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## **Symptom**

When you open the Folder Options applet in Control Panel, the options **Single-click to open an item (point to select)** and **Show Common tasks in folders** may be grayed out.

## **Resolution**

This happens if the **Turn on classic shell** policy is enabled. For standalone Windows XP systems, follow the steps below to remove the **Turn on classic shell**policy setting.

 Click Start, Run and type **regedit.exe**

 Navigate to the following branch:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ Policies \ Explorer

 Backup the key by exporting it to a file

 Double-click **ClassicShell** value (if found) and set its Value data to **0**

 Repeat the same in the following branch:

HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ Policies \ Explorer

 Restart for the changes to take effect.

If you are using **Windows XP Professional Edition**, you may also use the **Group Policy Editor** to configure this setting:

 Click Start, Run and type **gpedit.msc**

 Go to the following branch:

User Configuration | Administrative Templates | Windows components | Windows Explorer

 Double-click **Turn on classic shell** and set it to **Not Configured**

 Exit the Group Policy Editor