

# Can't get to registry and some explorer settings

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I'm attempting to help my father-in-law get his computer (running Windows XP Home) healed after a problem with viruses and a faulty virus scanner. I scanned the machine using McAfee's Stinger. Now, I want to change his home page, but that piece of the Internet Setting Dialog is disabled. How do I reenable this so I can make changes here?

Next, I need to get into the registry to look for some apps that are autostarting when he dials up to get on the Internet. When I run regedit, I get an error "Registry editing has been disabled by your administrator." Of course, his account is an administrator account, so it seems like he should be able to get into it. How do I get around this problem?

FWIW, we've been trying to install Norton AV, but it hasn't been cooperating so far. I also found that he Automatic Update feature is disabled and I can't get it to enable either. Needless to say, his copy of Windows was way out of date, but I'm downloading the updates as I type this. Any suggestions on how to fix the Automatic updates problem?

Thanks  
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