

Re: My Computer Icon

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Rick,

I don't have SP2, I had to look this up.

How to Disable Security Center Alerts

http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/security/internet/sp2_disablealerts.mspx

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

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In news:08943959-0BF4-4022-BBD2-BCB46EC55352@microsoft.com,

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

> Thanks Wesley...

>

> Like you, I do not use System Restore either. I ended up doing a
> comple reformat. It was due anyway. This time I created a Ghost image
> so that I at least have a new baseline if my PC takes a dump again.

>

> THanks for all your help...

>

> BTW: Do you know how I can kill that nagging balloon tip from Windows
> security where it tells me that I do not have Automatic Updates on.

>

> Thanks...

>

> Rick

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> "Wesley Vogel" wrote:

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>> Rick,

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

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>> Here are some links...

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>> Accessing System Restore

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

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>> System Restore overview

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

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>> To create a Restore Point
>>
<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore">http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore</a>
>>
>> To select a restore point
>>
<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore">http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore</a>
>>
>> Understanding System Restore
>>
<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore">http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore</a>
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>> Using the System Restore Wizard
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<a href="http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore">http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/app_system_restore</a>
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>> How to turn on and turn off System Restore in Windows XP
>> <a href="http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;310405">http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;310405</a>
>>
>> How to start the System Restore tool at a command prompt in Windows
>> XP <a href="http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;304449">http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;304449</a>
>>
>> Frequently Asked Questions Regarding System Restore in Windows XP
>> <a href="http://www.microsoft.com/technet/community/newsgroups/fagsrwxp.mspx">http://www.microsoft.com/technet/community/newsgroups/fagsrwxp.mspx</a>
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>> Hope this helps. Let us know.
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>> Wes
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>> In news:9F3CCAE9-55A9-401D-9B9C-57165D495F8B@microsoft.com,
>> 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.
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>>> Thanks in advance...
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>>> Rick
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>>> "Wesley Vogel" wrote:
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>>>> Rick,
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>>>> 207. Right hand side
>>>> Restore Properties - My Computer & Documents
>>>> <a href="http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_tweaks.htm">http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_tweaks.htm</a>
>>>>
>>>> This applies to XP also if you have TweakUI...
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>>>> Missing Drives in My Computer and Windows Explorer
>>>> http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;191579
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>>>> 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
>>>> 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.
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>>>> Wes
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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
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>>>>> "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
>>>>>>>>>> | 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.

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>>>>> ]]
>>>>>
>>>>> Or you can...
>>>>> Start | Run | regedit | OK |
>>>>>
>>>>> Navigate to >>
>>>>>
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>>
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 >>
>>>>>
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>>
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\NonEnum
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> --
>>>>> Hope this helps. Let us know.
>>>>>
>>>>> Wes
>>>>> MS-MVP Windows Shell/User
>>>>>
>>>>> In news:498774D5-B87A-4306-BAAD-AD40427E82DE@microsoft.com,
>>>>> Rick_C <RickC@discussions.microsoft.com> hunted and pecked:
>>>>> The "My Computer" icon on my desktop has disappeared. No big
>>>>> 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
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