

## Re: Windows Hotfix question

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Ty wrote:

> *Hi there. Looking through my add/remove programs list I seem to have alot of*  
> *Windows 'Hotfix' entries, all of which are noted as not taking up any MB,*  
> *they are mostly related to SP2 although I have not installed SP2 on my*  
> *machine. Is it safe to remove these programs from the list as they are*  
> *taking up alot of space in my add/remove programs list. Hope you can help!*  
Hi

Those are security updates from Microsoft (that will be a integral part of SP2, therefor the SP2 reference).

Do *\*not\** delete them by running them from Add/Remove Programs (ARP), this will uninstall important security updates.

To remove the uninstall folders and their corresponding entries in ARP, you can use this utility by fellow MVP Doug Knox (Windows 2000 and XP):

Remove Hotfix Backup files and the Add/Remove Programs Registry Entries  
[http://www.dougknox.com/xp/utills/xp\\_hotfix\\_backup.htm](http://www.dougknox.com/xp/utills/xp_hotfix_backup.htm)

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