

Re: Copy shortcut to desktop in a batch file

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Thank you very much for your prompt response and suggestions. I still got the same error message.

"Pegasus (MVP)" <I.can@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:OBy1RF26IHA.1080@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Instead of writing

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copy XXX.lnk "%allusersprofile\desktop", try this:  
copy /y XXX.lnk "%allusersprofile%\desktop"
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You'll notice the missing "%". The "/y" switch will ensure that there will be no prompt in case the file already exists.

Furthermore, to make your batch file robust, add the full path to your source file, e.g. like so:

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xcopy /y /d "U:\Some Folder\XXX.lnk" "%allusersprofile%\desktop"
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Using xcopy.exe with the /d switch will prevent mindless copying of the same file each time the use command is invoked.

"Diane Walker" <ett9300@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:%23djR3r16IHA.4292@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thank you very much all for your prompt response.

The batch file is
copy XXX.lnk "%allusersprofile\desktop"

The error message said "file not found". I interpret that the batch file cannot find "XXX.lnk" file even though the shortcut "XXX.lnk" does exist. Please let me know if you need additional information. Thanks.

"Pegasus (MVP)" <I.can@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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"Diane Walker" <ett9300@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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I use Installshield software to setup the executable file to install the software. In that executable file, I setup a batch file to copy a shortcut to the desktop. The executable file ran successfully. However, the shortcut was not copied to the desktop. I got the error message "File not found" for the shortcut command. Do you have any suggestions? Thanks.

Let's have a look at your batch file!