

## Re: Finding the Control Panel Applets With Change Icon Dialogue Box

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XP incorporates many of the concepts coming up. XP's search is about finding relevant content. EG It only searches web pages for things you would see viewing the page and not for things that IE uses to render the page (web pages are text files). It's not meant for hackers but for users who are searching for Aunt Mary's photo or a sales manager searching for an old tender document. This is really smart searching. The web sites are by morons who lack the ability to understand how MS improved search. They want it to work in the old stupid searching way. They also don't realise that the old way didn't do what they think it did. It pisses me off too but I realise that the things we do aren't normal things to do with computers. Montoya may complain about his mum's car engine but it is designed to drive to the shop not race at Monte Carlo. His mum would be pissed if she had to replace the engine every week and every time she starts going she does donuts.

Have a look at the icons page here

<http://www.mvps.org/serenitymacros/>

To change My Computer icon get its clsid and look it up

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\CLSID  
These are the desktop ones only and override the system defaults if present

All of them are here

HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\CLSID\

EG My Comp

HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT\CLSID\{20D04FE0-3AEA-1069-A2D8-08002B30309D}\DefaultIcon

NSE all have the string ShellFolder under their key. Search on it. But some get theirs from a desktop.ini. See my 98 web page.

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'Not happy John! Defending our democracy',

<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2004/06/29/1088392635123.html>

"Chad Harris" <ddram32\_nospam@yahoo.com> wrote in message news:eGck6FbXEHA.2388@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.

> David--

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> There was no question in 1-3. I appreciate a lot your trying to make this  
> understandable to me, and will work with the info later on today. You  
> didn't say how you go after icons within XP if you want to change them; I  
> was looking for any ways to improve that over the hit and miss method I use  
> and the 3rd party apps I know about. I don't know if many others share my

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> frustration that Windows XP's "Search" is markedly erratic, but I suspect  
> some do since there are a number of web sites devoted to that topic. You  
> simply cannot rely on it to find all folders even when you have enabled it  
> maximally. I only hope MSFT's enthusiasm for improving the mediocre search  
> on its site announced yesterday by Mr. Gates will impact the search in its  
> next OS reloaded XP or Longhorn:

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> [http://news.com.com/Microsoft+prepares+for+search+assault/2100-1038\\_3-5249975.html?tag=nefd.top](http://news.com.com/Microsoft+prepares+for+search+assault/2100-1038_3-5249975.html?tag=nefd.top)

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> Thanks,  
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> Chad Harris  
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> "David Candy" <david@mvps.org> wrote in message  
> news:%23QfjScSXEHA.796@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...  
> Can you rephrase 1, 2, and 3. I don't see a question in them.  
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> 4. Take Control Panel. It is a Namespace Extension (NSE) like My Computer,  
> the Desktop (not the desktop folders), Fonts, Schedule Tasks, & Network  
> Neighbourhood. Folder Options (and the desktop IE icon) is a separate type  
> of NSE and not called that. It is defined by registry entries. But there  
> needs to be some file with code in it to give it behaviour.  
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> Control Panel, and most of the ones I mention, are in Shell32.dll. These are  
> virtual folders.  
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> EG. There is no My Computer Folder but there is code in shell32 that looks  
> for drives and other things and makes it appear as a folder. With Fonts (I  
> think it also is shell32) the things it shows are also in the folder but  
> what you see is a program listing fonts not the contents of the folder, even  
> though they are closely linked. It is a NSE for the special font viewing  
> commands and so dragging a file in causes it to actually install the font -  
> the font's don't HAVE to be in the fonts folder to be displayed - it just  
> has to be installed. With My Docs it is identical to a file view it is a  
> program showing it (It's a NSE so you can have a custom property sheet for  
> it, else it wouldn't need to be one).  
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> If you search the registry for ShellFolder you'll find all the ones on your  
> machine. There is also code in shdocvw that can allow anyone to make their  
> own simple NSE just by registry entries (called a Shell Instance Object).  
> It's simple because it has 2 behaviours (and some sub options) only to  
> choose from.  
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> The Start Menu is another which is why dragging files to it cause a shortcut  
> not a move/copy.  
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> The shell namespace is different to the file namespace.  
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> In shell talk it is  
> Desktop\My Computer\C Drive\boot.ini  
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> in file talk  
> C:\boot.ini  
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> Programs tend to use file paths not shell paths. Explorer ISN'T a file  
> manager but a namespace browser (as is IE).  
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> http://www.counterpunch.org/bageant06132004.html
> "Chad Harris" <ddram32_nospam@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> news:%23ZecqJSXEHA.1440@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...
> > David--
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> > I need some guidance and thanks--you made it easy to find _____cpl.dlls.
> > Here's what I did, and I have a couple questions and would like to know if
> > you go after icons that aren't favicons in Windows (and from 3rd party
> > downloads and apps) how you do it and how you'd do this.
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> > 1) I have long been collecting icons by adding .ico onto urls, then
> > changing
> > dragging to the desktop and changing their name and storing them in a
> > favicon folder (or dragging them out of TIFs before they disappear on a
> > TIF
> > clear or a reboot.
> > 2) I haven't used the many 3rd party icon extractors with the system 32,
> > zip, downloaded programs and many other folders where icon staches (native
> > Windows and 3rd party) are availalbe but just hit or miss as with the
> > system
> > 32 folder.
> > 3) With your tip I showed all hidden folders/protected Windows and file
> > extensions and was able to get a list of 6 cpl.dlls. If you use XP's
> > Search
> > on System 32 it turns up 4 interestingly, and if you directly look there
> > are
> > 6. I don't know why search misses 2 of them, but that's not surprising.
> > I
> > see it miss folders all the time that I find directly even when you give
> > it
> > every possible chance to search.
> > 4) What do you mean when you say "or else it's a NSE and most are backed
> > by
> > a dll file. Same story." I don't know what NSE stands for. Can you help
> > me
> > with this. Is NSE a source of .dlls with icons where I can harvest them?
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> > Thanks a lot for the help.
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> > Chad
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> > "David Candy" <david@mvps.org> wrote in message
> > news:OpLS7QLXEHA.2852@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...
> > No. cpl are dll files. Browse to the respective cpl and choose the icon in
> > that. Else it's a NSE and most are backed by a dll file, Same story.
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> > http://www.counterpunch.org/bageant06132004.html
> > "Chad Harris" <ddram32_nospam@yahoo.com> wrote in message
> > news:upC8DLLXEHA.644@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
> > > That answers my question then. And going to copl files in system 32
> > > is
> > > not going to give you anything to apply as an icon substitute. There is
> > > no
> > > way quick and direct way then to use those applets for icons. It would
> > > have to be done by using an icon app, and imaging them and using the
> > > bit
> > > maps.
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> > > Thanks David.
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