

Re: minidump

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If you keep all the minidumps your hard drive will soon fill up so the easiest thing to do is delete them. Once a minidump is uploaded to Microsoft it is usually looked at but, other than the minidump, no other information is uploaded – I.e., email details etc therefore Microsoft would not be able to contact you. Having said that, to contact everyone each time a minidump was uploaded would tie up Microsoft support and, basically, nothing would get done. To be effective problems have to be prioritised, so if your problem was the only one then it could be just a glitch of your machine but say one hundred people (my fictitious figure only) had the same problem then it would be necessary to try to reproduce the problem and, if a reproduction could be made, maybe issue a patch to cure the problem. Crashes etc are irritating but remember, as well as windows xp, you also have hardware to add to the equation. In other words not every crash can be attributed to xp.

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<howard@brazee.net> wrote in message
news:OTX%23POb9DHA.1052@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...
>I get a lot of blue screen aborts. Maybe two per day.
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> Usually when I reboot, Windows XP takes me to
> <https://oca.microsoft.com/en/secure/manualupl.asp> where it has me browse
> to
> my dump and upload it. It has instructions on how to find the dump file.
> I followed those instructions and discovered that it is set to
> %SystemRoot%\Minidump.
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> But this is a directory with loads of minidumps. I can tell by the name
> which is most current. (I didn't catch this at first).
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> How long should I keep these dumps?
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> Does anybody at MS look at these?
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> The normal aborts that get sent to MS - what happens to them? They are
> way
> more common than these minidump aborts.