

Re: Which folders are shortcuts?

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XP sets up these folders for a reason.. one of them is for people who may decide to add user accounts to the system.. ease of access is another reason for what appears to be multiple entries..

So why should you care about their presence?.. they do absolutely no harm.. they are there for your convenience should you choose to alter the way that your computer is set up.. they take up virtually zero space on the hard drive..

I can't understand why some decide to go delving into the sub system looking for problems to create.. the stupid part is that many download and run the most appallingly bad stuff that creates more problems than ever an empty XP folder can..

Some of the folders are 'system protected' and for good reason.. when computer illiterates download stuff and don't know where its gone, they can be pointed to these default save folders.. Win 9x never had them, and the amount of people not able to find files after hours downloading through dial up connections were huge.. I heard chat room experts tell these people to download to the desktop.. hahahahaha, just what an overloaded desktop needed.. and they wondered why Win 9x used to crash out..

Programs like Clean Sweep used to find duplicates.. again, some files needed to be in multiple folders, but whatever.. users would delete multiple entries of ctldll32, vbrunXXX (or similar) and then find that virtually no program would run anymore..

If XP has installed multiple elements of something, you can bet your life that at some point in time, there will be, or already is, a need for it..

Use your computer productively.. whether that is to defeat the enemy in Delta Force 2, create a newsletter in MS Publisher, edit holiday photos or videos, or playing online Bingo, make the computer work for you and forget about the inner workings until you definitely have a problem.. and come that time, return here to get fixes rather than delve into what appears to a layman to be an illogical system

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BTW.. the biggest single threat to the world is man without wisdom wanting to change it.. the biggest single threat to a computer is a user/operator without wisdom wanting to change it..

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> Mike Hall (MS–MVP) wrote:

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>> For general shortcuts, I would agree with what you say, but the OP is

>> looking at 'shortcuts' where the system may not allow deletion..

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> Well, since you sign in as MS–MVP, I guess you know something. Are you

> saying the My Documents and subfolders shortcuts are 'special' and can't

> safely be deleted?

> Do I really need 5 of these things?

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