

# Re: WinXP Batch File ???

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Try running the "repair icons" option on the repair node of TweakUI. Might be simpler.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/downloads/powertoys/xppowertoys.msp>

Jon

"Twanny" <[msuser@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:msuser@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:31326BD6-9041-4750-A060-E120808FEA37@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:31326BD6-9041-4750-A060-E120808FEA37@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

> David, plse see my reply after the dividing line

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> Twanny

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> "David Candy" wrote:

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>> You can write batch files to edit desktop.ini. I don't know what you  
>> know. It makes it hard. Describe what you want to do if you post back.  
>> All I know is you want to change icons – but to what etc.

> =====

> Basically it is this ...

> For easy recognition, all folders in my data are assigned an Icon.

> The Desktop.ini files in each folder point to a specific Folder in which

> all

> my icons are stored, which is never moved, so that the icons are always

> visible in Explorer View.

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> What baffles me is that in moving or copying data folders, the icon is not

> always visible, even after an F5 refresh. The Desktop.ini file are copied,

> but

> the icons are still not visible. This requires the laborious

> right-clicking

> each folder Properties, change Icon etc. Then and only then the icons are

> visible again.

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> (N.B. this usually happens when copying files either from a CD/DVD or from

> a

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> Windows Briefcase, to another folder)  
> If the path to the icon is correct and the ini file is present, why does  
> this happen?  
> =====  
>>  
>> But you could make new desktop.ini and copy them over, you could read the  
>> lines in one by one and change the icon one and write it back.  
>>  
>> Look at the For command. It does 92,000 different functions, 1 is reading  
>> files. Here's an example echoing every line in a file  
>> FOR /F "usebackq tokens=1\* delims=" %i in ("C:\Documents and  
>> Settings\David Candy\Desktop\Unzip.vbs") do @echo %i  
>>  
>>  
>> It's easy to add a batch command to a r/c menu for a folder. See  
>> [www.mvps.org/serenitymacros/rightclick.html](http://www.mvps.org/serenitymacros/rightclick.html) for examples. Plenty of  
>> vbscript examples there too.  
>>  
>> <http://msdn.microsoft.com/scripting> is vb docs (you already have  
>> everything installed but the docs).  
>>  
>> Here is my keyboard macro tutorial. But you can use it with right click  
>> as the hotkey part I just refer you to read 1 paragraph in help – it's  
>> the script that is non trivial.  
>>  
>> Tip. Right click the system menu (the icon in titlebar) for a menu for  
>> the open folder.  
>>  
>> I've also attached my keyboard reference.  
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>> =====  
>> Create a text file and paste these lines in and name it  
>> WhateverYouWant.vbs. In this example it cuts and pastes between two  
>> windows. See below for sendkeys docs.  
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>>  
>> set WshShell = WScript.CreateObject("WScript.-Shell")  
>> WshShell.SendKeys "% {TAB}^c% {TAB}^v"  
>> [above sends Alt + Tab, Ctrl + C, Alt + Tab, then Ctrl + V]  
>>  
>>  
>> Then set a shortcut to the scripts (right click it and choose Copy, go to  
>> the Desktop, a sub folder of the desktop, or on the Start Menu somewhere  
>> [right click Start and choose Open] and right click a blank area and  
>> choose Paste Shortcut) and set a hotkey for the shortcut (see help – but  
>> right click shortcut and choose Properties and look on the general tab –  
>> a lot of keys aren't available).  
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>> You may want to know these additional commands.  
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>> WSHShell.Run("c:\command.exe", 0, True)
>> =====
>> With Param 1 being the command, Param 2 the window style (see below), and
>> Param 3 a flag to indicate if to wait at this command until the program
>> started has exited – True it does and false it doesn't. Look in the
>> Shortcut's Properties of the Start Menu shortcuts to see some command
>> lines. You can also put document names in and have the Open command run
>> on them.
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>> Window Style
>> -----
>> 0 Hides the window and activates another window.
>> 1 Activates and displays a window. If the window is minimized or
>> maximized, the system restores it to its original size and position. An
>> application should specify this flag when displaying the window for the
>> first time.
>> 2 Activates the window and displays it as a minimized window.
>> 3 Activates the window and displays it as a maximized window.
>> 4 Displays a window in its most recent size and position. The active
>> window remains active.
>> 5 Activates the window and displays it in its current size and position.
>> 6 Minimizes the specified window and activates the next top-level window
>> in the Z order.
>> 7 Displays the window as a minimized window. The active window remains
>> active.
>> 8 Displays the window in its current state. The active window remains
>> active.
>> 9 Activates and displays the window. If the window is minimized or
>> maximized, the system restores it to its original size and position. An
>> application should specify this flag when restoring a minimized window.
>> 10 Sets the show-state based on the state of the program that started the
>> application.
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>>
>> WSHShell.AppActivate "window title"
>>
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>> =====
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>> In determining which application to activate, the specified title is
>> compared to the title string of each running application. If no exact
>> match exists, any application whose title string begins with title is
>> activated. If an application still cannot be found, any application whose
>> title string ends with title is activated. If more than one instance of
>> the application named by title exists, one instance is arbitrarily
>> activated.
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>> Use this to switch between windows and to make sure your sendkeys go to  
>> the right window.  
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>>  
>> WScript.Sleep 50  
>> =====  
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>>  
>> Sends your program to sleep for the milliseconds specified. Sometimes you  
>> may need to do this to give the receiving program the ability to process  
>> your commands (as you are blocking it from running by sending it  
>> keystrokes) or more frequently to give a process enough time to complete.  
>>  
>>  
>> SendKeys Syntax  
>> =====  
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>>  
>> Sends one or more keystrokes to the active window (as if typed on the  
>> keyboard).  
>>  
>>  
>> object.SendKeys(string)Arguments  
>> object  
>> WshShell object.  
>> string  
>> String value indicating the keystroke(s) you want to send.  
>> Remarks  
>> Use the SendKeys method to send keystrokes to applications that have no  
>> automation interface. Most keyboard characters are represented by a  
>> single keystroke. Some keyboard characters are made up of combinations of  
>> keystrokes (CTRL+SHIFT+HOME, for example). To send a single keyboard  
>> character, send the character itself as the string argument. For example,  
>> to send the letter x, send the string argument "x".  
>>  
>>  
>> Note To send a space, send the string " ".  
>> You can use SendKeys to send more than one keystroke at a time. To do  
>> this, create a compound string argument that represents a sequence of  
>> keystrokes by appending each keystroke in the sequence to the one before  
>> it. For example, to send the keystrokes a, b, and c, you would send the  
>> string argument "abc". The SendKeys method uses some characters as  
>> modifiers of characters (instead of using their face-values). This set of  
>> special characters consists of parentheses, brackets, braces, and the:  
>>  
>>  
>> a.. plus sign "+",  
>> b.. caret "^",  
>> c.. percent sign "%",  
>> d.. and tilde "~"  
>> Send these characters by enclosing them within braces "{}". For example,

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>> to send the plus sign, send the string argument "{+}". Brackets "[ ]"  
>> have no special meaning when used with SendKeys, but you must enclose  
>> them within braces to accommodate applications that do give them a  
>> special meaning (for dynamic data exchange (DDE) for example).  
>>  
>>  
>> a.. To send bracket characters, send the string argument "{[}" for the  
>> left bracket and "{]}" for the right one.  
>> b.. To send brace characters, send the string argument "{{}" for the  
>> left brace and "{}}" for the right one.  
>> Some keystrokes do not generate characters (such as ENTER and TAB). Some  
>> keystrokes represent actions (such as BACKSPACE and BREAK). To send these  
>> kinds of keystrokes, send the arguments shown in the following table:  
>>  
>>  
>> Key Argument  
>> BACKSPACE {BACKSPACE}, {BS}, or {BKSP}  
>> BREAK {BREAK}  
>> CAPS LOCK {CAPSLOCK}  
>> DEL or DELETE {DELETE} or {DEL}  
>> DOWN ARROW {DOWN}  
>> END {END}  
>> ENTER {ENTER} or ~  
>> ESC {ESC}  
>> HELP {HELP}  
>> HOME {HOME}  
>> INS or INSERT {INSERT} or {INS}  
>> LEFT ARROW {LEFT}  
>> NUM LOCK {NUMLOCK}  
>> PAGE DOWN {PGDN}  
>> PAGE UP {PGUP}  
>> PRINT SCREEN {PRTSC}  
>> RIGHT ARROW {RIGHT}  
>> SCROLL LOCK {SCROLLLOCK}  
>> TAB {TAB}  
>> UP ARROW {UP}  
>> F1 {F1}  
>> F2 {F2}  
>> F3 {F3}  
>> F4 {F4}  
>> F5 {F5}  
>> F6 {F6}  
>> F7 {F7}  
>> F8 {F8}  
>> F9 {F9}  
>> F10 {F10}  
>> F11 {F11}  
>> F12 {F12}  
>> F13 {F13}  
>> F14 {F14}  
>> F15 {F15}

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>> F16 {F16}  
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>>  
>> To send keyboard characters that are comprised of a regular keystroke in  
>> combination with a SHIFT, CTRL, or ALT, create a compound string argument  
>> that represents the keystroke combination. You do this by preceding the  
>> regular keystroke with one or more of the following special characters:  
>>  
>>  
>> Key Special Character  
>> SHIFT +  
>> CTRL ^  
>> ALT %  
>>  
>>  
>> Note When used this way, these special characters are not enclosed  
>> within a set of braces.  
>> To specify that a combination of SHIFT, CTRL, and ALT should be held down  
>> while several other keys are pressed, create a compound string argument  
>> with the modified keystrokes enclosed in parentheses. For example, to  
>> send the keystroke combination that specifies that the SHIFT key is held  
>> down while:  
>>  
>>  
>> a.. e and c are pressed, send the string argument "+(ec)".  
>> b.. e is pressed, followed by a lone c (with no SHIFT), send the string  
>> argument "+ec".  
>> You can use the SendKeys method to send a pattern of keystrokes that  
>> consists of a single keystroke pressed several times in a row. To do  
>> this, create a compound string argument that specifies the keystroke you  
>> want to repeat, followed by the number of times you want it repeated. You  
>> do this using a compound string argument of the form {keystroke number}.  
>> For example, to send the letter "x" ten times, you would send the string  
>> argument "{x 10}". Be sure to include a space between keystroke and  
>> number.  
>>  
>>  
>> Note The only keystroke pattern you can send is the kind that is  
>> comprised of a single keystroke pressed several times. For example, you  
>> can send "x" ten times, but you cannot do the same for "Ctrl+x".  
>> Note You cannot send the PRINT SCREEN key {PRTSC} to an application.  
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>> [http://webdiary.smh.com.au/archives/ comment/001075.html](http://webdiary.smh.com.au/archives/comment/001075.html)

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>> "Twanny" <msuser@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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>> > That's what I have been doing David – editing each Desktop.ini file

>> > (it's

>> > very tedious when multiple files/folders are involved).

>> > I can manage a batch file with Notepad, but do not know what "vpscript

>> > and

>> > "keys" are.

>> > Can you point me out to some source or site to help me do this?

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>> > Thanks

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>> > Twanny

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>> > "David Candy" wrote:

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>> >> No. However you can change an icon with a batch file. Icons

>> >> information is stored in a hidden text file called desktop.ini in the

>> >> folder. Look at one with notepad. You could do it with vbscript and

>> >> send keys.

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>> >> <http://webdiary.smh.com.au/archives/comment/001075.html>

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>> >> > Is it possible to create a batch file to bring up the "change icon"

>> >> > tab

>> >> > in Folder Properties, instead of going through these 4 steps each

>> >> > time?

>> >> > If yes, how would you write the Syntax?

>> >> > The Batch File will have to execute from any Folder.

>> >> >

>> >> > Syntax required:

>> >> > 1. Right Click Folder

>> >> > 2. Click Properties

>> >> > 3. Click Customize Tab

>> >> > 4. Click Change Icon

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>> >> > Twanny

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