

## Re: Problem with Start/Programs Window

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Sharon F wrote:

> On Fri, 14 Oct 2005 01:20:56 -0400, Pete wrote:

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>> Andrew E. wrote:

>>> Why not R.click the desktop,properties,advanced,adjust youre screen  
>>> in display.

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>> Andrew...it is not obvious to me how to adjust the screen in the  
>> advanced button of the "appearance" tab. I have never messed with  
>> that before and don't know anything about it. And I don't know what  
>> you mean by adjusting my screen. My screen borders are already very  
>> close to the "edge" (for lack of a better word). The item that I  
>> mentioned that is being truncated, belongs in a newly formed third  
>> column I believe, and windows is not doing it. Can you explain a  
>> little more about the adjusting my screen please. Thanks...Pete

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>>> Also,you might uninstall youre display adapter in device mgr,xp will  
>>> reinstall on  
>>> next restart,then reinstall mfg software/drivers...

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>> I will leave it alone before I will do all that. I thought there  
>> would be a simple fix. What do you think has caused this  
>> peculiarity (some kind of corrupted file or what)...Pete

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>>> "Pete" wrote:

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>>>> I have xpsp2 home edition. When I click start and point to  
>>>> programs, the programs window is truncating (i.e. chopping off) the  
>>>> last entry (i.e. it is below the damn screen border of my pc).  
>>>> There is just enough of it to get a pointer to it,which will put up  
>>>> the little yellow labeling window.

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>>>> How can I get the window to either raise itself up (there is a  
>>>> little space above the top - less than a half an inch), or expand  
>>>> itself into another column. Right now it displays two columns and  
>>>> they are full, and the last entry in the right column is truncated.

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>>>> I hope you see what I am getting at. If not write back and ask for  
>>>> more info. I tried to explain it the best I could. If I added a  
>>>> new program, I would think it would automatically add a third  
>>>> column, but I don't have anything to add right now :-).  
>>>> Thanks...Pete

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> Pete, I think what Andrew is suggesting is that the monitor is not  
> adjusted correctly – that perhaps the bottom edge is a touch out of  
> view and needs to be "pulled up." However if that was the case, I  
> would think that you would have parts of the taskbar or any "bottom"  
> item cut off – not just the last item in the start menu. If looking  
> at the situation closer, you think this might be the problem, then  
> use the monitor's own buttons to "pull up" the bottom edge of the  
> screen.  
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> From your description, it sounds like you've hit a spot where the  
> calculations that determine where a column should end and a new one  
> should start are not in sync with what is displayed on screen.

Thanks Sharon...Now you're talking. I agree and I will leave it alone.  
It's not a main issue and Im sure it will self correct if I add another  
program. It's right at the point where it fills up two columns. I read  
about the single scroll and that is a good option. The other stuff you  
wrote about condensing the start menu is good info and I will save it.

PS – I know you are not supposed to switch topics in a thread, but you are a  
smart person, and while I got you, do you have any ideas why my printer  
doesn't show up in my device manager. I just didn't want to lose you if I  
wrote a new post and maybe you didn't see it. Thanks...Pete

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> This might be a quirk of your current display driver or a side effect  
> of a setting you are using within display properties. You could tweak  
> in these areas or try updating a driver but if you have long start  
> menu columns, I'm of the opinion that the same problem would  
> eventually reappear. A different approach would be to change your  
> start menu...  
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> –If you don't mind scrolling, try the "Scroll Programs" option in  
> Taskbar/Start Menu properties as another reply mentions.  
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> OR  
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> –Condense your start menu. Right click on the Start button and click  
> Explore. Explorer will open with the focus on the Start Menu folder  
> for your user account. Right click on Start again and click Explore  
> All Users. A second Explorer window will open showing the All Users  
> start menu folder. You need to work with both windows to reorganize  
> the start menu.  
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> Use existing folders and, if necessary create new folders, under

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- > Programs or Accessories to group similar programs. For example, I
- > have a folder under Programs named "Hardware." I tuck all folders and
- > loose shortcuts for various programs that support specific hardware
- > devices: mouse, keyboard, printer, scanner and so on. I could tuck
- > all of that under Accessories/System tools but I like having it a few
- > clicks "closer."
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- > Nothing is written in stone here. I recommend holding onto folders
- > created by the operating system, especially: Programs, Administrative
- > Tools (if shown), Startup, Accessories and System Tools. It's very
- > possible that XP updates might expect those folders to exist in their
- > original locations.
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- > And keep in mind that objects in All Users start menu folders are
- > available to any user account. Objects in your start menu folders are
- > available only for your account.
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- > Anyhow, by condensing these things, you'll shorten the columns and
- > hopefully won't lose sight of the last item in the column.

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