

# Re: Windows Keep Closing

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Jim,

When you move around a VFP project, never rule out ANYTHING. <g> Different drives can make VFP go bonkers (that's the technical term) in the most unpredictable of ways.

I'm not ready to declare the laptop dead yet. (Unless you WANT a new laptop! <g>) I'd uninstall VFP, and then manually inspect the registry and delete any VFP key. (Uninstall leaves some flotsam there, I think.) VFP will create any registry keys it needs when you run it.

This is really the only way to get a clean install.

Just out of curiosity, do you have a service pack on one machine that isn't on the other?

Also, if you are running out of room on c:, where are VFP's temp files being written? (You can redirect this in config.fpw using the TEMPFILES= setting.) Running out of space in temp files could also mightily confuse VFP.

Dan

Jim Fuchs wrote:

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

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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" (setings, 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 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 vise-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").

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"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 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

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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

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created.

Now you're  
saying  
exactly the  
opposite.

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

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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?)

Jim

"Dan  
Freeman"  
wrote:

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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:

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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

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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.  
Thanks!  
Jim

"Dan

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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

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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

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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

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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,  
without  
saving.

I've  
un-installed  
and  
re-installed

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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:

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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  
right  
place.

I've  
now  
re-read  
the

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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

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

Dan

Jim  
Fuchs  
wrote:

Both  
prog  
on  
the  
lapt  
do  
the  
same  
thing  
-  
closi  
wind  
Whe  
you  
men  
"inst  
expr  
I  
take  
iy  
you  
mea  
whe  
I  
insta  
Foxl

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to  
begi  
with  
(not  
my  
own  
prog  
If  
so,  
yes.  
I  
just  
used  
all  
the  
defa  
I'll  
tell  
you,  
it's  
drivi  
me  
mad

Jim

"Cy  
Wel  
wrot

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