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"SINGLE-CLICK TO OPEN AN ITEM" CHOICE IN FOLDER OPTIONS IS GRAYED OUT (WINDOWS XP)

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