

# Re: Windows Keep Closing

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Haven't tried the Safe Boot yet, as I'm at work. HOWEVER – I copied the program created on my laptop to my computer here at work (exact same VFP install) and the program brought along the same characteristics (windows closing) as was happening on my laptop. The programs I created here (at work) still operate properly. Does that give anyone a clue? (something is imbedded in the program, not a system problem?)

Jim

"Dan Freeman" wrote:

I agree with Fred. Safe mode is worth a try.

It sounds like you've got SOMETHING mucking with they keyboard stream. It could be a systray utility or a driver for somethingorother. Safe mode would take those things off the table, at least.

Dan

Jim Fuchs wrote:

Did the re-install and VFPCLEAN.APP, tried the C:\Program Files\Microsoft Visual FoxPro 9\vfp9.exe /A. No change. I really don't want to do what Tony suggests – reinstall the operating system. No other program gives me any trouble at all, not MS Office stuff or anything else. No keyboard macros running (that I,m aware of).

I'm just going to have to live with this, but also search through my Task Manager processors for anything weird. Any other suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Jim

"Jim Fuchs" wrote:

I'll give it a try and let you know.

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Thanks!  
Jim

"Dan Freeman" wrote:

OK, so we've firmly established that this DOES NOT HAPPEN in your applications. It happens in the VFP IDE.

After you reinstall VFP cleanly, try running VFPCLEAN.APP which may clean up any muck in the registry. (You'll find it in the VFP folder.)

This is extremely odd behavior that I've never seen before. Do you have any keyboard macro utilities installed? Do you experience similar non-normal behavior in, say, Word or Excel?

Do you get the same result when you run <path>\VFP.EXE /A ? (see "How to: Use Command-Line Options When Starting Visual FoxPro" in help.)

Dan

Jim Fuchs wrote:

Sorry for not being descriptive enough. The "programs" I write are just compiled .EXE files accessing stand-alone tables. When I "install" them at a client's site, I just bring along the tables, the .EXE, support .DLLs and such – I've never written a self-installation application. What I'm referring to is, during development, I'll have a form and its INIT function up on the

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screen, then when I click on the command window, data session, or try a "Find" in the INIT, all my form screens just close, without saving.

I've un-installed and re-installed VFP once already, with no change. I'm beginning to think there's something going on with my laptop (only a year old), or when I un-installed FoxPro it didn't completely un-install, or there's some patch or something that needs to be added.

Does that help?  
Jim Fuchs

"Dan Freeman" wrote:

No, he meant when you built the installer for your own applications. VFP has some system dependencies that can be at best dicey to figure out. Installers built with Installshield Express take care of making sure the right

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files are in  
the right  
place.

I've now  
re-read the  
entire  
thread and I  
\*still\* can't  
figure out  
whether  
you're  
talking  
about VFP  
itself or  
applications  
built in  
VFP. If it's  
VFP itself,  
have you  
installed  
any  
frameworks?  
Some  
frameworks  
shamelessly  
remap the  
keyboard  
-- one in  
particular  
traps  
CTRL-F  
and closes  
the opened  
designer  
window.

A little  
more details  
and a more  
clear  
description  
of what is  
happening  
might help  
you get to  
the bottom  
of this.

Dan

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Jim Fuchs  
wrote:

Both  
programs  
on  
the  
laptop  
do  
the  
same  
thing  
–  
closing  
windows.  
When  
you  
mention  
"installsheild  
express"  
I  
take  
iy  
you  
mean  
when  
I  
installed  
FoxPro  
to  
begin  
with  
(not  
my  
own  
programs).  
If  
so,  
yes.  
I  
just  
used  
all  
the  
defaults.  
I'll  
tell  
you,  
it's  
driving  
me

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mad!

Jim

"Cy  
Welch"  
wrote:

Ok,  
so  
this  
is  
not  
VFP  
that  
is  
not  
working  
but  
rather  
a  
program  
that  
you  
wrote  
in  
VFP?  
Did  
you  
use  
the  
installshield  
express  
that  
came  
with  
VFP  
to  
create  
the  
install?  
I  
find  
I  
have  
the  
best  
luck  
using  
that

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if  
I  
get  
the  
settings  
right  
because  
all  
the  
right  
things  
get  
installed.  
It  
sounds  
like  
something  
IS  
installed  
on  
one  
machine  
and  
is  
NOT  
installed  
on  
the  
other.

Cy  
Welch  
Senior  
Programmer  
MetSYS  
Inc  
<http://www.metsysinc.com>

Jim  
Fuchs  
wrote:

Same  
program  
(same  
disk  
even).  
I  
once  
did

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a  
complete  
un-install,  
rebooted,  
then  
installed  
it  
again,  
but  
the  
problem  
still  
continued.  
I  
went  
through  
all  
the  
Tools  
/  
Options  
looking  
for  
soe  
kind  
of  
setting  
that  
needed  
changing,  
but  
couldn't  
find  
one.  
Come  
to  
think  
of  
it,  
I  
have  
two  
different  
programs  
I  
created  
using  
VFP  
9  
and,  
when

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I  
get  
back  
home,  
I'm  
going  
to  
see  
if  
the  
first  
one  
does  
the  
same  
thing.  
If  
not,  
then  
I  
can  
narrow  
it  
down  
to  
the  
program.  
I'll  
let  
you  
know  
tomorrow.

Thanks  
Cy.

"Cy  
Welch"  
wrote:

What  
do  
you  
mean  
by  
"similar  
version"?  
Sounds  
like  
maybe

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a  
bad  
install?  
What  
version  
of  
windows  
on  
the  
laptop  
and  
what  
version  
on  
the  
pc  
at  
work?  
Also  
did  
you  
install  
SP1  
in  
both  
places?  
I  
find  
that  
VFP  
9  
works  
the  
same  
on  
my  
work  
pc  
and  
my  
laptop.  
With  
the  
exception  
of  
visual  
issues,  
it  
works  
the  
same

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on  
Vista  
as  
on  
XP  
or  
2000  
as  
well.

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Welch  
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Programmer  
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Jim  
Fuchs  
wrote:

VFP  
9.0  
works  
great  
on  
my  
pc  
at  
work,  
but  
when  
I  
installed  
a  
similar  
version  
on  
my  
laptop,  
every  
time  
I  
click  
a  
different  
window  
the  
previous

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one  
closes.  
This  
is  
extremely  
frustrating,  
especially  
when  
I  
execute  
a  
"Find"  
in,  
say  
the  
init  
of  
a  
form.  
The  
form  
closes  
when  
the  
"Find"  
window  
shows  
up.

Do  
I  
have  
a  
setting  
wrong  
or  
something?

Thanks  
Jim  
Fuchs