

Re: Why you need a registry cleaner

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In article <1185546315.836361.56230@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, bjoey@xxxxxxxx says...

Harry Ohrn wrote:

This has nothing to do with a Police State. It has to do with modifying your employer's tools without their permission. If you took a job as a carpenter and were expected to use your employer's tools and were informed that you were not to modify the tools, but you chose to modify tools anyway, and

were

caught, I suspect you'd be fired.

Not directed at you personally, but this thread confirms what I believed:

IT Department grunts often make wrong assumptions (e.g. everyone is an EMPLOYEE).

Their grunt brethren follow those assumptions blindly.

That is why some departments in the company turn to contractors and consultants to get the job done right.

If the grunts could get the work done, contractors wouldn't be needed. But that is not going to happen any time soon.

I am a contractor, and the laptop in question (and software) is mine. The Sys Admin had no right to query/audit my registry and turn the info over to his management, any more than a police officer has a right to illegally search/seize items in your home without a warrant. Your employer can't install a security camera in the washroom for similar reasons too.

These companies prevent their employees from using wireless,

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firewalls, or their own anti-virus software.
What laptop these days belonging to a contractor doesn't have those?

Unix shops hate the Microsoft SQL Server on my machine, and Microsoft shops hate the java/tomcat on my machine.

The info that was turned over involved a version of a software product that the EMPLOYEES are specifically not allowed to install.

I was hired because I had significant knowledge about that product, and had worked with it in the past.

How the admin got a hold of my registry (including very specific details of un-installed software versions that left traces in the Windows registry) is interesting.

I turned off my wireless, and I use a hardware router/firewall at home, and without the firewall at the client's location, he somehow got in to my machine to steal that info.

And they pushed a version of the corporate virus scanner onto my machine, which conflicts with mine.

Free software for me? :)

For anyone reading this, if you find a contractor in your company using company equipment, following employee regulations, reporting to a supervisor who is an employee, participates in company events, etc.

Please call the Internal Revenue Service and turn them in.

The IRS will re-classify the contractor as an employee and nail your company for not withholding taxes for the contractor.

And to all corporate-law obeying employees who think the company owns you, please make sure your corporate id card is securely fastened around your neck at all times :)

Even when you leave the building.

I'm totally amazed that anyone would bother to answer your rantings.

To put your mind at ease-----Yes, it's a massive conspiracy and you are 100% correct.

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