

Re: Windows Explorer and related processes use 100% of CPU

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Thought I'd try this solution to find a missing mixer.exe file which "came and went" – followed yr instns (Start/Run sfc/scannow) – one quick flash of what appeared to be a black DOS screen. Nothing apparently happened. Am I missing something ?

"R. C. White" <RCWhite@msn.com> wrote in message news:utRzjhH\$DHA.2636@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...

> *Hi, przemekjab.*

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> *Have you tried the System File Checker? At the Run prompt, type: sfc /scannow*

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> *SFC will compare each WinXP operating system file to the "known good" copy held in your on-disk cache and replace any missing or damaged ones.*

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> *But you said, "I don't want to reinstall windows, as this is a pain (done it*

> *already several times)". Reinstalling is even more thorough than SFC and should have fixed any problems that SFC would fix.*

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> *If you DO decide to reinstall WinXP again, be sure to check Microsoft's instructions for an "in-place upgrade". This will reinstall WinXP, but preserve the Registry, so that it does not wipe out your existing applications and data. It's as much "a pain" as a full reinstall for WinXP*

> *itself – and you still must visit Windows Update, after getting your*

> *firewall and antivirus back in place, to get the latest SP and later*

> *hotfixes – but it does avoid the pain of reinstalling the apps. See this*

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> *article:*

> *How to Perform an In-Place Upgrade (Reinstallation) of Windows XP*

> *<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB;en-us;q315341>*

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> *But all this should not be necessary. If these symptoms keep coming back after all this, you need to look in some other direction for the problem.*

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> *Have you tested your RAM? Your other hardware? Connections and cables?*
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> *When I asked Google to search the KB site for "explorer+cpu", I got over 300 hits. You can start with this one and then ask Google to find the others with "Search site":*
> *Explorer.exe Process Uses Many CPU Cycles When Windows Is Idle*
> <http://support.microsoft.com/?scid=kb;en-us:317751>
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> *"przemekjab" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:81DBBA59-214D-4C15-B30E-A2CFA992E8A7@microsoft.com...*
> *> Every time I click either on windows explorer, any folder on the desktop, or try open Control Panel, they do not open and instead of it my explorer.exe gets up to 100% CPU, making impossible to work. I can however open Task Manager and use it or shut down the computer. I can kill explorer.exe then in Task Manager (disappearing taskbar, etc.) and then when I start it again (from Task Manager) all is back to normal, unless I try again to open any application mentioned above, all related to explorer, and the whole thing starts again. Very enjoying, as I have to use other programs for files browsing.....and can not access Control Panel (is there an other way, by the way?) This happened roughly after I did these operations – defragmented C: drive, installed some "necessary" MS Windows patches, browsed the Internet..I have the newest, updated Norton Antivirus, always on, run the scan on the whole computer, no viruses, run Lavasoft Ad-aware removed all staff, restoring to the previous point also does not help.....I don't know what to do. I don't want to reinstall windows, as this is a pain (done it already several times), but this time I have so much stuff I need, all updated to the latest versions, with all upgrades and patches, that it's almost impossible to reinstall it all. HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*
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