

LESSON 22

FAST WAY TO BRING UP EXPLORER

AUTO REMOVAL OF TEMP FILES

Here's a fast way to bring up Explorer, the Windows 95 and 98 file manager. Hold down the Shift key and double-click on My Computer. You now have a two Payne Explorer window opened. Our computers create hundreds and in some cases thousands of temporary files as we use them and as we navigate the Internet. These files collect and multiply, taking up valuable hard drive space and slowing down our computers. We can modify our Autoexec.bat file to delete temp files every time we start our computers, or we can create a short-cut on the desktop with which we can delete temp files whenever we want to. If you want to use the desktop shortcut method, skip the next paragraph and read on!

Let's set up a line in our Autoexec.bat file that deletes these "temp" files each time we start our computers. Click on Start, then Run, then type SYSEDIT and press the Enter key. You will see several files open, one behind the next. The first file will be Autoexec.bat. Position your cursor at the first available blank line and type `DEL C:\WINDOWS\TEMP*.TMP` Now click on the x in the upper right corner of that window. You will be asked if you want to save the change you made. Answer Yes. Now you can close the System Configuration Editor box, which will be the last box in the background. Every time you start Windows 95 or 98 the temp files will be deleted.

If you would rather control the deletion of temp files yourself, here's how to create a desktop shortcut that will do just that. Click on Start, then Run, then type `Edit C:\Windows\Killtemp.bat` and press Enter. The Microsoft editor will open a blank file. Type `DELETE C:\Windows\Temp*.TMP /Y` and press Enter. The /Y switch deletes temp files without asking you first before deleting each file. Now click on File, Exit, and then on Yes to close the editor and save the file.

Now right-click on a blank space on your desktop, then select New, then Shortcut. In the Command Line box simply type `C:\WINDOWS\KILLTEMP.BAT`, and click on Next. Click on Next at Select A Name. Now click on an Icon, and then select Finish. Once the Killtemp shortcut has been created, right-click on it, select Program, and check Close On Exit. Click on OK. Now when you want to delete temp files just double-click on the Killtemp.bat icon.

See -- that wasn't so hard, was it?

