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Happens regularly on a Win2K machine:
Coming out of hibernate or even
standby about 80% of the desktop icons are
replaced by the generic
Windows logo. When I go into properties for
each it's still there but I
guess Windoze messes that up. Why doesn't
that surprise me? When I
reboot they come back but that takes too
much time during the day. Icons
are IMHO just decoration anyhow and
superfluous. Can one get completely
rid of them?

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Regards, Joerg

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Right click on the desktop in an empty area (if you can find one on my desktop!) to bring up a menu, hit the refresh option. That happens once and a while to my machines, but that fixes it without restarting.

Thanks, it really did it. The question is, why does Windows suffer partial memory loss at random? Oh well, maybe that's just the "quality level" it comes with. What else does it occasionally forget?

Win 2K in my opinion is the last OS hat M\$ made that is reasonably any good. XP is just a glorified version with a bunch of extra features that make it less stable. Vista is XP with a new interface and DRM. Aero glass and themes will run under XP, and it runs much faster, on older hardware without hogging all the resources that vista needs to keep it's DRM things going.

No Vista here, absolutamente not. A wee problem will be that I'll soon need a cheap desktop to replace this one. And I don't want one with Vista. Might have to do the garage sale tour.

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Joerg:

According to some stuff I read on www.annoyances.org (can't find the reference now – it might have been in their book of tips and tricks) , Windows uses Explorer to display the desktop. We all know that Explorer occasionally crashes, and that would render a machine unusable. MS "fixed" this crash problem by creating another little task that runs in the background and constantly checks to make sure that Explorer is active and has not crashed. When it detects a crash, it restarts Explorer, and you'll see all your icons get reloaded as part of that Desktop restart.

Not sure if its what you see after hibernate mode, but it sounds like a similar thing. I could never get the W2K hibernate/power management stuff to work right on my machines. I turned them off. XP seems to work fine in that regard, however.

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Well, it even happens after a clean boot. Mostly after having used memory hogs such as OpenOffice.

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