aug 2008 16:37:44 -0500, dudelidu <[guest@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:guest@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Synapse Syndrome;793738 Wrote:

No problem. On second look, I am not actually sure if that one will work, but I am pretty sure that ActiveWords will.

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Man.....i've been trying since my last post and not that it didn't work, I just can't install it!! After trying a gazillion times and countless strange error message after installing, I went back to the website and found out it's not for Vista! Oh my god. That's 40 minutes down the drain.

Synapse Syndrome;793739 Wrote:

I tried that earlier. I made a shortcut to the QuickLaunch Show Desktop icon, and put it on the Desktop, and made it hidden. I added a keyboard shortcut to it, but it didn't seem to work (in XP at least). I am not sure why, but that would have been the easiest and neatest solution otherwise.

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Then this would be next in line for me. You know that show desktop icon which by default is located in the quick launch bar, how do I create a keyboard shortcut that activates that function (show desktop). How did you do that, (or how do I do it now since I'm running Vista).

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The only logical reason you would want quick access to your desktop is to click on one of it's shortcuts. The "look" of a Desktop cluttered with scores of icons went out in the 90's.

A much simpler and more elegant solution is build right into Vista. Create a separate, hidden toolbar. Details how are included in Vista's help. There's one toolbar template preset to serve as a link to your desktop. Just drag and drop ALL your desktop icons to this toolbar, a new link called Desktop will sit on the Task Bar at the far right.

To view and access all the shortcuts that were on your desktop simply toggle this link and a list appears and disappears, freeing your desktop of all clutter leaving just whatever background or art you pick plus the Sidebar if you wish it. To be safe you may wish to simply copy the shortcuts on your desktop to the new link until you're sure they all work correctly, then delete them off the desktop itself after.

When active you see a list (similar to how XP displayed choices) which you can sort by name. This list (the new toolbar) appears in the same space as your Sidebar. In a similar way you can create a toolbar for your most common Internet links having them neatly out of the way, this toolbar is also preset named Links.

To get started click on Desktop on Task Bar. You can even create custom tool bars using this method.

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