

# Re: Reverse order file dialog box

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Hmm, thank you. Those are good leads and look like something interesting to follow up on for my own edge-a-cashun. There is more to it than I thought there would be: Nuttin' new 'bout that! <g>

Best Regards,

Pop`

Wesley Vogel wrote:

ShellState gets messed up is what causes it.

"Ctrl + Close button

Sets the system default settings, mainly sort order. Icon style is not affected"

from David Candy

Ctrl + Close [X] saves folder settings. Sometimes the settings are saved anyway, but Ctrl + Close is added insurance. I use Ctrl + Close all of the time just out of habit.

Sets a couple of bits in ShellState here...

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer

Doug Knox's xp\_shellstate.reg also resets the ShellState.

ShellState is a hex number that has 36 bits, if I counted correctly. Two of those bits are used for sorting (20? & 21?). I "think" that the Members in the following link correspond to the bits.

Two of those...

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IParamSort

The column to sort by.

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iSortDirection

Alphabetical sort direction for the column specified by IParamSort.

Use 1 for an ascending sort, -1 for a descending sort.

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SHELLSTATE Structure

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/library/default.asp?url=/library/en-us/shellcc/platform/shell/reference/structures/sh>

Gives the value for ShellState with the wrong number of bits (28) for

XP... Contents of the Open and Save As Dialog Boxes Sorted Incorrectly

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/233526>

"ShellState" author:david author:candy

<http://groups.google.com/groups?q=%22ShellState%22+author%3Adavid+author%3Acandy&start=0&scoring>

In news:u3bBYc5fHHA.1244@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,

Poprivet <poprivet@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Hi Wesley,

Thanks, you helped me solve an annoyance I've had for some time, but it didn't go smoothly in my case. I was particularly intrigued by the CTRL-Xbutton(close) statement, too: I'd never heard of it before. In fact, I still don't know what it does unless it's just a make-them-all-alike shortcut?

I only provide this info as sort of an FYI in case it matters to anything, or should you have any comments you feel like making. I'm just very happy to be finally rid of that annoyance!

At first restart, your fix seemed to work. But then I noticed Windows Explorer had the sort order reversed. So, I corrected that, used the CTRL-Xbutton again, and did a Restart. Hmm, NOW the dialog boxes had reversed again. Back to Explorer, and it looked OK. So I tried the process again; no change. THEN I happened to notice that C:\ was sorted properly, but ALL of the subfolders of ANY subfolder under C:\ was NOT, they were all reverse sorted! And of course, Dialog Boxes were still sorted wrong. So, with nothing to lose, I went back to Explorer and set a subfolder to be properly sorted and used Tools, Apply to All Folders. Then I did a Restart, and now, -finally-, all is fine! I was prepared to repeat the instructions you provided, but didn't have to. So far, three more Restarts later, all is fine; all sort orders are as they should be. I -think- the conditional is that one should run the Tools; Apply to All Folders before running the fix. As I mentioned to, I think it was Frank, I -think- this sorting issue started with the install of an application for genealogy, but I can't be certain. I'm going to purposely not run that program for a few days to be sure this fix holds. If it does, I'll try a

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reinstall of that app to see if it recreates the problem. At least I'll know what causes the problem then, assuming it does, and what to do about it. <g>. Regards,

Pop`

Wesley Vogel wrote:

Restore Sort order in Open and Save dialogs

[http://www.dougknox.com/xp/scripts\\_desc/xp\\_opensaveorder.htm](http://www.dougknox.com/xp/scripts_desc/xp_opensaveorder.htm)

Or...

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To resolve this behavior, reset the default sort order:

1. Right-click Start, click Explore and then click drive C.

2. On the View menu, click Details.

3. Click the Name column to sort items by name, press and hold down

the CTRL key, and then quit Windows Explorer by clicking Close in

the upper-right corner of the screen.

4. Release the CTRL key.

5. Restart your computer.

NOTE: You must perform these steps exactly as they are listed. For

example, do not quit Windows Explorer by clicking Exit on the File

menu. <quote>

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Items in "Open" and "Save As" Dialog Boxes Sorted Incorrectly

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/229070>

In

news:15EFF0B3-ED81-45D4-A965-FF9445554B57@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Paul <Paul@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Whenever the standard windows file dialog box opens, called by any

program whatsoever, the entries appear in reverser order; i.e.,

files first, in reverse alphabetical order,

followed by the

sub-folders How do I get back to normal

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