

.exe and .lnk file assoc

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When I double click on a program, any program, in Explore I get the error message:

Windows cannot open this file:

File: regedit.exe

To open this file, Windows needs to know what program created it. etc.

I thought the problem was just that Windows didn't recognise .lnk files (all the Quick Launch icons are stuffed) until I tried to "Run" regedit.

The funny thing is that I restored the file association for Word docs and when I double click on them in Explorer it now opens Word. Also, I can get access to Explorer from "Start -> My Documents" but if I double click on explorer.exe in the windows directory I get the above error.

The OS is Windows XP Pro

The machine is a laptop, Compaq Presario 2500

Any help would be appreciated