

## Re: Major Computer Slowdown

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Through the course of work on a computer, installing and removing applications, etc. it is not unusual to end up with invalid entries in the registry. Unlike Windows 9x, I personally have seen no need to use registry cleaners nor any evidence of major slowdowns caused by such entries from normal use. If you've had viruses or malware of some type that you've had to clear from your system, it's possible they may have left entries that might be causing some problems but under normal use, I've rarely seen slowdowns caused by the registry. Your mileage may vary, some of it depends upon your usage, what you have installed, how recent are these applications as in are they XP apps or 9x apps or older apps which might gum up the registry.

Is it safe to let a program like this fix all registry entries? It's not SAFE to let any such program make changes in the registry and it's not safe to be rooting around in the registry at all, period. Any time you do so, you should be well backed up and be prepared for a situation where your system becomes unbootable, in other words, some sort of means for a quick restore such as an image of your current setup to which you can quickly return.

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"Dan" <notme@cox.net> wrote in message

news:uZqKUMswEHA.3668@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> Downloaded and ran a trial copy of registryrescue, it states I have 348

> invalid registry entries.

> 1. Can this slow my system down

> 2. Is it safe to let a program like this fix all the registry entries?

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> "Dan" <notme@cox.net> wrote in message

> news:%23uu2IqpwEHA.2044@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

>> This started recently and have not added any new programs or hardware.

> Have

>> done the following!

>> 1. Have full time anti-virus and ran a deep check.

>> 2. Ran WindowWasher, cleans all IE6 temp and history files.

>> 3. Ran, Spybot SearchandDestroy, Spywareblaster, CWShreeder and AdAware

> SE.

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>> 4. Used WinTask Pro to see if a new start up program has been added.  
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>> Nothing has shown to be a problem. My computer has gone from a 30 sec  
>> restart to a 2 min restart and then once loaded everything runs slow.  
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>> Any suggestions or help is appreciated.  
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