

LESSON 56

CHANGE THE NAME RECYCLE BIN CAUSE YOU CAN!

In a previous lesson I showed you how to change the icon descriptions text on your desktop by just left-clicking on the description, waiting for a second or two, and then left-clicking again. At that point you could just retype the text associated with the icon and press the Enter key to save the change.

The Recycle Bin cannot be renamed using that technique, so here's how to change your Recycle Bin icon text and perhaps impress your friends. Click on Start and then on Run. Type "REGEDIT" without the quotes and then click on OK or press the Enter key. Using your down arrow key highlight HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT and double-click on it. Now scroll down by clicking and holding the left mouse button on the down arrow that appears at the bottom of the vertical scroll bar in the left pane of the Registry Editor dialog box. Notice, as you scroll down, that while organized in alphabetical order, the first letter of each folder name is lower case. Keep scrolling down until you come to the section where the first character of the file name is upper case.

Locate the folder named CLSID. Highlight and double-click on CLSID. Now scroll down again using that same down arrow until you find the folder labeled {645FF040-5081-101B-9F08-00AA002F954E}. You may not be able to read the entire number and if that's the case just place your mouse pointer over the vertical line that separates the left pane from the right pane. Your cursor will change black left and right arrows. Hold down the left mouse key and drag that vertical line toward the right side of your screen the to expose the entire number.

In the right pane, right-click on (default) and select Modify. This opens the Edit String dialog box. In the Value data: box you'll see Recycle Bin. Type over that to add the new text name for Recycle Bin. I use Jeff's Trash. Use whatever name you like for Recycle Bin. Click on OK and then close the Registry Editor.

Click anywhere on the Desktop and then press the F5 key to refresh. Your Trash Bin icon now has a new name. If you have assigned a special function to the F5 key just restart the computer to have the Recycle Bin name change take effect.

See, that wasn't so hard was it?

