

ICONS ACTING FUNNY?

Are your Control Panel or desktop icons acting funny --they're displayed incorrectly or they're just plain black? Don't panic. It just means your Shell Icon Cache file is damaged (not as bad as it sounds). The quickest solution? Delete this file.

First, start Windows in Safe mode:

1. Turn on your computer, hold down the Ctrl key until the Startup menu appears (or tap F8 key), select Safe Mode, and press Enter.
2. Next, make sure that you can see hidden files--open any Explorer window, select View, Folder Options, click the View tab, and under Advanced Settings, select Show All Files.
3. Now open the Windows folder and locate the Shell IconCache file. Right-click this file, select Delete, and if necessary, click Yes to confirm.
4. Restart Windows (Shell IconCache will be re-created automatically), and your icons should be back to their old selves.

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