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On Wed, 26 Mar 2008 18:16:40 GMT, Popeye <popeye@xxxxxxx> wrote:

On Wed, 26 Mar 2008 12:51:33 -0400, John Smith
<crassono_spam@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In the past I've used two USB devices which I habitually remove without shutting XP down: the little reader that reads my camera's memory card and a little 2gig flash memory I bought at Staples. The Safely Remove feature worked OK with these.
Recently I also connected a USB enclosure with an IDE hard drive inside it to clone to. When I tried using the Safely Disconnect icon on this drive I got this message "Exception occurred trying to run shell32.dll, control_Rundll hotplug.dll". The balloon "You may safely disconnect your device" does appear, and the temporary drive icon disappears from the tray. Anyone know how to cure this? Do you think it is REALLY safe to turn the drive off at that point? (that's a backup clone of my c: drive, I wouldn't want to destroy data, I'd really need the thing in a dire emergency). Also, now the same thing happens with my other two disconnectable devices.
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Opps! name of free removal tool is USBdview

I have a PNY Attache usb device that I've used 4 or 5 times. I feel sure that in the beginning, I did find a way to "safely remove." Now, however, no icon appears in the system tray. And I have not found any other way to remove it specifically "safely."

What I did this morning was to right-click the L: drive on my application drive and click on "Close." Then I removed the device.

I have no idea if I've removed it "safely" or not. So I have two questions:

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1. What damage can be done to what, if the device is removed not safely?

2. How can I get the icon to appear in the system tray like it says it will here:

http://www2.pny.com/support/media//Files%5C18e7704f-32da-4853-9130-d758570a48c8/M20_v1%5B4%5D_v1.p
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Thanks.

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