

Re: Windows Keep Closing

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Dan, First – thanks for sticking it out with me. When I say "command window" I mean the FoxPro command line. If I run an .EXE file, I'll say DO <path>myprogram.exe or something like that, but that's not what I'm experiencing problems with.

My laptop uses Drive C and my desktop uses Drive D (no more room on C). When I go back and forth, I do get the question "Is blah blah blah the new home for this program?" or something like that I can't exactly remember the words, but you understand. My programs always SET SAFETY OFF for various reasons (so as not to bother the user).

I can't believe, though, that different drive letters have anything to do with this, though, as I first experienced this on the laptop (Drive C) after first creating the program there and before moving it anywhere. And I can't see the SET SAFETY as an issue, since these weird events are occurring during development, not while running anything.

I've since brought the project (and all associated files) over to ANOTHER PC to try and DO NOT experience any problems. What really bothers me is that a clean re-install of VFP 9.0 on the laptop didn't clear up the problem. This leads me to think there's something wrong with my laptop, not VFP. I'm wondering what possible "things" (settings, BIOS, etc.) need to be altered on my PC. Would you now agree with my guess that it's the laptop and not VFP that's the problem?

Jim

"Dan Freeman" wrote:

Oh, so you used the ambiguous word "program" to mean "project and all associated files". That's where my confusion came from. <g>

You describe "running from command line" which to me connotes a DOS window. Why would you do that? (Nothing to do with this, I'm sure, but I'm curious.)

The behavior you're describing is almost like what happens when you issue BROWSE (in a program — and I mean code by that) without NOWAIT and click on

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another window, or MODI FORM (in a program — and I mean code by that) without NOWAIT and click on another window. Perhaps in conjunction with SET SAFETY OFF or something???

Are your drive letters and relative directories for all files in your projects the same on your work and home PC?

This is just truly weird behavior. I've never heard of anything like it.

Dan

Jim Fuchs wrote:

So sorry I'm not as descriptive as I should be. When I bring a "program" home from work to my laptop, or vice-versa, I bring the entire directory, which includes the Project, all my .PRGs, SCXs, etc, the compiled .APP and the compiled .EXE (basically everything I need to work on a "program").

"Programs" created on my laptop, when brought to work carry along with them the problems exhibited on the laptop (windows closing when you click on another – such as the form edit screen closes – WITHOUT saving – when I click on the command window and such.) Programs created at work are just fine, but then exhibit the laptop phenomenon when brought to the laptop. I always compile into .EXEs and run them from the command line and they run fine. It's when I'm trying to EDIT things in my project that these problems occur.

Does that help?

Thanks again.
Jim

"Dan Freeman" wrote:

Can you clarify this:

I copied the program created on my laptop

What file did you copy? Is it a program (i.e. prg file) or an executable (i.e. exe file)? Both are program files, but you've made it darned difficult for anyone to tell which you mean.

How are you running that file (whatever the heck it is) on the target machine? Are you typing DO in the command window? Choosing it in the

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VFP Run dialog? Double-clicking it in Windows explorer?
Somethign
else? Again, you've waffled on this so I can't be sure exactly
what's going on.

Nobody can see through your eyes. We have to rely on you
to tell us
EXACTLY what you're doing.

Dan

Jim Fuchs wrote:

Dan,

So sorry to confuse you. I didn't think we've
determined anything
yet. I'm simply reporting on it's performance,
and still have no
idea what is going on. As I see it now,
anything CREATED on the
laptop is embedded with some sort of bug,
and carries itself to
other computers. However, anything created
on other computers still
exhibit that problem on my laptop.

Thank you for the help, though. I'll have to
find another channel
for my problem I guess.

Jim

"Dan Freeman" wrote:

You've flip-flopped again. I
thought we had determined
that this
was happening in the VFP
IDE and ****NOT**** in
programs that you
created.

Now you're saying exactly
the opposite.

I'll bow out of this since it's
impossible to get an
accurate

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description of the problem.

Sorry.

Dan

Jim Fuchs wrote:

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
happning 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?)

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Jim

"Dan
Freeman"
wrote:

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

It
sounds
like
you've
got
SOMETHING
mucking
with
their
keyboard
stream.

It
could
be
a
systray
utility
or
a
driver
for
something or other.
Safe
mode
would
take
those
things
off
the
table,
at
least.

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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

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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

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let
you
know.
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

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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

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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

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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
screen,
then
when
I
click
on
the
command
window,
data
session,
or
try
a
"Find"
in
the
INIT,
all
my
form
screens
just
close,

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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

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help?
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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
files
are
in
the

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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

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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

Jim
Fuchs
wrote:

Both
programs
on
the
laptop
do
the
same
thing
—
closing
windows.
When
you
mention
"installsheilc
express"
I
take

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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
mad!

Jim

"Cy
Welch"
wrote:

Ok,
so
this
is
not
VFP
that
is
not
worl
but
rathe
a

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that
you
wrot
in
VFP
Did
you
use
the
insta
expr
that
cam
with
VFP
to
crea
the
insta
I
find
I
have
the
best
luck
usin
that
if
I
get
the
setti
right
beca
all
the
right
thing
get
insta
It
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IS
insta
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