

Re: File association problem

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 - *Date:* Mon, 8 May 2006 20:03:14 +1000
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Ok, did that. Only this time there was no message; it just went back to the folder name. And the problem is still there. So either I didn't do it correctly; or it didn't work. *sigh*

"Pegasus (MVP)" <I.can@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Associating .jpg files with notepad.exe won't help you much.
On WinXP PCs it's usually
rundll32.exe C:\WINDOWS\System32\shimgvw.dll,ImageView_Fullscreen

"ntuser" <nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Ok, I got it working. It says "association "jpg,notepad.exe" added".
I don't know where the executable is located for the Windows Picte and
Fax
Viewer so I used notepad. Unfortunately though – the problem still

persists.

Nice try though. :)

I did notice that if I just double click the assciate.exe file I get an
error message:
"Windows cannot access the specified device, path, or file. you may not

have

the appropriate permissions to accesss the item. (note: this message is

also

received even on my working old administrator account)

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You must rename associate.ex to associate.exe.

"ntuser" <nospam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
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"Pegasus (MVP)" <I.can@xxxxxxx> wrote
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Very nice summary! Some
questions:
– Does the association work
for existing non-admin
accounts?

There are no longer any previously existing
limited accounts; only new
ones.

Therefore, no i.e. I receive the cyclical
"windows cannot open this

file

etc" message when attempting to open up a
.jpg or .gif file

– Does it work for new
admin accounts?

Yes and no. Although the .jpg and .gif files
open up with the windows
picture and fax viewer by default as normal.
I notice that the icon
relegated to that file in Windows explorer is
that of a unknown file

type

and

that in My Computer>Folder options>File
Types; there is no .jpg or
.gif

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file

type association i.e. the same scenario for limited user accounts but with the "windows cannot open this file.." error message. Weird huh?

– What is the verbatim error message?

Opening a .jpg or .gif file in a limited user account results in the following cyclical error message:
"Windows:
Windows cannot open this file:
<file name>
To open this file, Windows needs to know what program created it.

Windows

can go online to look it up automatically, or you can manually select from

a

list of programs on your computer.
What do you want to do?
<select> Use the Web service to find the appropriate program
<select> Select the program from a list"

The error message I receive when attempting to merge good .jpg registry

keys

into these new accounts (whether they had administrator or limited)

results

in the following error message:
"Registry Editor:
Cannot import <file location>: Error accessing the registry.

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– What do you get when
you run this command
from a Command Prompt:
associate .jpg
Use the attached version of
associate if you do not
have access to your own.

I must be doing this wrong. After running
the associate.ex file in
your
attachment from the command prompt; i'm
given instructions on how to
associate file extensions with programs.
However upon executing e.g.
"associate .jpg notepad.exe" I get an error
message:
"'associate' is not recognized as an internal
or external command,

operable

program or batch file."

"ntuser"
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How do I
get my new
limited user
accounts to
function
properly
such

that

double
clicking an
e.g. .jpg file
results in
the
appropriate

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program

opening

instead of
receiving
the cyclical
file
association
window?

Windows
refuses to
acknowledge
the .jpg and
.gif file
types for all
new

user

accounts

How's that?
:)

"Pegasus
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That's
about
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kBytes
of
text,
the
equivalent
of
three
typewritten
pages.
Any
chance
of
giving
us
a

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e.g.
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