

Re: Windows Keep Closing

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Got 14.8 Gigs free (out of 74.5 gigs) on my C: drive here on my laptop – it's my dektop where I, only infrequently, bring and modify my "home" program. Most of my "home" work is done here on my laptop. Now, remember, I went into RegEdit and deleted the VFP directory I found there before my "clean" re-installation.

So . . . here is where we are: "home" (laptop) program AND carried over from desktop "work" program both exhibit the strange phenominon on my laptop – windows close when I click on another. BUT – when brought to my "work" desktop, my "work" program is always fine, but the carried over "home" program STILL exhibits that strange behavior on my "work" desktop. Huh. It's obvious to me that the laptop not only causes problems with my "home" AND "work" stuff, but has embedded the problem in my "home" program and brings itself wherever it goes.

BTW, I'm impressed with your deep knowledge of VFP.

So is the problem with my laptop, (the hardware), or the acceptance of the VFP program on my laptop? It's a fairly new (year and a half) powerfull laptop w/ 2 gigs memory.

Jim

"Dan Freeman" wrote:

Contents of the command window have nothing to do with the registry. That's saved in a file (_command.prg, I think) in the VFP directory. Since the installer didn't create it and it has been updated since installation, the uninstaller can't remove it. Likewise any foxuser.* resource files or any other files you've created in the VFP directory. You have to remove that directory manually.

I'm still worried about the low diskpace issue you mentioned earlier (but never responded to) and VFP's TMPFILES more than installation issues.

Dan

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Jim Fuchs wrote:

Hi Dan.

I'm now here at my laptop. I completely un-installed VFP 9.0, THEN went into RegEdit and found the existence of a VFP under Microsoft programs, deleted it, THEN even did a defrag. I thought this got everything. But no. When I re-installed VFP 9.0, my first suspicion I didn't get everything was it asked me if I wanted to "Repair or replace" VFP." Then, when I went into it the first time after "re-installation" my Command window STILL had all my previous commands. This told me it, somehow, was never completely un-installed. It should have been a completely empty Command window. I brought up an SCX Form and it's INIT page. I clicked my mouse on the Init text, then the Command window and the entire SCX file closed. GOD this is frustrating!

How, how can I COMPLETELY remove ANY existence of VFP for a TRUE clean install?

Thanks AGAIN!!!

Jim Fuchs

"Dan Freeman" wrote:

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?

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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 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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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.

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"Jim
Fuchs"
wrote:

I'll
give

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it
a
try
and
let
you
know.
Thanks!
Jim

"Dan
Freeman"
wrote:

OK,
so
we've
firm
estab
that
this
DOE
NOT
HAB
in
your
appl
It
happ
in
the
VFP
IDE

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it
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the
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I've
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befo
Do
you
have
any
keyb
mac
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