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Does notepad itself (c:\windows\notepad or wherever it is) have it on it's right click menu.

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<http://home.comcast.net/~wizardofwhimsy/index.html>

"Philip Herlihy" <foof8501@herlihy.eu.veil.com> wrote in message news:ca6jg0\$nn0\$1@hercules.btint

> Thanks for this useful information - new to me, especially the Installer  
> shortcuts (I recognise behaviour which had previously seemed inexplicable.  
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> So now I have to figure out why RunAs doesn't work with Notepad on my  
> system, by the sound of it! I've ruled out problems due to environment  
> variables in the path - a direct shortcut to Notepad won't cooperate either.  
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> "David Candy" <david@mvps.org> wrote in message

> news:O%23y%23fQaTEHA.332@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> My Docs won't work. It's a namespace AND it ends up using explorer. However  
> notepad and Process Explorer should work.

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> There is no reference. For a programmer there is no difference between the  
> lnk files. But there are 5 to my knowledge

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> .url Internet Shortcuts - a text file with a URL in it

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> .pif Shortcut for MSDOS Programs

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> .lnk Normal shortcuts - notepad et al

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> .lnk Folder Shortcuts (introduced with Win2000/WinME) allows the shortcut  
> to act as a real folder in some places (Start Menu). To get a normal

> shortcut to a folder you have to create a shortcut to a folder shortcut -

> you can then delete the folder shortcut. Drag History or TIF (after you

> empty it - it takes a long time to show a menu with tens of thousands of

> items)

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> .lnk Windows Installer shortcuts - Links to windows installer that

> checks, repairs, and starts the application. This does not support drag and

> drop, most properties can't be edited. Only installation programs make these

> types.

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> .lnk files are treated as whatever by their contents. Only Folder Shortcut

> don't have a RunAs (probably because it needs explorer to be useful, al la

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> NSEs).
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> "Philip Herlihy" <foof8501@herlihy.eu.veil.com> wrote in message
> news:OrExp9ZTEHA.3616@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...
> > Thanks - that makes sense. Do you have any references I could look up on
> > types of Shortcut?
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> > Runas on the command line has always worked ok for me, but with the
> > Shift-Right-Click version,
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> > these work:
> > Word
> > Excel
> > AutoRoute
> > Corel Painter
> > Adobe Acrobat (!)
> >
> > .. and these don't
> > Photoshop
> > My Documents ("Namespace"?)
> > Notepad (!)
> > Process Explorer (Sysinternals)
> > Opera
> > RealOne player
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> > I think that's pretty weird already...
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> > "David Candy" <david@mvps.org> wrote in message
> > news:eVVxpzZTEHA.3224@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...
> > You can't use RunAs for explorer because Explorer is already running. You
> > need to ask Adobe about their products (like what type of shortcut is it -
> > there is more than one type). RunAs works on all but Namespace Objects.
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> > You can kill explorer then use runas on it. You should use the runas
> > command
> > (runas /?) as you probably need to use options to make it usefull (eg I'm
> > logged in as an admin but running explorer as Limited using current
> > environment, I can't do much for security reasons).
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> > http://home.comcast.net/~wizardofwhimsy/index.html
> > "Philip Herlihy" <foof8501@herlihy.eu.veil.com> wrote in message
> > news:%23ugNedZTEHA.3700@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
> > > You're supposed to be able to fire off a program as another user
> > (usually
> > > an
> > > Administrator) in XP by right-clicking a shortcut with SHIFT down and
> > > picking "RunAs..". On my system (XP Pro) this is only available for
> > > some
> > > programs and not others. Corel Painter - yes. Photoshop - no. Any
> > > ideas
> > > why this might be so? What I'd really like is to be able to run a
> > > Windows
> > > Explorer with an administrative account, but I haven't found a way to do
> > > that yet!
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