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- *From:* "\$Chrissi\$" <[anubisofthydeath@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:anubisofthydeath@xxxxxxxxxxx)>
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This worked.

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[http://www.dougknox.com/xp/file\\_assoc.htm](http://www.dougknox.com/xp/file_assoc.htm)

Thank you very much.

"Wesley Vogel" <[123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
[news:%23lv3mIxOGHA.3916@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23lv3mIxOGHA.3916@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

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.

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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.

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§Chrissi§ <[anubisofthydeath@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:anubisofthydeath@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> hunted and pecked:

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

"Wesley Vogel" <[123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
[news:u5sPIIwQGHA.792@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:u5sPIIwQGHA.792@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

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](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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§Chrissi§ <[anubisofthydeath@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:anubisofthydeath@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> 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.