

New Metaphors for Machine Operations

New Desktop Icons!



Order Fast Food

Double-clicking on this Icon would run a small application, which would let me choose what type of fast food I wanted, and order it. With a click of a button on a menu of my favourite types of food, a text message would be automatically sent to a preset fast food outlet with my usual order. I can stay at my computer and wait until it is delivered. Alright!



Clean Desktop

Double-clicking on this Icon would run a small application, which would clean up my desktop, restoring the icons and backdrop, screen saver settings which I prefer, after someone else has messed them up. Any files on the desktop are moved automatically to 'Recent files' folder and any temporary files created are trashed.



Break the link

Double-clicking on this Icon would break any communication link quickly and easily for me if I need to get off my dial in connection in a hurry. The modem would be disconnected, and all chat, browser and email windows closed automatically.



Check all mail accounts

Double-clicking on this Icon would run an application which would bring in email from all my email accounts, into my email software. This would save me accessing the web to get to my other email accounts.



Call a meeting

Double-clicking on this Icon would run an application which would let me choose from a menu of friends, workmates, family, project team etc. It will let me type in a quick message and automatically send it as a text message to the mobile phones of the people that I wanted to meet with. It would save me time.



Record a voice message

Double-clicking on this Icon would run an application which would let me record a voice message. When I am finished it would ask me what I wanted to do with it and save it or send it to the person it was meant for, chosen from my email address book.