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When you right click on an icon on the desktop, is Open the top item and is it in BOLD letters?

Your symptom resembles these..

You Are Unable to Start a Program with an .exe File Extension

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=310585>

You cannot start programs when your computer is infected with the SirCam virus

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=311446>

But, you might try this first.

Windows® XP File Association Fixes

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http://www.dougknox.com/xp/file_assoc.htm

Read the instructions. Then get...

EXE File Association Fix (Restore default association for EXE files)

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

MS–MVP Windows Shell/User

In news:eKR5cjuQGHA.4956@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,

§Chrissi§ <anubisofthydeath@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

What is Search Companion? When I double click an icon on the desktop, nothing happens.

"Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:u5sPIIwQGHA.792@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Does Search open when you double click the icons now?

Search Companion Starts If You Double-Click a Folder or Drive
<http://windowsxp.mvps.org/searchwindow.htm>

Fixes the problem where Search or Command Prompt opens
when double clicking a folder © Doug Knox
http://www.dougknox.com/xp/scripts_desc/xp_folder_open.htm

Search Companion Starts If You Double-Click a Folder
<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=321186>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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In <news:OrqsoPvQGHA.1328@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
§Chrissi§ <anubisofthydeath@xxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Hi,

How can I setup windows xp so that when I double click a
desktop
application icon, it will start the application, such as notepad
or OE
or IE. I have to right click the mouse to open it for now.

Thanks a lot.