

Rebuilding the Icon Cache Database in Windows 7

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Neat trick for Windows 7 when one or more icons get trashed:

1. Close all folder windows that are currently open.
2. Launch Task Manager using the CTRL+SHIFT+ESC key sequence, by running *taskmgr.exe* or right click on the task bar and select Task Manager.
3. In the **Processes** tab; right-click on the **Explorer.exe** process and select **End Process**.
4. Click the **End process** button when asked for confirmation. The Start Menu and Task Bar will go away, don't worry.
5. From the File menu of Task Manager, select **New Task (Run...)**
6. Type **CMD.EXE**, and click **OK**

7. In the Command Prompt window, type the commands one by one and press ENTER after each command:

```
CD /d %userprofile%\AppDataLocal  
DEL IconCache.db /a  
EXIT
```

8. In Task Manager, click **File**, select **New Task (Run...)**

9. Type
EXPLORER.EXE
, and click
OK.

The Start Menu and Task Bar will return.