
Auto-Run for Portable Installation

Posted by Da_Dragon555 - 2008/04/24 23:16

Would there be a way to enable Rainlender to Auto-Run when the portable device is Plugged-in/Inserted?

I work on a school computer in which I routinely have to LogOff/Log back into (It Closes Rainlender when I Log), and I often forget to Run Rainlender, and therefore have missed a few important calls and meeting deadlines.

Just Curious.

Thanks in advance for any response-
~Da_Dragon555

Re:Auto-Run for Portable Installation

Posted by Rainy - 2008/04/27 10:17

You can try to tweak the AutoRun.inf or try to find some 3rd party application which can run apps automatically.

Re:Auto-Run for Portable Installation

Posted by dcrim - 2008/07/16 20:08

Here's what I've come up with (lately):

The first "label" sets the VISUAL (not volume) identifier; purely for your eyeballs! Kinda cute... :)

The "open" says what to do if you DOUBLE CLICK the disk icon from "my computer".
The "action" is what to do (when double clicked).

"Icon" is simply the icon to display next to the drive (in "my computer"). It can be something like ".exe" where ",x" is (optional) the (embedded) icon (in the program) in the program or an actual (as in my case) ".ico" file (yes, I stole one off the web).

Lastly, the "useautoplay" forces the system (WinXP or later) to actually list the default action to perform (or to run it, depending on your autorun settings).

NOTE: these settings are for WinXP or later, not for Win2K3 or earlier.

The remaining items are paired "shell" options. They cause the first item to be listed, the second item to execute (when you click on it). When you open "my computer" and you see your flash (or other removable drive) and you RIGHT CLICK on it, you will see these items listed as actions to perform.

NOTE: the action "shell" commands do NOT list the drive or path specifier! All references are from the (assumes/default) root of the device itself!

So, for my flash drive, I have the option to run Rainlendar (default choice) or to right click the drive itself and select to install various things or to take various actions (like shutdown, display uptime).

I hope this helps! I spent a couple of days researching this. The autorun.inf file is not very complicated. It was originally intended for CD, not flash drives. But WinXP (or later) can be made to do things for you, too.

Dave

label=my xxx Drive

open=rainlendar2\rainlendar2.exe
action=Run Rainlendar 2

icon=lilguy.ico
useautoplay=1

shell\Rainlendar=run Rainlendar 2
shell\Rainlendar\command=rainlendar2\rainlendar2.exe

shell\insGTK=Install GTK for GIMP
shell\insGTK\command=downloads\graphics editors\gtk+-2.10.13-setup.exe

shell\insGIMP=Install GIMP
shell\insGIMP\command=downloads\graphics editors\gimp-2.2.17-i586-setup.exe

shell\insTVNC=Install Tight VNC
shell\insTVNC\command=downloads\tightvnc-1.3.9-setup.exe

shell\insUVNC=Install Ultra VNC
shell\insUVNC\command=downloads\UltraVNC-102-Setup.exe

shell\xpsp3=Install XP SP3
shell\xpsp3\command=downloads\Windows\XP\windowsxp-kb936929-sp3-x86-enu_c81472f7eeee2eca421e116cd4c03e2300ebfde4.exe

shell\timeup=show uptime for this PC
shell\timeup\command=VT\NT-uptime.bat

shell\turnoff=shut-down this PC
shell\turnoff\command=VT\shutoff.bat

shell\rebooter=re-boot this PC
shell\rebooter\command=VT\reboot.bat

shell\powerUI=setup Tweak UI for XP
shell\powerUI\command=downloads\Windows\XP\power toys\TweakUiPowertoySetup.exe

shell\powerCALC=setup Power Calculator for XP
shell\powerCALC\command=downloads\Windows\XP\power toys\PowerCalcPowertoySetup.exe

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Re:Auto-Run for Portable Installation

Posted by Da_Dragon555 - 2008/07/17 01:33

Thanks!
I will try and test this out a little tomorrow. -Getting late here and work in the morning...

Again, Thanx!

Da_Dragon555
MJG

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Re:Auto-Run for Portable Installation

Posted by dcrim - 2008/07/17 03:30

Wow, my post looked like crud! I'll try a shorter version with numbered lines, maybe that will help...

- (1)
- (2) label=my so-and-so drive
- (3) open=folder/executable
- (4) action=descriptive text
- (5) icon=iconfile.ico

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- (6) useautoplay=1
 - (7) shell/labelname=descriptive text
 - (8) shell/labelname/command=executable

Where "executable" is shown, you may use a path which is relative to the root. Do NOT use the drive letter or leading slash.

NOTE: I used forward slashes but they should be back slashes in the file.

I hope this looks better or is at least more readable/understandable.

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