

Re: How is a DLL replaced – SFC DOES NOT WORK

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"Michael Solomon (MS-MVP Windows Shell/User)" <user@#notme.com> wrote in message news:uUjtWzgCEHA.2560@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

> XP will not allow you to replace, rename or otherwise remove a system file.

> XP recognizes the version you have been attempting to place on the system as

> not valid or otherwise compatible with XP as it is an earlier version meant

> for a different OS. The fact you replaced it on another system and it

> worked is irrelevant because that system had 98SE installed on it. One of

> the causes of problems with this dll is an older version being installed on

> a later setup, often picked up in some upgrade installation. XP is not

> Windows9x and is vastly different under the hood than 9x systems.

** Yes, we realize that. Where we could "fix" most problems ourselves with W98SE, we are at a loss with XP. The patch or fix someone here recommended worked. IE6 is not constantly locking up now. But if and when we have to do another system restore or whatever – we won't have that same patch in case the problem returns. Like a real dope I forgot to bookmark the MS URL where I got the patch/fix from.

> From what source is the information that the version of the DLL on the DVD is bad or has known issues?

** I saw the "known issue" on a MS site when I did a search for (on Google) MSHTML.DLL. It recommended we wait for a fix. A FIX? Someone else here gave me the URL for the fix. I despise the MS site as it's so confusing and difficult to navigate when looking for something. One page says wait for the fix while another page there has the fix/patch.

Could you site it, I would like to see the

> source of this information as it may give me and others some insight into

> the issue you are experiencing and/or help in resolving it. The fact it

has

- > *been a problem on your setup may only be indicative that something on your*
- > *setup has damaged or otherwise conflicts with that dll.*

** This is possible. I can look and see if I can find the same MS page
Google took me too.... I don't bookmark everything anymore due to a list
that gets so long as to be useless after awhile.

- > *As to SFC, unless the files on the DVD are in the same format as those on*
- > *the retail CD you cannot "Fix" it. In other words if those files are*
- > *contained in special compressed form or any form that is not identical to*
- > *that on the retail XP CD they won't be recognized. However, you can try*
- > *pointing SFC to the i386 folder under Windows in Explorer.*

** PLEASE SEE ABOVE as SFC does not work – you can't do anything with it!!!!
It opens with nothing but a progress window and a cancel window. It runs,
and as soon as the progress bar get across the window it shuts off itself
and disappears. How is it pointed anywhere when it has no tabs, no buttons,
no choices – nothing but the cancel button and progress bar?

This folder is

- > *installed in the default XP setup to allow users to quickly replace most*
- > *system files without having to always input the CD. Of course, following*
- > *your contention, SFC would be useless in this instance unless you've*
- > *installed updates that contain a later version of this DLL and that,*
- > *theoretically would have corrected the problem already.*

** Well since I downloaded that patch/fix recommended it stopped locking
up – but I need the URL for the patch/fix so I can go back if I need to do
it again – I can't find it!!!! :*(

- > *### Right. The CP vendors don't give you the actual MS CDs anymore."*
- > *Not entirely true but it happens far too often. If more users were aware*
- of
- > *this issue at the outset, they would demand a retail version with their*
- > *systems and refusing to buy without it. That would force commercial*
- > *manufacturer's to rethink this philosophy of supplying non-standard disks*
- to
- > *people who buy their systems.*

** I agree with you but what do we do for computers meanwhile? We didn't
even get a copy from HP. They give us a blank DVD and we had to make our
own copy from the PC.

- > *Ok, if the version on the DVD has a known problem, HP has the*
- responsibility
- > *to set it right. Inform them of the issue, tell them you need a new copy*
- of
- > *XP with a version of the MSHTML.DLL that doesn't have this issue or ask*
- them

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> *how to fix it as they supplied you with the bad version in the first place.*

** So far so good.... with this patch/fix. I wish I had kept the URL though..... Thanks

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