How to reset the Win 8 System Tray Icons to default settings

This will remove unwanted and redundant icon notifications from the System Tray

Note: Even some portable apps are listed – 3 times or more

<u>Notification Area Icons Disappeared, Missing, Unused: Windows 7</u>

(How to Delete Duplicates or Restore Missing Tray Icons in Windows 7)

(Works in Windows 8 Pro too!)

I lifted this solution from another website... so I cannot take all the credit. LOL Plus I changed the text so it would be a little more understandable for those who don't have a lot of computer experience... like me...lol Best of all... it worked like a charm.

Best regards,

Fryerlawrence***"Supervisor is GENIUS...I transfer." - Peggy, U.S.A. Prime Credit***

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"I've got the solution...

In the **Notification Area Properties** you'll notice an option to customize how explorer handles previous tray icons. The only problem with this is explorer saves a setting for EVERY icon ever loaded.

For some reason if you clear this history of icons; the power, network, volume...icons will all reappear.

- brilliant I hear you say?

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CLEARING THE TRAY ICON HISTORY

> Click on "**Start Menu"** and type '**run'** in the Start search bar.

>When the Run search bar opens, type in '**regedit.exe'** and click "**Ok"**. When the "**User Account Control"** box opens then click "**Yes"**

> Go to and 'left click' on each white arrow just to the left of each little manila folder named as follows: (you may have to scroll down to find a couple of these)

'**HKEY_CURRENT_USER'**

'**Software'**

'**Classes'**

'**Local Settings'**

'**Software'**

'**Microsoft'**

'**Windows'**

'**CurrentVersion'**

(Just left-click this one on the folder itself) '**TrayNotify'** (find & locate '**IconStreams'** & '**PastIconsStream'**

> Press and hold down your left keyboard '**Ctrl'** key. While holding down the '**Ctrl'** key use your mouse to left-click, one time each, on '**IconStreams'** & '**PastIconsStream'**. Now, right-click and select '**Delete'** regarding the highlighted items.

>This will open a "**Confirm Value Delete"** dialogue box. It will say, "**Deleting certain values could cause system instability. Are you sure you want to permanently delete these values?**" (<**Do not worry**>, you will be fixing this in the next step) Now click '**Yes'**

> Start your "**Task Manager"** by pressing '**Ctrl'+'Shift'+'Esc'** and select the "**Processes"** tab and find '**explorer.exe'**

>Right click on '**explorer.exe'** and select" **End Process"**

> A "**Windows Task Manager"** box will open and ask, "**Do you want to end 'explorer.exe'?", "If an open program is associated with this process, it will close and you will lose any unsaved data. If you end a system process, it might result in an unstable system. Are you sure you want to continue?"** (<**Do not worry**> you will be fixing this in the next step) Now click '**Yes'**

> Now select the '**Applications'** tab in "**Task Manager",** in the bottom right hand corner, select '**New task...'** and type '**explorer.exe'** then click "**Ok"**

> Explorer will now reboot and your icons should return. ***Note:** You may need to reset your preferences for each icon by going back to your "**Notification Area Properties"** because it will reset most of them to the default status"