

Re: "Play With Media Player"

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First, the "play with media player" RCMI shows up when I right-click on files in my Video Folder! This folder has all my MPG, MPEG, and AVI files. It does not appear in my Music Folder (Mp3, WMA, Wav files).

After disabling "WMP Play As Playlist Launcher" in the Shellex program I can play the video files in Windows Explorer w/o a problem. But when I click (or double-click) on an Mp3, Wave or WMA file in Windows Explorer, the icon turns pale gray and nothing happens. I then go back and reset the file associations. The Mp3 files will temporarily open up in Windows Explorer..... but then the Wave files won't.....or they'll open in "Sound Recorder.....or I'll get a message that WMP can't play the file!

All the files play from WMP open command within the player but trying to use Windows Explorer (the most convenient access) becomes impossible unless I re-enable the "WMP Play As Playlist Launcher" in the Shellex program.

It would appear that this context menu item is intricately woven into XP and WMP. Unless there is a way to remove it without totally confusing Windows Explorer. This may seem like an unimportant issue but it indicates Microsoft's attempt to steer you toward their software, when there are often better options out there...especially for playing videos.

Please correct me if I'm wrong.....and thanks for taking this under consideration.

Marc

I went back to reset "Ramesh, MS-MVP" <ramesh@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:%23mOLumcGHA.464@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Marc,

Windows Explorer could not make sense of WMP file associations for WMP!

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Any error message? Removing the shell extensions does not usually screw the file association.

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Regards,

Ramesh Srinivasan, Microsoft MVP [Windows XP Shell/User]
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"Sasha Gottfried" <sashago@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:teKdnYDV_9ADecPZnZ2dnUVZ_tWdnZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Hi,

I disabled the ShellEx View listing for "WMP Play As Playlist Launcher" and that removed the context menu item but then Windows Explorer could not make sense of WMP file associations for WMP! Thankfully I re-enabled it and Windows Explorer is OK.

But I'm still wondering how to get rid of that Right Context Item w/o screwing up windows explorer.

Any Ideas?

Thanks,

Marc

"Ramesh, MS-MVP" <ramesh@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:evuXZ2fcGHA.3352@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

You're welcome Marc.

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Regards,

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"Sasha Gottfried" <sashago@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:m--dnODHue3-j8PZnZ2dneKdnZydnZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Thanks very much.....The Shell Extension Manager For Windows is a great utility!

Marc

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"Ramesh, MS-MVP" <ramesh@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:O7UzmwYcGHA.4700@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Manage the context-menu entries for files, folders, drives
and Namespace

objects:

http://windowsxp.mvps.org/context_folders.htm

ShellExView – Shell Extension Manager For Windows:

<http://www.nirsoft.net/utils/shexview.html>

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Regards,

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