

# Re: Two Network Connection applet Control Panel problems.

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ncpa.cpl is Network Connections.

I had the same problem, two Network Connections showed up in the Control Panel. I have no idea why. I fixed it by using Group Policy: Hide specified control panel applets.

If XP Pro only, does not exist in XP Home.  
Open Group Policy...  
Start | Run | Type: gpedit.msc | Click OK |  
Navigate to >>>

User Configuration\Administrative Templates\Control Panel\  
Hide specified control panel applets

Hides specified Control Panel items and folders.  
[[This setting removes Control Panel items (such as Display) and folders (such as Fonts) from the Control Panel window and the Start menu. It can remove Control Panel items you have added to your system, as well as Control Panel items included in Windows 2000.

To hide a Control Panel item, type the file name of the item, such as Ncpa.cpl (for Network). To hide a folder, type the folder name, such as Fonts.

This setting affects the Start menu and Control Panel window only. It does not prevent users from running Control Panel items.

Also, see the "Remove Display in Control Panel" setting in User Configuration\Administrative Templates\Control Panel\Display.

If both the "Hide specified Control Panel applets" setting and the "Show only specified Control Panel applets" setting are enabled, and the same item appears in both lists, the "Show only specified Control Panel applets" setting is ignored.

Note: To find the file name of a Control Panel item, search for files with the .cpl file name extension in the %Systemroot%\System32 directory. Note:

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To create a list of disallowed Control Panel applets, click Show, click Add, and then enter the Control Panel file name (ends with .cpl) or the name displayed under that item in the Control Panel. (e.g., desk.cpl, powercfg.cpl, Printers and Faxes)

Note: This setting does not affect the Categories that are displayed in the new Control Panel Category view in Windows XP. If you want to control which items are displayed in Control Panel, enable the "Force classic Control Panel Style" setting to remove the Category view, and then use this setting to control which .cpls are not displayed.]]

Items will be listed here...

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\  
CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer\DisallowCpl  
Value Name: 1  
Data Type: REG\_SZ  
Value Data: ncpa.cpl

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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In news:1165674388.812545.296960@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,  
smlunatick <yveslec@xxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

I somehow now have a second icon for the Network Connection applet in my Control Panel. How do I fix the icons?

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