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Thread: [My windows XP has BIG problems](#)

Floops - December 13, 2010, 7:34 am

Hi im not sure if its me testing hacks on my computer or somthing else but all my applications have now disided to only open with CMD... and also some files dont wanna work propely... ALSO there has been an image that has apeared on ALMOST ALL of my files. I have addedscreen shots to show more about my problem! thanks.

PROOF:

Screen shot of properties for the file (shortcut, for firefox) which looks like the rest of the files on my PC

[img]http://img3.imageshack.us/img3/8377/screenshotaboutproblem.png[/img]

This is the images that has appeared on alot of my files and has replaced image files with this one..

[img]http://img529.imageshack.us/img529/3920/newimagesthathaveapeare.png[/img]

This screenshot is of my user account images.

[img]http://img132.imageshack.us/img132/9324/useraccountspicture.png[/img]

Once Timeless - December 13, 2010, 9:12 am

It appears you have a virus, go to the HJT Section and post a log.

Obi-Wan Cannabis - December 13, 2010, 11:28 am

I'm not sure how to fix this but there was a guy on HF that had the some problem but with the notepad instead of the cmd.

How to fix (

<http://www.askvg.com/solution-exe-files-always-open-with-notepad-or-other-applications/>):

Many times ppl face problems while opening .EXE files.

The EXE file opens in Notepad.

EXE file opens in some other installed programs.

Windows displays "Open With" dialog box to choose the program.

Windows shows error message, "Windows cannot find .exe file. Make sure you typed the name correctly".

Most of the times it happens when you accidentally change .Exe file type settings from Folder Options. Sometimes it might happen due to virus.

Anyway no need to worry. Here is a solution which will fix this annoying problem:

1. Open Command Prompt by typing command in RUN dialog box.

2. Now provide following command:

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cd\windows
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3. It'll activate Windows folder. Now provide following command to open Registry Editor:

regedit

NOTE: If you can't open "regedit", press CTRL+ALT+DEL keys and open "Task Manager". Now click on "File" menu and hold down the "CTRL" key and click on "New Task" menu. It'll open a Command Prompt window. Now provide regedit.exe command and press Enter. It'll open regedit without any problem.

4. Now goto following key:

HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exe

In right-side pane, change value of Default key to exefile

5. Now go to:

HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\exefile\shell\open\command

In right-side pane, change value of Default key to:

"%1" %*

6. That's it. Now exit Registry Editor and restart your Windows. Now you should be able to open EXE files without any problem.

NOTE: If the above mentioned method doesn't work for you, download following ZIP file, extract it and run the extracted REG file. It'll ask for confirmation, accept it. It should solve the problem. Thanks to our reader "Vicky" for sharing it...

-mothered- - December 13, 2010, 2:22 pm

Alternatively, you can boot via the o/s, and then use Windows XP's "Repair" option.

Or If you remember when everything was functioning correctly, hit a System Restore.

Floops - December 14, 2010, 3:47 pm

none of these worked but thanks anyway