

Re: XP Icon Caching Mania ...

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Andrew Jameson wrote:

I've just experienced a couple of hours of total frustration fighting with XP's icon caching. I wanted to add a document icon file association for my application ... added it to my app, built it (icon in correct place following main icon) ... installed it and registry association confirmed as correct ... and file association icon displayed correctly. Decided to improve the quality of the document icon ... built, installed ... and no change in displayed icon ! At first, I thought that the icon hadn't been updated in my app.

I tried rebooting ... deleting IconCache.db ... to no avail. Altering the registry to point at the icon directly did work but restoring it back to the application returned the old icon again, I also found that changing the association to point at the app's main icon also worked.

In the end, I used Tweakui to do an icon rebuild and apart from messing up all of my desktop icons positions it did correct the problem.

Can anyone explain where and how XP manages to cache and associate old icons that no longer exist ? ... I don't really want to keep using Tweakui's repair function.

Thanks,

Andrew

We run into the same problem when installing our app on a clean image. Have yet to figure this out, but it would be nice to learn more about this.

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