Why don't the favorites I copy into the common Favorites directory show up in the Favorites menu of all users?

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The Favorites menu in Internet Explorer shows the user's favorites. And stuff in the `%ALLUSERSPROFILE%` is visible to all users. Therefore, Internet shortcuts placed into the `%ALLUSERSPROFILE%\Favorites` directory should show up on the Favorites menu of all users, right? So why doesn't it work?

Because features don't exist by default.

It's true that there are a few highly-visible cases where the items shown to the user are a combination of files from the `%USERPROFILE%` and the `%ALLUSERSPROFILE%`, the most commonly encountered ones being the desktop and the Start menu. But that doesn't happy as a result of magic. Somebody had to sit down and hook them up.

Even the highly visible cases show that the behavior is implemented on a case-by-case basis. For example, the *Music* folder does not show the items in the all-users version of the *Music* directory; there is just a shortcut that takes you there. Similarly, items in the all-users *Documents* folder do not show up in every user's *Documents* folder; instead there is a separate *Shared Documents* folder.

Each of those cases had to be hooked up separately, and most of them are not hooked up at all.

Now, the common Favorites folder may be a tempting target, seeing as the shell team even defined a `CSIDL` value for it, but it's just another example of something that never got hooked up but whose vestiges didn't get completely cleaned up either.

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