

# Re: All Shortcuts are NOT created Equal

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"Larry(LJL269)" <NO@xxxxxxxx> wrote on Wed, 28 Feb 2007:

If I copy a folder & then paste as Shortcut, sometimes I get a Shortcut that sorts with files & sometimes I get 1 that sorts with the folders. Screenshots are at <http://web.tampabay.rr.com/server/Posts/2typesLinks/>

What determines which 1 u get?

Hi Larry

I recently noticed this too. It seems to be connected to the Start Menu and I think it must be by design :-). To make the following clearer, by "Start Menu folder" I mean the window you get if you right-click on the Start button and choose Open, or Open All Users. I have many subfolders under Programs, with shortcuts arranged in categories.

I get a "folder" shortcut if I drag any folder with the right mouse button into a Start Menu folder and select "Create Shortcut Here". In the Start Menu itself it gives you a cascading menu of the contents. If you right-click on this peculiar shortcut and choose Properties, the icon at the top of the property sheet has a shortcut arrow on it, but the icon within the Start Menu folder doesn't. Also the property sheet doesn't have a Shortcut tab.

If i do the same right-drag/create shortcut, with the same folder, to any other ordinary folder, or to the Desktop, I get a regular "file" shortcut. To make sure I get one of those into the Start Menu, I now either:

1. Right-click the wanted folder, choose Create Shortcut Here, then right-drag the new shortcut into the Start Menu folder and choose Move Here. (Or you could cut and paste it.)
2. In the Start Menu folder, right-click and choose New > Shortcut, type in the name of the target folder and let the wizard create it.

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Hope this helps. At least it's not just you :-)

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