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"Robert Ladd" <rladd5@xxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:bNnOj.101120\\$497.89025@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:bNnOj.101120$497.89025@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Thanks Joe, but that didn't do the job. I haven't done it yet because this is my development computer, but I think I may have to reinstall Windows XP. If I do, will I have to apply the SP2 upgrade and all of the patches too?

Bob

"Elmo" <elmogeek@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:%23OvIUropIHA.548@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Robert Ladd wrote:

Hi, I recently had a hardware problem with my Toshiba laptop which caused the BLUE SCREEN with the message "windows has been shut down to prevent damage to your computer". My operating system is Windows XP Professional Service Pack 2. I was able to reboot after making a hardware fix, then using the "last known good version" option. But since then I'm having a problem with my shortcut icons.

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When I double-click on the Shortcuts they don't start the target programs anymore. The icon and the text under the icon show that it was selected (by highlighting the text and the icon changes to a grayed state), and there is no error message, but the application doesn't start up. My mouse double-click speed is fine because I can start a couple of programs such as Recycle Bin and Internet Explorer, and if I right click the Shortcut and click the properties, then click the Target button the folder the executable resides in is opened in Explorer and the target executable is highlighted. When I double-click that, the application then starts. Creating new Shortcuts don't help because I can create them directly from the executable and they still act the same way. I can go to the Start, All Programs, double-click a program, or go to a program within a sub-group and double-click it and it's also a no-go. I can still start the applications by getting to the folder the executable resides in and double-clicking the executable, but that gets to be real cumbersome. It's almost as if there is a flag or switch that is turned off that keeps the non-system Shortcuts from working. I would like it to be that easy, but I doubt that it is. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank,

Bob

Try the LNK fix listed here:

Fix File Associations.

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

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Joe =o)

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