

Re: contol panel icon missing from start menu

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Here is a variation of the same problem and I want to know if the same solution is applicable.

The primary user of the WIndows XP Pro PC is defined in the "administrator" group and has the same problem as Kathleen. The PC is a standalone which is also connected to a Novell network. I am another user defined in the "administator" group and I have no problems seeing the control panel icon in the "start" menu. The user having the problem indicated it started when a virus was detected and not removed... another symptom that occured at the same time was the contents of the "hosts" file was removed. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,
Bernie

"Ramesh, MS-MVP" wrote:

You're welcome Kathleen.

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Regards,

Ramesh Srinivasan, Microsoft MVP [Windows Shell/User]
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"Kathleen" <Kathleen@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:B692FA49-4A74-4FA3-8162-DB1110ACE968@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
I followed the instructions Ramesh gave & my Control Panel is back in My Computer .. I can once again access "Set Program Access & Defaults" .. I will be running scans to make sure the Trojan which caused this is gone (more about that in another thread on here) .. Thank you & good luck Bard on getting yours sorted.

"bard" wrote:

Re: control panel icon missing from start menu

"Ramesh, MS-MVP" wrote:

The "NoControlPanel" Policy if set, prevents Control.exe, the Control Panel executable file, from starting. As a result, users cannot start Control Panel or run any Control Panel programs.

A value of 1 also removes Control Panel from the Start menu, and it removes the Control Panel folder from Windows Explorer. If a user tries to start a Control Panel program by another method, a message appears explaining that a policy prevents the action.

If yours is a standalone system (not a part of a corporate network), then try this:

Click Start, Run and type "regedit.exe" Press {ENTER}

Navigate to the following branch:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer

Backup the key by exporting it (from the File menu, choose Export) as a REG file.

In the right pane of the above key, delete the value named "NoControlPanel" (if found)

Repeat the same in this branch:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer

Exit the Registry Editor.

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Regards,

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"Tried this but window pops up stating "Registry editing has been disabled by your administrator."

"bard" <bard@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:4C94C6FC-5762-46C1-B158-D8C0D0BD25EB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx when I click on start and window pops up the control panel option is missing. When I click on "set program access and defaults: I get message " this operation has been cancelled due to restrictions in effect on this computer. please contact your systems administrator"