

## Re: Application Parameter Storing – Best Practices

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On 12/10/2004 HughJam wrote:

- > *Hi!*
- > *I am new to Windows Forms, but battle-scarred in WIN32 API Windows.*
- > *I am developing a forms application that needs to save the users*
- > *settings (DB settings, profile selections, etc). I am looking for*
- > *the best place/way to store these settings by user.*
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- > *The appconfig protocol prevents the application from updating the*
- > *config, and this is probably not the best place to keep user data.*
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- > *Is the best practice to use the registry? Or, are folks using some*
- > *other place to keep these user settings?*
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- > *Thank you for your help.*

I will be on the lookout for any 'official' answer but I was under the impression that MS recommended a couple of years ago that app specific settings were best kept in app config files rather than the registry. I read this in a Delphi book but I've never been able to confirm it.

I still use ini files but I guess I ought to move to XML files.

An XML config file in the app's directory would probably work and save the registry from bloat.

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