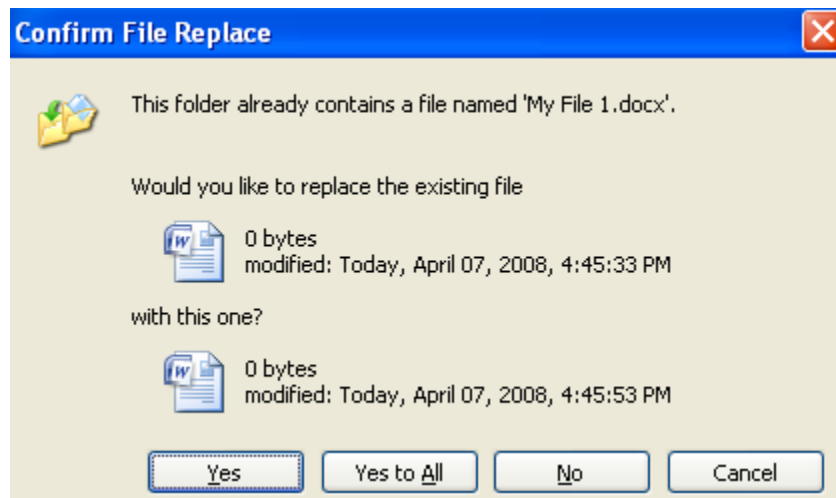


How to simulate "No to all" when copying in Windows XP

Ever had to copy a bunch of files from one location on your local hard drive to another place with a lot of files with the same name? Well there are really only two options that you have when there are files with the same name: either replace the destination files or leave the destination files as they are and only copy the new files.

By default, when you are copying files and there is a name conflict, Windows gives you the option to replace all of the destination files with the “**Yes to All**” button in the **Confirm File Replace** dialog box.



That’s a nice feature because clicking Yes to All will not bring up the Confirm File Replace dialog box again for any other name conflicts. However, you may have noticed that there is no “**No to All**” button listed! Maybe I want to only copy the new files and not overwrite the current files in the destination location.

As of right now, I would have to sit there and press No each time there was a file name conflict. This would be a royal pain if I had hundreds or thousands of files to replace. So can anything be done?

Luckily, there is still a stealthy way to tell Windows not to overwrite all the files with name conflicts and thereby skip them over. You can create this “No to All” functionality by simply pressing and holding the **SHIFT** key when you click the **No** button in the **Confirm File Replace** dialog box.

That’s it! Now you will only be asked once to not overwrite the destination files instead of each time. I believe that this issue is not a problem in Windows Vista since it gives you more advanced options when copying files, but it’s a great trick to know in Windows XP!