

Re: Win XP Home Desktop Refresh Annoyance

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"Quaoar" wrote:

> *Glenn wrote:*

> > *Win XP Home is refreshing the desktop icons too frequently*
> > *and too slowly. I have tried to follow the Win XP Pro*
> > *instruction to increase icon cache size but it seems to*
> > *have no effect. Is there a different method in XP Home?*

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> > *Background:*

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> > *If I click and open folders on my hard drive (especially a*
> > *shared folder), or if I click and open folders on other*
> > *computers on my network, and sometimes when opening My*
> > *Computer, my system will temporarily freeze,*
> > *the desktop icons will disappear (not the wallpaper)*
> > *including those in the system tray, the screen will*
> > *refresh, the icons reappear and things will work normally.*

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> > *The problem happens less often when opening folders on my*
> > *system, but more often with shared folders. It almost*
> > *always happens when clicking and opening mapped drives or*
> > *shared folders on other computers within my home wireless*
> > *network. After the refreshing process, everything always*
> > *works fine. But the 5-10 second delay in being able to*
> > *continue is very irritating.*

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> *This *might* be an artifact of your computer updating mapped network*
> *drives every time you access your directories, i.e., a networking issue.*
> *If you have many mapped drives and a 802.11b wireless, this can be a*
> *slow process, depending on how much updating is required. I don't map*
> *drives since it seems to be largely overkill on my network.*

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Hi...

patience you need to learn patience. Your answer would be how long will that take.

That is normal in a network. Many factors could be affecting this delay. one is that the remote computer you are accessing has power saving features enabled that shut down those drives within a certain time. These drives have to spin up again so the remote system can relay the directory info from that network share. If you access these shared resources frequently within a session and an annoying delay of five to fifteen seconds is going to ruin your day. So be it. The only issue you should consider is how fast is your network. Are you getting expected performance from your network when copying files to and from systems. Not much I can do for you there. Patience you need patience.

Q's solutions will also help with the Desktop refreshing it icons issue. Don't map shared drives and resources unless you really need it.

Solution 1 get a faster network CAT5e is my usual preference. 100BaseT or 1000BaseT.

Bring all you docs and files onto one system and share that folder and sub folders for typical users with your other clients in your network... allows you for easily backup those files. etc....

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