

## Classic problem uninstalling TweakUI

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Do a Google search for ToolBarCop.exe and you will be able to easily remove it from your IE.

Steven

>-----Original Message-----

>I have googled-groups this problem. It seems to be a common problem.

>I have TweakUI 1.33 installed on Windows 2000 Pro, SP4 (Inspiron 8000

>laptop). When I uninstall, there is a message saying it seems to be

>already uninstalled, and asked me whether I want to remove the entry

>from the Add/Remove\_Programs menu. Sometimes I say yes, other times I

>say no (I have tried reinstalling and uninstalling many times). All

>attempts are unsuccessful. After attempting to uninstall, there are

>no TweakUI entries in

>HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run.

>However, windows explorer still behaves as if TweakUI was present i.e.

>window focus/activation still follows the mouse pointer.

Note that at

>no time does the TweakUI show up in the task manager (before or after

>an install or an attempted uninstall). This is even after a reboot.

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>In my "best" attempted uninstall so far, I reinstalled TweakUI, used

>SpyBot's "System Startup" tool to prevent its launching at system

>startup, rebooted the computer, and then used

Add/Remove\_Program to

>remove TweakUI. The result was the same, including the error message

>saying that it was already uninstalled. Note that

SpyBot's "System

>Startup" tool seems more appropriate than msonfig because (rumour has

>it that) msconfig wasn't really meant for Win2K. In fact, TweakUI

>doesn't even show up in msconfig, but it does show up in SpyBot's

>System Startup.

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>I have also tried removing TweakUI from a \_desktop\_, also running Win2K

>Pro SP4. When I tried to do this as nonadministrator, I got the same

>message (it was already uninstalled). When I tried it as

>administrator, it did not give the message about TweakUI already being

>uninstalled, so I thought it worked. However, the window focus still

>follows the mouse pointer after rebooting. The lack of an error

>message seems to get me a bit closer to a successful uninstall; since

>this is related to the use of an administrator account, I suspect that

>the uninstall problem is due at least in part to permissions set on

>registry subtrees. On the laptop, however, I was already logged in as

>administrator when I got the error message.

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>Some usenet postings suggested editing the program removal entry to

>modify the behaviour of uninstall. I tried to explore the possibility

>of doing this by pressing the Change/Remove button in the

>Add/Remove\_Program menu. I was hoping that it would let me change

>something, or at least prompt for confirmation before removing. It

>didn't; it immediately tried to remove the program, with the various

>degrees of apparent "success" that I've described so far.

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>Thank you for any suggestions.

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>Fred

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