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FYI looking in;

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\Select

you'll find the D_Word values for

"Current"=dword:00000001

"Default"=dword:00000001

"Failed"=dword:00000000

"LastKnownGood"=dword:00000002

CurrentControlSet is volatile and will always be an image (at boot) of what's defined in ControlSetx where x = the value of "Current"

Choosing last known good boots the system with the control set that last successfully booted your system. Control sets contain system configuration information such as device drivers and services.

Without the exact error message it's hard to say but it appears the current user hive (ntuser.dat) may be corrupt. If so while logged on as local administrator you can rename the corrupt profile. Then when the user next logs on a new profile will be created from an image in \default user

You can then copy over the needed items from the old profile. Use the import function of your mail software.

This may also help.

User Profile May Become Corrupted After You Perform a Clean Windows 2000 Installation

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=296834>

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Regards,

Dave Patrick ...Please no email replies - reply in newsgroup.

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"Lawrence G. Mayka" wrote:

| My nephew's notebook computer runs Windows 2000 Professional (because it was

| originally business-issue). The other day, he suddenly began to encounter

| (on boot) a message or messages roughly like this:

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| Could not load file into registry, wrong format. Could not load local
| profile, creating temporary user profile instead.
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| I gave him instructions to try loading the Last Known Good Configuration,
| but that yields the same error. To my profound shock, Windows 2000 (which
I
| thought was an advanced, reliable operating system) apparently only
retains
| one previous registry version, unlike Windows 98 (whose ScanReg keeps 5
| days' worth) or Windows XP (whose System Restore keeps even more). I
myself
| am primarily familiar with Win98 and WinXP, hence my ability to help my
| nephew is limited.
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| So does the error message mean that the registry itself is corrupted, or
| something else that gets read into the registry? If the registry itself
is
| corrupted, do I stand a good chance of fixing it via the Registry Repair
| tool that I see on Microsoft's Web site (and which requires 6 floppy
disks)?
| If something else is corrupted, how do I fix it?
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| Note that my nephew ordinarily logs in as the Administrator, and I am
afraid
| that his computer may not have any other user profile with administrative
| privileges. If the registry is corrupted, does that mean that the
computer
| will not validate his administrative privileges? And does that mean the
| computer will resist any attempts to fix it?
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