

Re: My Computer Icon

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Rick,

I don't use it, but you might want to look at System Restore.

Here are some links...

Accessing System Restore

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore_hss_access.r

System Restore overview

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore_hss_overvie

To create a Restore Point

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore_hss_create.m

To select a restore point

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore_select.msp

Understanding System Restore

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore_hss_understa

Using the System Restore Wizard

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore_hss_usingsr

How to turn on and turn off System Restore in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:310405>

How to start the System Restore tool at a command prompt in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:304449>

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding System Restore in Windows XP

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/community/newsgroups/faqsrxp.msp>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In news:9F3CCE9-55A9-401D-9B9C-57165D495F8B@microsoft.com,

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Rick_C <RickC@discussions.microsoft.com> hunted and pecked:

- > Thanks again Wesley...
- >
- > Your suggestions did not work. I can see all the drives in Explorer,
- > I just can see anything when I double click on the My Computer icon
- > on the Desktop. Another odd thing is that nothing happen when I
- > double click on System in the Control Panel.
- >
- > I don't know what happened my to PC. It was working great a couple of
- > days ago and all of a sudden, I have a lot of issues.
- >
- > I have checked and double checked for viruses or spyware. There are
- > none. I wonder what changed all my system settings?
- >
- > Any help is appreciated.
- >
- > Thanks in advance...
- >
- > Rick
- >
- > "Wesley Vogel" wrote:
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- >> Rick,
- >>
- >> 207. Right hand side
- >> Restore Properties - My Computer & Documents
- >> http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_tweaks.htm
- >>
- >> This applies to XP also if you have TweakUI...
- >> Missing Drives in My Computer and Windows Explorer
- >> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;191579>
- >>
- >> The Floppy Disk Drive Is Missing From the My Computer Folder
- >> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;812489>
- >>
- >> Floppy Disk Drive Does Not Appear in the My Computer Folder
- >> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;817196>
- >>
- >> My CD drives have vanished (from Explorer, Device Manager, etc.)
- >> <http://aumha.org/win5/a/xpcd.php#problems>
- >>
- >> If XP Pro check these settings in Group Policy.
- >>
- >> Open Group Policy...
- >> Start | Run | Type: gpedit.msc | OK |
- >>
- >> Navigate to >>
- >> User Configuration\Administrative Templates\Windows Components\
>> Windows Explorer\
>> Hide these specified drives in My Computer
- >>
- >> [[Removes the icons representing selected drives from My Computer and
>> Windows Explorer. Also, the drive letters representing the selected
>> drives do not appear in the standard Open dialog box.
- >>
- >> This policy removes the drive icons. Users can still gain access to
>> drive contents by using other methods, such as by typing the path to
>> a directory on the drive in the Map Network Drive dialog box, in the
>> Run dialog box, or in a command window.]]
- >>
- >> HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\
>> CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer

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>> NoDrives
>> -----
>>
>> User Configuration\Administrative Templates\Windows Components\
>> Windows Explorer\
>> Prevent access to drives from My Computer
>>
>> [[Prevents users from using My Computer to gain access to the
>> content of selected drives.
>>
>> If you enable this policy, users cannot view the contents of the
>> selected drives in My Computer and Windows Explorer. Also, they
>> cannot use the Run dialog box, the Map Network Drive dialog box, or
>> the Dir command to view the directories on these drives.
>>
>> The icons representing the specified drives still appear in My
>> Computer, but if users double-click the icons, a message appears
>> explaining that a policy prevents the action.]]
>>
>> HKCU\Software\Microsoft\Windows\
>> CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer
>> NoViewOnDrive
>>
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>> --
>> Hope this helps. Let us know.
>>
>> Wes
>> MS-MVP Windows Shell/User
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>> In news:DA56B816-83C8-4836-8AF2-1C7DF9F19DA9@microsoft.com,
>> Rick_C <RickC@discussions.microsoft.com> hunted and pecked:
>>> Thank you Wesley... Your post was helpfull and I did get "My
>>> Computer" icon back.
>>>
>>> When I double click on "My Computer", it is blank. How can I recover
>>> the drives so that they are displayed.
>>>
>>> Thank you in advance for any replies.
>>>
>>> Rick
>>>
>>> "Wesley Vogel" wrote:
>>>
>>>> http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp\_tweaks.htm
>>>>
>>>> Read the instructions at the top
>>>> Scroll down to
>>>> 276. Enable/Disable My Computer Icon
>>>> ---
>>>>
>>>> XP Pro?? Group Policy.
>>>>
>>>> Start | Run | Type: gpedit.msc | OK |
>>>> Navigate to >>
>>>> Local Computer Policy\User Configuration\Administrative
>>>> Templates\Desktop\ Double click: Remove My Computer icon on the
>>>> desktop, in the right hand pane | Setting tab | Check:  Not
>>>> Configured | Apply | OK
>>>>
>>>> If Enabled this setting grays out (makes unavailable)  My
>>>> Computer in >> Right click Desktop | Properties | Desktop Tab |
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>>>> Customize Desktop button
>>>>
>>>> [[This setting hides My Computer from the desktop and from the new
>>>> Start menu. It also hides links to My Computer in the Web view of
>>>> all Explorer windows, and it hides My Computer in the Explorer
>>>> folder tree pane. If the user navigates into My Computer via the
>>>> "Up" button while this setting is enabled, they view an empty My
>>>> Computer folder. This setting allows administrators to restrict
>>>> their users from seeing My Computer in the shell namespace,
>>>> allowing them to present their users with a simpler desktop
>>>> environment.
>>>>
>>>> If you enable this setting, My Computer is hidden on the desktop,
>>>> the new Start menu, the Explorer folder tree pane, and the Explorer
>>>> Web views. If the user manages to navigate to My Computer, the
>>>> folder will be empty.
>>>>
>>>> If you disable this setting, My Computer is displayed as usual,
>>>> appearing as normal on the desktop, Start menu, folder tree pane,
>>>> and Web views, unless restricted by another setting.
>>>>
>>>> If you do not configure this setting, the default is to display My
>>>> Computer as usual.
>>>>
>>>> Note: Hiding My Computer and its contents does not hide the
>>>> contents of the child folders of My Computer. For example, if the
>>>> users navigate into one of their hard drives, they see all of their
>>>> folders and files there, even if this setting is enabled. ]]
>>>>
>>>> Or you can...
>>>> Start | Run | regedit | OK |
>>>>
>>>> Navigate to >>
>>>>
>>>>
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\NonEnum
>>>> {20D04FE0-3AEA-1069-A2D8-08002B30309D}
>>>> REG_DWORD
>>>> 0x00000000 (0)
>>>>
>>>> 0 = My Computer on Desktop & Start Menu.
>>>> 1 = No My Computer on Desktop & Start Menu.
>>>>
>>>> Set to 0.
>>>>
>>>> Or.....
>>>> Delete the key >>
>>>>
>>>>
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\NonEnum
>>>>
>>>>
>>>> --
>>>> Hope this helps. Let us know.
>>>>
>>>> Wes
>>>> MS-MVP Windows Shell/User
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>>>> In news:498774D5-B87A-4306-BAAD-AD40427E82DE@microsoft.com,
>>>> Rick_C <Rick_C@discussions.microsoft.com> hunted and pecked:
>>>>> The "My Computer" icon on my desktop has disappeared. No big
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>>>> deal... I right clicked the Desktop, then clicked on Properties,
>>>> then clicked on the Desktop tab, then clicked Customize Desktop
>>>> so that I could put a checkmark to display My Computer.
>>>>
>>>> Now it gets strange. The My Computer is greyed out so that I
>>>> cannot put a checkmark. How can I get the My Computer back on my
>>>> Desktop?
>>>>
>>>> Any help would be greatly appreciated.
>>>>
>>>> Rick