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Ant.

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.

Double clicking in this case performs the Open command.

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.

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

You have to use the process of elimination to find out what non-Microsoft handler is causing the problem. Sort of a detective deal. ;-)

From Method 2 @ <http://windowsxp.mvps.org/slowrightclick.htm>

Run ShellExView...

It will scan the registry for all the shell extensions. Once the scan is over and the list is displayed, you need to spot the context menu handlers. Sort the results using "Type", so that the context menu handlers are displayed together.

Click on the Type column header to sort by Type. You can also click the Product Name header to sort by Product Name. I happen to have 12

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non-Microsoft items. I have five Nvidia items and I have all of those  
Disabled.

The rule is to disable non-Microsoft context menu handlers \*one-by-one\*