

Re: registry entry or file

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From: Raj (Raj_at_discussions.microsoft.com)

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Thanks for reply.

Is there any specific use if I write my data in INI file instead of text file. Is there any specific format to follow in INI file.

Which directory should I use for such a file. I want to secure data and make it read only. Should I copy it to system directory so that other users will not have write permission.

I appreciate any reference articles on these topics.

Thanks

"r_z_aret@pen_fact.com" wrote:

> *I rather strongly believe in avoiding shared resources, such as the*
> *registry, unless necessary. So I strongly favor separate file(s).*
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> *This question has stirred some lively discussions in the past. I just*
> *used google () to look up*
> *registry ini*
> *and got 129000 hits! That would be a _lot_ to wade through, but you*
> *will probably get a good range of opinions quickly. If you want to*
> *narrow down the list, I suggest looking for my contributions (yes, I*
> *am biased towards my opinion, but I feel justified mentioning this*
> *method as a way to find interesting _threads_, including some that*
> *prompted me to spout my opinion because they disagree with me).*
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> *On Wed, 11 Aug 2004 08:17:02 -0700, Raj*
> *<Raj@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:*
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> *>I have Dll which would need non-volatile data which is persistent across*
> *>reboots. This data is ten 32-bit integer values and 60 character string. This*
> *>data is write-once/read-always. This is product data associated with PC.*

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> > Assume PC itself is customised product.
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> > This dll will be distributed in products(laptops or PCs) and used by PC
> > Applications. Two ways to do it. Either make registry entry specific to my
> > dll and my dll process can read everytime. Or I can write a file and
> > distribute this file along with dll.
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> > Please convince me which is better way to go. Coming to installation, I dont
> > see any difference. I have to either run installation program once and make
> > an entry to registry or simply copy the file. Both ways it has to be manual.
> > Performance is not issue because Dll will be reading just once for first time
> > when it is loaded.
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> > Any security issues? Arguably registry itself is saved on some file(in some
> > way I am not aware).
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> > Thanks
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> To reply to me, remove the underscores (_) from my email address (and please indicate which newsgroup
and message).
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