

Re: Desktop Icons Staying where they are put

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Desktop Layout is saved here...

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Shell\Bags\1\Desktop

See jrzymcrim's post about

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Shell\Bags\1\Desktop

FFlags and Sort

here...

<http://msfn.org/board/index.php?act=ST&f=70&t=22555>

Auto Arrange off, Align to Grid off:

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Shell\Bags\1\Desktop]

"FFlags"=dword:00000220

Mine is Auto Arrange off – align to Grid On:

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\Shell\Bags\1\Desktop]

"FFlags"=dword:00000224

I found one post where a poster had your problem. They had a corrupted video driver. They did not explain anything more except to say that they fixed the problem with a new driver.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In news:1A51267E-5323-4D36-8302-412DBCEC9ABB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
lightbulb02 <lightbulb02@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Hi Wesley,

I have done all the things you mentioned, the only box that is checked when I right click my desktop and open the "arrange icons by" menu is the "show desktop icons" box. I checked both registry keys you suggested, one did not have the "NoSaveSettings" the other had it and it was set to "0". I also went to the website where the automated edit is at and went to #54 and ran the "Save settings on exit" choice. Immediately after

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doing that I rebooted. Same thing happened...
my "align to grid" had a check mark in front of it again and again my
desktop icons were in disarray. I unchecked the align to grid box – ran my
wintidy and restored the icons. So, basically i owuld say that none of the
suggestions were effective. Any other possibilities? Thanks, appreciate
your help.

"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

Have fun.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes
MS–MVP Windows Shell/User

In news:7D145BD0–2223–44F3–96FD–8CAD119384F2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
lightbulb02 <lightbulb02@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and
pecked:

Thank you for the info Wesley, certainly appreciate the post.
I am off
to try your suggestions.....again thanks

"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

If Lock Web Items on Desktop is checked...
Items can be moved, but they are moved
back after reboot.

If Auto Arrange is checked...
The icons are arranged in columns along the
left side of your screen.

Right click Desktop | Arrange Icons By |
UNCheck: Auto Arrange
UNCheck: Lock Web Items on Desktop

Auto Arrange
[[Arrange the icons in columns along the left
side of your screen.]]

Lock Web Items on Desktop
[[Specifies whether Web content windows or
items that *you* have placed
on your desktop are locked in place and
can't be moved. Select
the check box to lock Web content in place.
Clear the check box if you

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want to be able to
move Web content.]]

the problem I am having is
that everytime I reboot, the
check mark
beside align to grid is again
checked and again, until I
uncheck it, my
icons

If your settings are getting changed after
rebooting...

Save Settings on Exit

Automated edit here...

http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_tweaks.htm

Read the instructions at the top.

Scroll down to...

54. Right hand side

Save Settings on Exit – Don't Save Settings

Click on...

Save Settings on Exit

savesettings.reg is the file that you want.

Or set NoSaveSettings to 0 here...

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
Policies\Explorer

NoSaveSettings Description

[[Prevents users from saving certain changes
to the desktop. Users can
change the desktop, but some changes, such
as the positions of open
windows or the size and position of the
taskbar, are not saved when
users log off. Shortcuts placed on the
desktop are always saved.]]

Also check this key for NoSaveSettings

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\
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If NoSaveSettings does not exist, it is the
same as if it were set 0,

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the policy is disabled or not configured.
Changes to the desktop are
saved.

If NoSaveSettings is set 1, the policy is
enabled. Some changes to the
desktop are not saved.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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[news:E4336271-9388-427C-B8A3-4D22CDDABA49@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
lightbulb02](mailto:news:E4336271-9388-427C-B8A3-4D22CDDABA49@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.lightbulb02)
<lightbulb02@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
hunted and pecked:

I have been having a
problem with keeping my
desktop Icons where I put
them. They are fine until I
reboot-then they go back to
the way they
were before I moved them. I
am sure other people have
had this problem
also. I am running windows
XP Pro. I was reading about
a program
called WinTidy
2.0, so I downloaded and
installed it. I also read that
someone had a
problem with this program
putting the icons where he
wanted them to be
upon rebooting after he had
moved them. He goes on to
say that he
discovered that if he
unchecked the checkmark
next to "align to grid"
in the "arrange icons by"
box that you get when you
right click on the
desktop, that that took care
of the problem and Wintidy
would then

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place his icons in the places
that he wanted them to be
in. I also
did this and the problem I
am having is that everytime
I reboot, the
check mark beside align to
grid is again checked and
again, until I
uncheck it, my icons fail to
go where I want them to.
Anyone have
any ideas?? Thanks,
appreciate the help.