

Instructions for adding 'Check for Updates' option to Windows Context Menu

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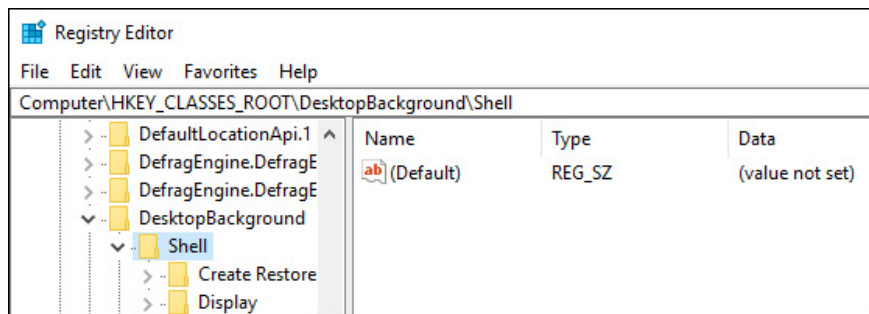
Add Check for Updates option to the context menu on the desktop

Like many other tasks, you need to edit the Windows Registry to add the Check for Updates option to the context menu. To get started, press **Windows + R** , type **regedit** and click **Enter**. Also you can search for it in the Start menu.

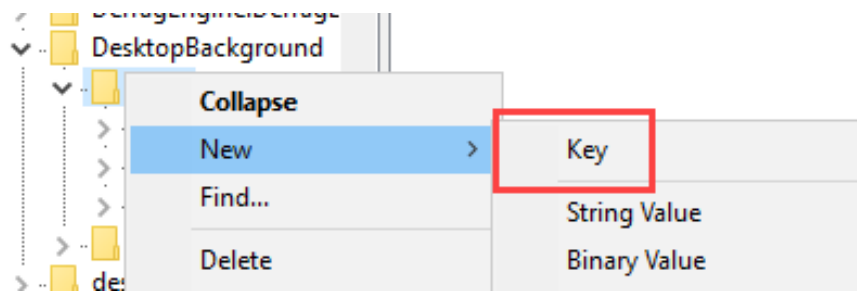
This will open the Windows Registry window. Here, copy the link below, paste it into the address bar of Registry Editor and click **Enter**.

HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\DesktopBackground\Shell

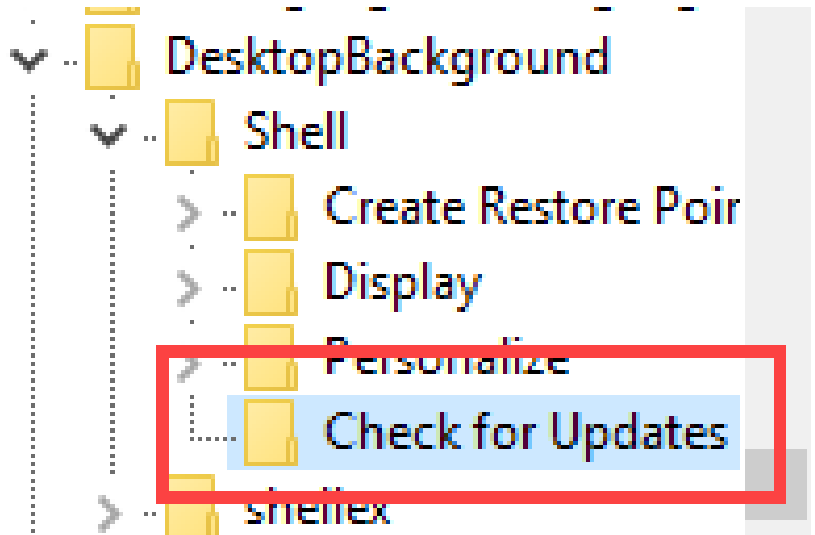
As soon as you click Enter, you will be taken to the item you want to edit.



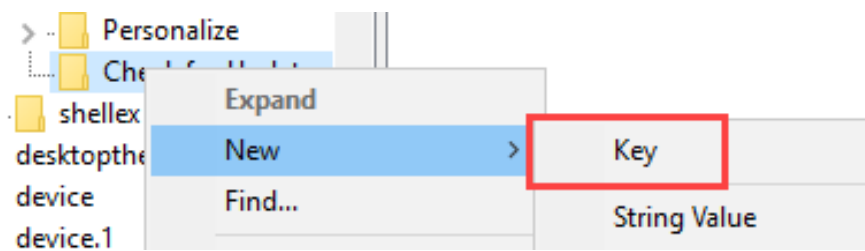
Right-click on the **Shell** item and select **New> Key** .



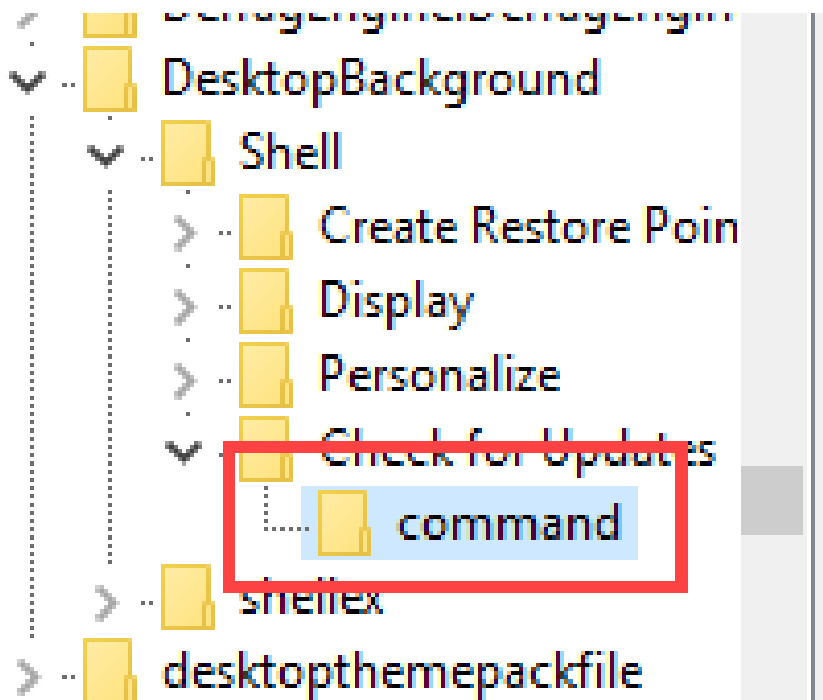
Name the new key **Check for Updates** and click **Enter**. This is the name that will appear in the context menu, so you can customize it to suit your needs.



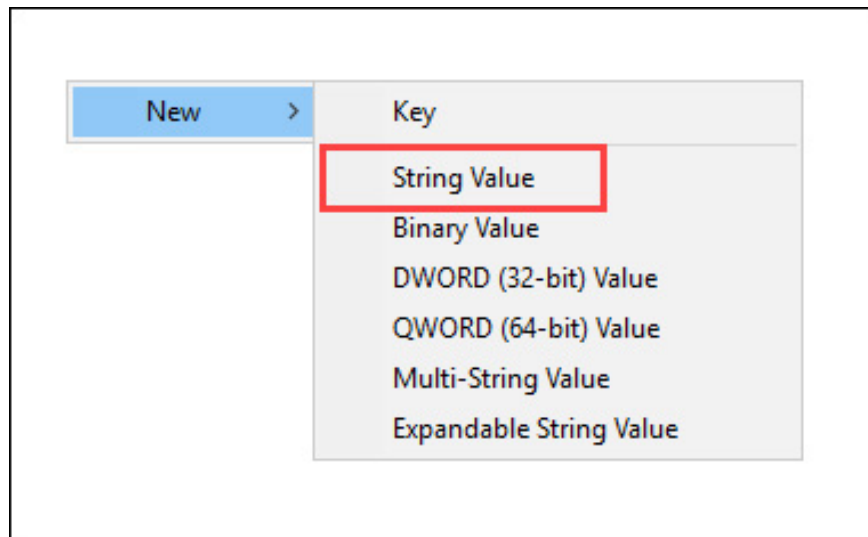
Right-click on the newly created key and click **New -> Key** again.



Name the new key "**command**" and click **Enter** to save the name.



After creating the key, we need to direct them to the update option in the Windows 10 Settings application. We can do this using a specific URI. First, make sure you've selected the Check for Updates key, then click the **New** -> **String Value** option by right-clicking on the context menu in the right panel.



Name the new String Value '**SettingsURI**' and click **Enter**.

Name	Type	Data
(Default)	REG_SZ	(value not set)
SettingsURI	REG_SZ	

Double-click the value just created to open the **Edit Value** window. Enter **ms-settings: windowsupdate-action** in the **Value Data** field and click **OK** to save the changes.

Edit String ✕

Value name:

Value data:

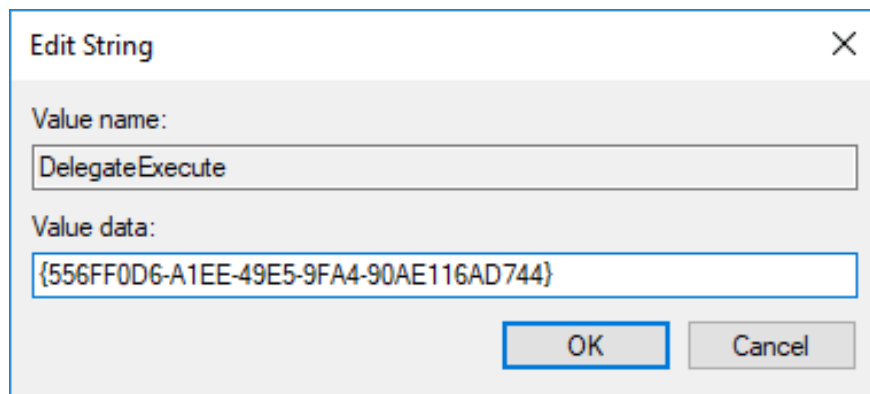
Now, select the key **command** that appears in the left pane, then right-click the table on the right and select **New -> String Value**.

Name the new String Value '**DelegateExecute**' and click **Enter** to save the changes.

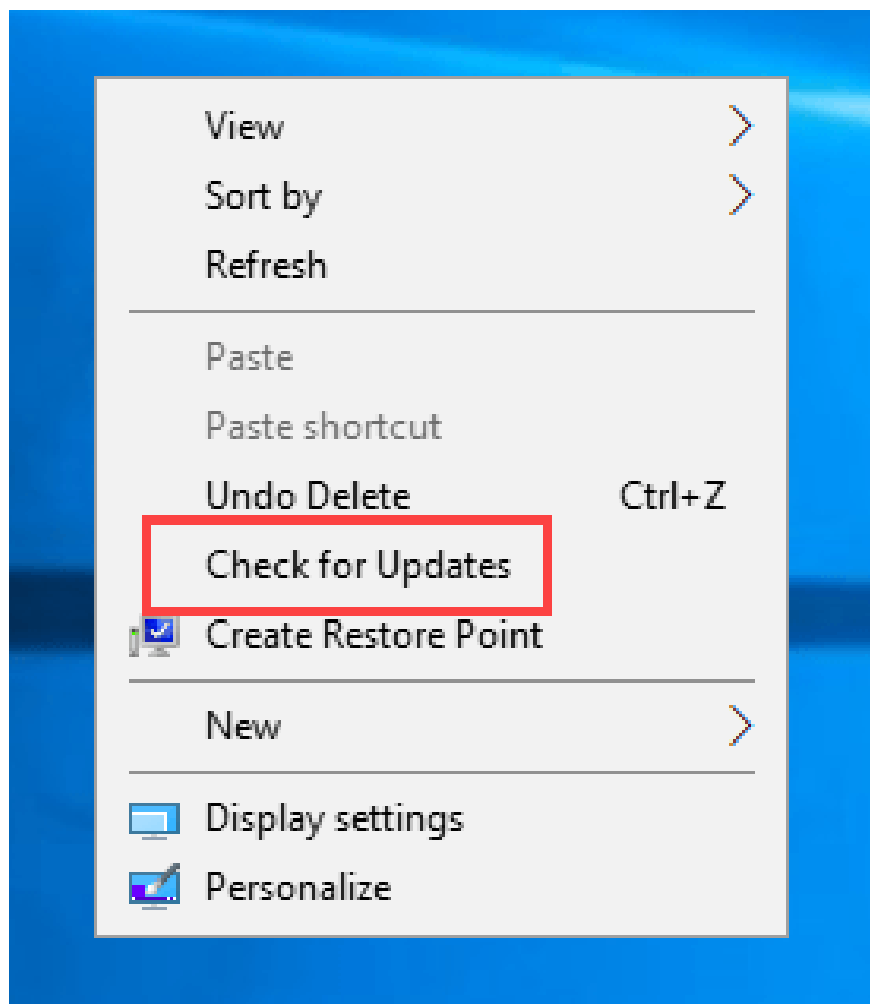
Background\Shell\Check for Updates\command		
Name	Type	Data
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DelegateExecute	REG_SZ	

To change the value of the data, double-click the newly created value, enter the value below into the Value data field and click **OK** to save the change.

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As soon as you have made the changes, you will see a new 'Check for Updates' option added to the context menu on the desktop. Reboot the system if you do not see this new option. in the context menu will directly give you access to the update check option in the Settings application without having to perform many operations.

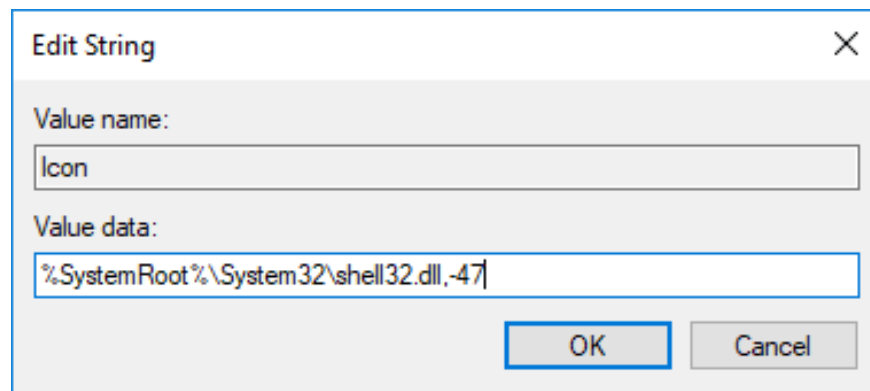


So it looks like the basic work is done. However, if you want context menus to look better, you can add icons to the Check for Updates option. To add an icon, click **Check for Updates** , then right-click on the right panel and select **New -> String Value** .

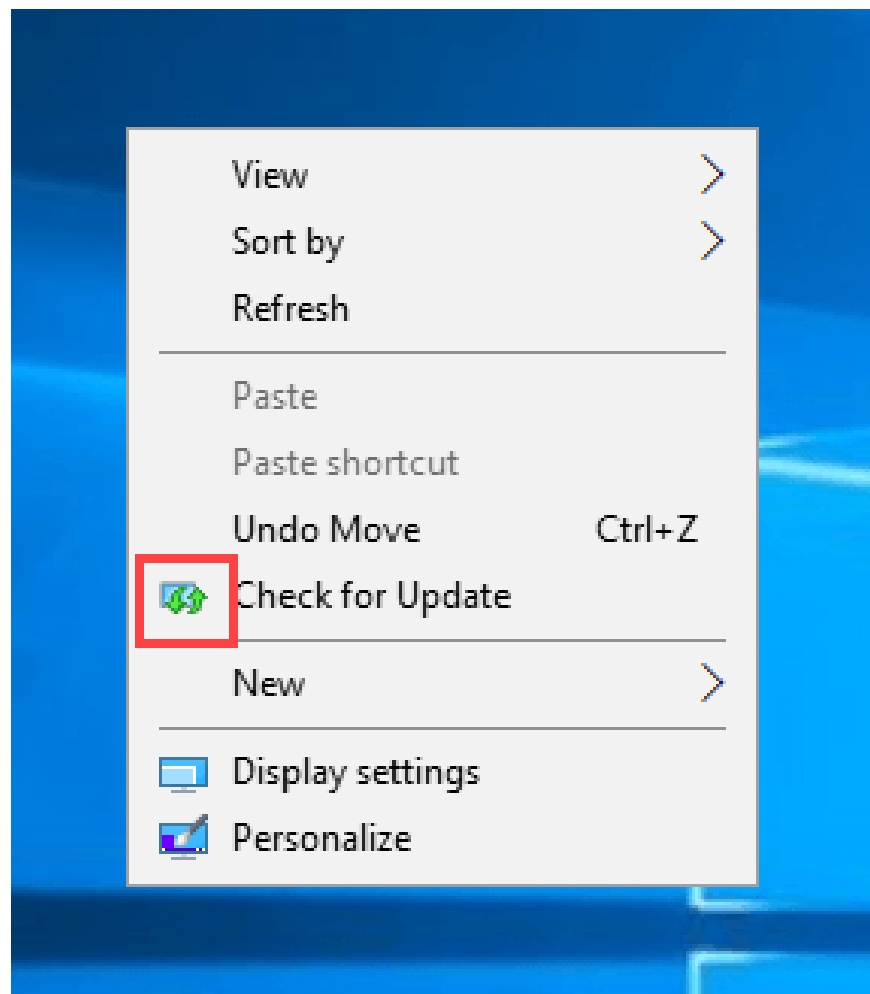
Name the new String value "**Icon**".

Double click on the value, enter the path below into the Value Data field and select **OK** to save the changes.

% SystemRoot% System32shell32.dll, -47



That's all we need to do. At this point, you will see an interesting icon next to the Check for Updates option in the context menu.



It's great, right. Now, if you want to check for updates, you will not need to manipulate much, just right-click on the context menu in the desktop and select Check for Updates.

Good luck!

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