

# Re: ?Registry Questions

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Dave, what you so well tell about what should be done appears to be a task that makes me sort of nervous to try out, primarily because I am just getting to understand what Windows 2000 Professional can do or allows one to do. Additionally, this 'inherited' computer had been setup by someone(?) with the bothersome administrative options and I am not sure about what problems I may run into, should the Administrator's Password be incorrect. I presently get in under a name that appears to let me in by simply pressing 'Enter' when I am asked for a Password.

Tha Expert Companion book by Craig Stinson and Carl Siechert, that I just got from a local Library, talks about a Professional Resource Kit that has Regback.exe (the one that Pegasus suggested, I presume) and Regrest.exe tools. I was able to locate the Kit on the Internet and downloaded the Files, but have not, yet, tried them out.

I will do so sometimes, soon.

I normally use my own Computer that has W98SE

Thanks to you, Pegasus and Jerold for your interest in my questions.

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"Dave Patrick" wrote:

- > Exporting the entire registry to a \*.reg file is not an acceptable means of
- > backup. You can't import the entire registry. If you run
- > Programs\Accessories\System Tools\Backup, then choose ERD, then if you check
- > the box for "Also backup....", then the reg will also be backed up to
- > %windir%\repair\RegBack
- > leaving the
- > %windir%\repair\
- > directory files intact as original installation.
- >
- > You can replace registry hives from within the recovery console by copying
- > the files from
- > %windir%\repair\regback
- > to
- > %windir%\system32\config
- >
- > To start the Recovery Console, start the computer from the Windows 2000
- > Setup CD or the Windows 2000 Setup floppy disks. If you do not have Setup
- > floppy disks and your computer cannot start from the Windows 2000 Setup CD,

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> use another Windows 2000–based computer to create the Setup floppy disks. At  
> the "Welcome to Setup" screen. Press F10 or R to repair a Windows 2000  
> installation, and then press C to use the Recovery Console. The Recovery  
> Console then prompts you for the administrator password. If you do not have  
> the correct password, Recovery Console does not allow access to the  
> computer. If an incorrect password is entered three times, the Recovery  
> Console quits and restarts the computer. Note If the registry is corrupted  
> or missing or no valid installations are found, the Recovery Console starts  
> in the root of the startup volume without requiring a password. You cannot  
> access any folders, but you can carry out commands such as chkdsk, fixboot,  
> and fixmbr for limited disk repairs. Once the password has been validated,  
> you have full access to the Recovery Console, but limited access to the hard  
> disk. You can only access the following folders on your computer: drive  
> root, %systemroot% or %windir%  
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> ---  
> Regards,  
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> Dave Patrick ....Please no email replies – reply in newsgroup.  
> Microsoft Certified Professional  
> Microsoft MVP [Windows]  
> <http://www.microsoft.com/protect>  
>  
> "BAP" wrote:  
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> | It appears that Windows 2000 Professional does not backup the Registry  
> | like  
> | Windows 98 Versions of the Operating System. It does allow Exporting,  
> | importing, merging.  
> | Are there other options?  
> | My questions deal with what does really happen when these activities are  
> | permitted to take place.  
> | Regedit allows you to Export. By exporting, I assume that, you save all or  
> | a  
> | portion of the Registry, along  
> | with System.dat and User.dat. ....(not sure about the latter two).  
> | Assuming that I would like to install some hardware or software, or both,  
> | it  
> | will be likely that the Registry will change. Assuming, also, that the  
> | changes lead into problems or the installation fails, can I get back to  
> | the  
> | previous version of the Registry?  
> | I do not know much about Importing while on the Regedit Menu and if that  
> | option would allow me to Import the previously exported copy of the  
> | Registry.  
> | If I bring up the exported copy and permit it to Merge, will the activity  
> | just merge into the newly changed Registry without changing the lines  
> | inserted by the attempted installation or will it replace the Registry  
> | entirely?  
> | To me 'merging' means replacing the same existing lines (entries) and not  
> | touching the lines inserted by the attempted installation.

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- > | Would the Import option be similar?
- > | Am I off the track?
- > | Thank you in advance for any comments.
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