

# Broken Icons in Windows 7

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After uninstalling and installing some applications the other day, I noticed that some of my desktop icons had gotten "broken" in that they still worked fine, but the icon was the generic icon that Windows 7 uses when it doesn't know what the file is, rather than what it was supposed to be. Changing the icon to a different one worked fine, but changing it back left the icon still broken. Let me be clear: the icon displayed, but the image was wrong, and this was only some of my icons, not all of them.

After a bit of digging, I found [this link](#) which tells you how to fix fix the problem. I'm not really sure what went wrong, but this definitely fixes the error and gets your icons looking right again.