

## Re: floppy drive

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Trying to open files with special extensions, such as DLL requires the use of the correct program, it has nothing to do with the media, floppy, CD or on the hard drive. You can copy any file without opening (running) because the data is there.

Whatever program used those files will find and open them as it needs them. A DLL is a Dynamic Linked Library file and it is a collection of files that are used by a program or series of programs "as needed."

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The people think the Constitution protects their rights;
But government sees it as an obstacle to be overcome.
"Richard" <Richard@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in
message
news:2FBBEFB0-4537-4DE2-AAE4-C697082890F8@microsoft.com...
| To: Thomas W. Thank you for the excellent advice! I have
a lot of files on
| the
| floppy's, it's the "extensions" (i.e. .Dll, .Lst, etc.)
that are the
| problem. I get a
| message that states"Windows cannot open the following
file: "name of file
| as in
| "STARTUP.lst"; then it goes on to ask me if I want to open
it by picking
| from a list
| or if I want Windows to go on the Web and try to find the
program that
| created it.
| When I choose the Web option, it refers me to a web site
for extension files
| which
| does not help as it only says Windows created it. Thanks
again.
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| "Thomas Wendell" wrote:
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| > You don't need "Compatability Wizard" to read floppies.
Floppies should be
| > one format only, FAT12, and be readable by any and all
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MS-made OS's..
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| > But disks degrade through the years, so it might be that
there is no more
| > info on those disks. If that's the case, you're out of
luck..
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| > --
| > Tumppe
| > Reply to group
| > =====
| > Most learned on nntp://news.microsoft.com
| > Helsinki, Finland (remove _NOSPAM)
| > (translations from FI/SE not always accurate)
| > =====
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| > "Richard" <Richard@discussions.microsoft.com> kirjoitti
viestissä
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news:597DC79B-2AA5-4C51-A0A3-DBD376312143@microsoft.com...
| > > Hello "FlyByFrank" and thank you for answering.
| > > I have a desktop and I am hooked up by USB cable to
the back.
| > > The floppy drive recognizes the disk, it just cannot
read it, which I
| > > think is a problem of the Windows xp o.s. Do you know
about the
| > > Compatability Wizard? These disks were originally
created years ago
| > > with Windows 98 and or Windows 2000. I can't believe
this new o.s.
| > > doesn't recognize the formats. Any more help? Thanks.
| > >
| > > "FlyByFrank" wrote:
| > >
| > > > Hello Richard
| > > >
| > > > As the word computer is an wide understanding i
think it is an Desktop.
| > > > (Although an Desktop without an A-drive is not
standard, it is an little
| > > > chance that you have one.)
| > > > And that you have used the front USB port to connect
to your a-drive.
| > > > This gives sometimes problems, please change to an
rear or back USB
| > > > port.
| > > >
| > > > If not:
| > > > Do change ports at the back of your computer.
| > > >
| > > > If not:
| > > > Re-install the drivers.
| > > >
| > > > Still nothing:
| > > > Complain at your local store {:o)
| > > >
| > > > If you have made an connection trough an other
device, (sample an
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| > printer or  
| > > > scanner) that is allready connected by USB.  
| > > > Please chance that to an direct connection at back  
of your Desktop.  
| > > >  
| > > > As it may appear on a laptop as well, it could be  
that you are using an  
| > > > USB-hub to connect to your harware.  
| > > > And maybe your computer suffer of cross signalling  
to the connected  
| > hardware.  
| > > > Or signal loss.  
| > > > Disconnect the USB-hub and connect directly to the  
laptops own USB port.  
| > > >  
| > > > Stil nothing??  
| > > > Take an beer, an deep breath and try again.  
| > > > :o)  
| > > >  
| > > > Greetings from the Netherlands  
| > > > Frank  
| > > >  
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| > > > "Richard" wrote:  
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| > > > > Just purchased a new computer with Windows XP  
installed; it did not  
| > come with  
| > > > > a  
| > > > > floppy drive so I bought a good new external  
read/write drive. I have  
| > older  
| > > > > floppy  
| > > > > disks that I created using Windows 98 and/or 2000.  
When I insert and  
| > try to  
| > > > > read  
| > > > > the message tells me to format, but that will  
erase everything! I  
| > thought  
| > > > > there was a way to read them with the  
Compatability Wizard, but I  
| > cannot  
| > > > > figure it out!  
| > > > > Help please!  
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