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To be a bit more specific...

I CAN double-left-click on an item to 'Open' it... that will open the file by the applictaion related to it by the filetype.

For example, if I double-left-click on a .pdf file Adobe Acrobat Reader will happily open that file. Same for every other extention you would care to mention. If I right-click onthat very same .pdf file... boom! There goes Windows Explorer and desktop.

Is there a particular context handler I should be looking for in ShellExView in these circumstances?

Thanks, ant.

Ant. Thompson
Darwin, Australia

"Ant." wrote:

I downloaded and ran the ShellExView program, and while I don't pretend to understand the output, I see nothing to alarm me.

None of the symptoms reported in the link you provided apply to me.

In fact, right-clicking on a folder (or using File menu on a folder) works perfectly for me, and always has.

But using right-click on a non-folder object in Windows Explorer (file or shortcut, in other words) or using File menu with a non-folder object selected, results in Windows Explorer failing and desktop re-initializing. Same on desktop, right-clicking on any object there (there can only be shortcuts) causes desktop to re-initialize.

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I'm guessing any of the following three actions call the same program which is failing:

- 1) Right click on a non-folder object in Window Explorer
- 2) Select a non-folder object in Windows Explorer and click on File menu
- 3) Right-click on an item (shortcut) on desktop.

This has happened since I installed WinXP, it's not a recent event.

Right-clcking on a folder in Windows Explorer works great, I'm guessing that calls a different program (through some sort of context handler whizz-bang I don't understand? lol).

Cheers and thanks and Merry Xmas, Ant.

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"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

That's exactly my problem: if I select a file, and click on the File menu... bang, Windows Explorer stops and some time later expires and the desktop re-initializes.

I think you should get ShellExView and see this again.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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File
menu... bang, Windows Explorer stops and some time later
expires and the
desktop re-initializes. Same if I right-click a file to try to
bring up
the pop-up with the same sort of options File menu does. It's
really only
the properties function I haven't found another way to get
to... and my
Steam SDK fails major functions (like create a mod),
perhaps because of
this...

I'm under the impression either action (right-click on a file
or use File
menu when a file selected) is calling a core function that fails
or is
missing. Anyway...

The Windows Registry item you mentioned:

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HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explore  
r
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Object NoViewContextMenu does not exist.

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HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\policies\Explor  
er
```

Explorer directory does not exist.

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Ant.,

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).

Select file, File menu, Properties. Same thing for a PIF. It's the same menu whether right clicking or going to the File menu, but you have to select a file first.

Check both of these keys for a NoViewContextMenu Value name.

If NoViewContextMenu is set to 1 shortcut menus do not appear when you right-click the desktop or when you right-click the items in Windows Explorer.

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer
and
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\policies\Explorer

Data type Range Default value

REG_DWORD 0 | 1 0

Description

Removes shortcut menus from the desktop and from Windows Explorer. Shortcut menus appear when you right-click an item.

This entry stores the setting of the Disable Windows Explorer's default context menu Group Policy. Group Policy adds this entry to the registry

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with a value of 1 when you enable the policy. If you disable the policy or set it to Not configured, Group Policy deletes this entry from the registry, and the system behaves as though the value is 0.

Value Meaning

0 (or not in the registry) The policy is disabled or not configured. Shortcut menus appear.

1 The policy is enabled. Shortcut menus do not appear.

When the value of this entry is 1, shortcut menus do not appear when you right-click the desktop or when you right-click the items in Windows Explorer. This value does not prevent users from using other methods to issue commands available on the shortcut menus.

Change method

To change the value of this entry, use Group Policy. This entry corresponds to the Disable Windows Explorer's default context menu Group Policy (User Configuration\Administrative Templates\Windows Components\Windows Explorer).

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/windows2000serv/reskit/regentry/93790.msp?mfr=tru>

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news:BBF02EF7-B176-4F24-A351-19F9904DBF40@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx,

Ant.

<wyvern_ant@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx(donotspam)>

hunted and pecked:

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

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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
prefered option.

Still think I have a bad or
missing DLL.

Cheers, Ant.

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is slow or
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behavior
caused by
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Right-click
is extremely
slow only
when
Network is
enabled
<http://windowsxp.mvps.org/rcdelay.htm>

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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

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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

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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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