

## Icon went missing in Windows 7? Here's a Fix

After installing the latest and greatest Mozilla Firefox 3.5 in Windows 7 (RC Build 7100 32-bit) I noticed that after a while the icon went missing. Firefox was still working correctly, and when I checked the icon properties, and the icon was still present. But for some strange reason it wouldn't show up in on my Desktop, my Start Menu, or my Taskbar, I would just see a broken icon.



The resolution? Rebuilding the Windows 7 Icon Cache.

### **Follow these directions:**

1. Close all folder windows that are currently open.
2. Launch Task Manager using the CTRL+SHIFT+ESC key sequence, or by running taskmgr.exe
3. In the Process tab, right-click on the Explorer.exe process and select End Process
4. Click the End process button when asked for confirmation.
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:

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Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7100]
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C:\Windows\system32>CD /d %userprofile%\AppData\Local
C:\Users\Raj\AppData\Local>DEL IconCache.db /a
C:\Users\Raj\AppData\Local>Exit
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DEL IconCache.db /a
EXIT
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8. In Task Manager, click File, select New Task (Run...)

9. Type EXPLORER.EXE, and click OK.

Your icons should be as good as new!

