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Normally you could check the file from the path found in:

HKLM\Software\Windows\CurrentVersion\App Paths\Firefox.exe

but there are two glitches in this case.

1) If I remember correctly, FF2+ is no longer a registered executable. What might work is to check the Uninstall key. I've got FF 1.5 installed and it shows under the subkey "Mozilla Firefox (1.5)". That key has several values that will allow you to get the parent folder/file path. From there you can check the file version of firefox.exe.

2) Not so fast. :) This exposes a second way that the Mozilla people seem to be unorthodox in the way that they do things (in addition to not registering the EXE): In my case, with FF1.5, I see 1.8.x as the file version. So clearly they're using the gecko version as the FF file version! I see 1.5 as the Product Version.

You might be able to get product version info. through WMI. I don't remember offhand. If not, see here for a small class that can be pasted into a script. It will return any/all file version information by parsing the file's PE structure directly and retrieving the resource table:

[www.jsware.net/jsware/scripts.php5#fvinfo](http://www.jsware.net/jsware/scripts.php5#fvinfo)

I used to read this registry key: HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Mozilla\Mozilla Firefox\CurrentVersion  
This worked fine until we gave our users the right to update firefox without admin-rights.

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Now the the actual current version (after an update with user rights)  
is written to under HKEY\_Current\_User.

Of course i could query the whole registry for the highest firefox  
version number but i am sure there are easier and smarter  
solutions.... any suggestions?

Greetings,  
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