

Re: Explorer Slow With Files

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Nice thought, but nope. This is not a thing where the system is busy in any way. I have zip files turned off (use winrar) and have other overhead junk turned off. With GLINT, I can watch cpu, disk I/O, memory use, cache use, etc. All very idle. (Also use process explorer to what over all tasks and gross activity.) This is some whacko timeout thing going on. It is like explorer tries to send a message, times out, then forces the issue and things start to respond. Response times start at 60 sec., and I've seen 120 sec and I think 90 sec. Maybe there is some 30 sec. timeout and it normally takes 2. But, in any case, tain't a resource overload thing in any way. And, with all files in the same place, I can get this corrected by reinstalling winxp pro. [I have all the latest updates, merged SP2 into my winxp cd, made it bootable – which it wasn't before, so when I rebuild, I automatically have SP2 in there.]

It took a while to be sure that it wasn't IExplorer. I installed firefox and found it had the exact same problems. Also, left clicking on a PDF file will fire up immediately, but sometimes, clicking on a word or excel file will take 60 or 120 sec to fire up -- and then another 60 sec to actually load the file. No disk activity, cpu activity, etc. during that time. Just the normal dribbles. This is clearly some timeout thing.

With the lack of tools, I've done crazy things like creating another user to see if it is a user thing. Then, worse, I take chunks of the registry and replace it with chunks from another system, etc. Of course, this leads to disasters – but such is the life of testing with no tools... ;-)

Someone in the bowels of MS knows what this is and has a quick way of verifying the problem. After all, when an interprocessor message of some sort doesn't make it and a timeout occurs, someone knows which thing is failing and probably why. That is a big part of the frustration. I have no tools to find this myself and I don't see any real help out here. Just the usual "it must be a virus", which, admittedly is very frequently the case for a lot of people.

Thanks for the try, though!

— Joe

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"WRH" wrote:

> Hello
> Do you have .zip files in the root directories you're looking
> at? If so, move them to a sub-folder. (Win Xp unpacks root
> ..zip stuff)
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> "Fifthgen Guy" <Fifthgen Guy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:425B60B0-F68E-4578-B334-7D5561CCFEE5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> I've been looking for the same thing for months. Keep coming across "you
>> must have a virus" and "your network is slow" bull. Very frustrating. It
>> would help if I could find some tools to tell me WHY explorer is waiting,
>> WHY
>> a program is timing out before something happens. I see these 60 sec., 90
>> sec., 180 sec. delay and NOTHING is claiming to be having a problem. I
>> have
>> reinstalled WinXP Pro 3 times now -- cleans it up, but that is ridiculous.
>> No, my machine was not hijacked. I run glint and see NOTHING going on
>> while
>> it just sits.
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>> I'm a systems guy, wrote some network code, OS code, firmware, designed
>> some
>> hardware, so it is real frustrating that I can look at see what explorer
>> is
>> waiting for. No indications, no tools and no one has even hinted at a
>> real
>> fix. I've mashed around the registry in hopes of tripping across a
>> solution.
>> Nope!
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>> If I find my way back here, I'll let you know what I found, but as I said,
>> I've been looking for months...
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>> "Mike Ferrie" wrote:
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>>> Hi,
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>>> I'm looking for help with a frustrating problem that has happened on my
>>> PC.
>>> Essentially the symptoms are this:
>>> 1. Opening files through Windows Explorer results in a 20 to 30 second
>>> pause
>>> before the files open. This happens on local and network drives.
>>> 2. Executable files or applications open immediately. Also files open
>>> immediately from inside the application e.g. from Excel open dialog box.
>>> 3. In explorer, right-clicking on files results in a 20-30 second delay
>>> in
>>> bringing up the menu, while with executables the menu comes up
>>> immediately.

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>>> The system is XP SP2. What I have tried so far is:
>>> Reapplied the Service Pack
>>> System restore to before the problem manifested itself
>>> Disconnected and reconnected mapped drives.
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>>> Any suggestions would be gratefully received before I go ahead and
>>> reinstall.
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>>> Thanks
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- **Follow-Ups:**

- ◆ **Re: Explorer Slow With Files**
◇ From: WRH

- **References:**

- ◆ **Explorer Slow With Files**
◇ From: Mike Ferrie
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