

Stupid Windows XP Tricks

Easily remove desktop icons

Do you have a really nice wallpaper background but it looks cluttered with all of those icons on your desktop? Here is an easy way to remove all icons. Right mouse click on an empty space of your desktop wallpaper, choose ARRANGE ICONS by..., then choose SHOW DESKTOP ICONS. Poof - all of your icons are gone. Repeat the steps to make your icons reappear.

Safely Remove Hardware Icon?

If you have an USB device attached to your system, you will notice an icon in the Notification area, which - when clicked - will give you the option to Stop your hardware, before you unplug it.

It is possible that you never unplug this hardware. So how do you get rid of the icon? As far as I know the only way is to right-click on an empty area of the taskbar, select PROPERTIES. At the bottom, in the Notification area heading, click CUSTOMIZE. Find the SAFELY REMOVE HARDWARE icon and select ALWAYS HIDE in the behavior column next to it. Click OK and Apply. You can do this with all items that run in the system tray.

Display the Sharing Tab in Folder Properties

In Windows 2000, getting to the sharing options for a folder was simple: Just right-click, choose PROPERTIES, and you'd see a sharing tab. In Windows XP, this feature is missing by default, but you can make the system display the sharing tab if desired.

Simply open up FOLDER OPTIONS (MY COMPUTER | TOOLS | FOLDER OPTIONS) and navigate to the VIEW tab. In the ADVANCED SETTINGS section, scroll down to the bottom and uncheck Use Simple File Sharing (Recommended) Now share your folders on the LAN as you would in Windows 2000 or Windows 98.

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