

Windows 2000 SP4 RollUp 1 problems?

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I'm using a machine running Windows 2000 Server SP4 English and is a DC (not a major one, so I can play with it a bit). Recently Microsoft released the Windows 2000 Security Roll Up Package 1, which I installed on a few PC's without any problems. When installing it on the DC machine however, it ran into some problems.

When installing it from the Windows Update site, halfway through the installation it suddenly couldn't find a file it needed to copy. It wasn't located in the temporary directory the EXE was expanded to. I aborted the installation, but after rebooting the machine somehow the Internet Explorer would not start anymore. The process was in the list of running processes, I just never got a window to start browsing. All normal network connectivity remained unhampered from the looks of it.

I then downloaded the actual package to a local EXE file (Windows2000-KB891861-x86-ENU.EXE) through another machine, and moved it over the network to the affected DC. Installed it, and without any issues it installed it as it should. Rebooted the PC... Same problem with IE remained. I could try starting it, but it'd hang some processes (I couldn't access the startbar anymore, couldn't run EXPLORER.EXE and such), and not display a browse window. Killing the IEXPLORE.EXE process released everything again allowing me to proceed with normal operation. I tried reinstalling IE, but this just stated that I had the latest components already. Reinstalling IE (after a few hitches) also did not provide for a solution.

Then the Automatic Updates came around stating it had downloaded new updates, and it asked me if it could install them. Well... seeing I had a minor issue already, any further updates (among two or three security updates, IE had an update listed) might solve it. So I agreed. Left the window open for a night, but nothing got installed.

I then booted up the machine in safemode with network support. Tried IE... Started normally. Browsed to the Windows Update site, and installed the available critical updates. No problems whatsoever. It installed normally, and asked for a reboot. No problem... Rebooted the machine. Tried IE... No go. IE still exhibits the same problem. As a work-around I installed FireFox... That one connects to the internet

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without any problems. So something apparently is loaded on normal boot that interferes with the functioning of IE.

I'd be content with using that if it wasn't for the fact that I noticed some other problems. Not that the machine needs the software (I may remove it altogether, but it may help out pointing to a cause of t