

File Summary/ Knowing when a file is created and deleted/ The first program started when windows starts

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Hi,

I was infected with a few viruses/spyware/ads, etc. I was able to clean them up.

I also got some program that cleans disk of 0 byte, bak, tmp files and such. (Hopefully I didn't delete any important files.)

I also started browsing directories and I see files that I have no idea what they are and who they belong to.

Some of the files have "Version information", which I can only assume is correct.

I click properties of some files and notice a "Summary", with no information. Is it good file bad file, obsolete, or ?

I also know that a lot of programs don't get rid of files and directories after the program is uninstalled.

I am tired of these problems.

I am doing a feasibility study of a project that monitors the Hard Drive for added /deleted files

and reports them. Then maybe filling in the Summary window with information about the file.

That way the user would know if some file is inadvertently added without consent.

The Remove programs would "really" work.

I could scan the entire hard drive periodically, but may there is some API that would

alert my program of a newly created file.

I suppose I would have to ignore some directories like temp and such.

No program should be able to install to anywhere without an option to remove every associated file.

Can you point me to some API/information to automatically know if any file is added or deleted?

Can you point me to some API/information on how to fill in Summary information?

