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Unfortunately not, but thanks for the effort.

Right-click simply does not work on desktop or on non-folder entities in Windows Explorer. Right-click DOES work in Window Explorer if the item is another folder, up comes the pop-up with move, rename, delete, properties, etc. Otherwise all instances of Window Explorer stop responding, die after 30 secs or so and the desktop re-initializes. Same happens with a non-folder entity selected and clicking on the Window Explorer file menu

This has happened without fail since I installed XP Home Upgrade. Happens with network or without. It hasn't bothered me to date because there are other ways to manipulate folder contents without right-clicking or using file menu.... except I haven't found a way to access file properties (to modify command parms on games to enable the dev console to debug, for example).

Re-installing Windows will probably fix, but for me that means formatting HD, loading WIN98, installing WinXP Upgrade, then downloading XP2 and other Win updates, re-installing World of Warcraft and downloading 2 years of game patches, and re-downloading and installing the Valve Steam SDK... probably well over 2gig of downloads. Plus re-installing Internet security software, Office, Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop, etc, etc. Not a preferred option.

Still think I have a bad or missing DLL.

Cheers, Ant.

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"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

Right-click is slow or weird behavior caused by context menu handlers
<http://windowsxp.mvps.org/slowrightclick.htm>

Right-click is extremely slow only when Network is enabled

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<http://windowsxp.mvps.org/rcdelay.htm>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In <news:9FC5E87E-4B1E-489E-BA2F-722021BCAB77@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,

Ant. <wyvern_ant@xxxxxxxxxxxxx(donotspam)> hunted and pecked:

If I try to right-click a non-folder item in Windows Explorer or on the Desktop, Explorer fails and Desktop re-initializes without any error messages. If I have a non-folder item selected and I click on the file menu in Windows Explorer, same thing. Double-clicking to run or invoke associated application works OK.

I CAN manipulate files by using the Files and Folder Tasks to the left in Windows Explorer, or by dragging them (to the Recycle Bin for instance).

Suspect I am missing a DLL somewhere but no idea what. Unwilling to re-install XP because I only have upgrade version, to completely re-install I'd have to load Win98, upgrade and lose all installed applications.

Anyone have any ideas? Thanks.

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