

Re: Personal Directories

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1. & 2. c:/Program Files is the default folder location for programs. The programs Start Menu items (shortcuts, etc.).

Have a look at this...

Installing and running software in Windows XP

<http://www.rickrogers.org/xpsware.htm>

[[This page is an attempt to explain how software should be installed and used in a Windows XP system.]]

Subjects include:

1. Installing software for everybody
 2. Running software in limited user accounts
 3. Restricting access to some programs
 4. FAQ's and issues
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3. I know nothing about Word Perfect, Adobe Illustrator, Sigma Plot.

4. When logged on as RossM, you should see items from both:

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Start Menu

and

C:\Documents and Settings\RossM\Start Menu

When logged on as RossM, you should see items from both:

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Desktop

and

C:\Documents and Settings\RossM\Desktop

An Administrator should see other's My Documents.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In news:4FCFAF04-7C15-42AB-A0E1-DBEEDDEBA88F@microsoft.com,

rossm <rossm@disc.ms.com> hunted and pecked:

> Thanks Alex and Wesley.

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> I think my questions should be:
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> 1. When you grant administrator privileges to several users and then
> install new programs as one of those, the programs go into c:/Program
> Files. What goes into the Administrator user folder? Apart from
> security issues, what is wrong with giving several users
> administrator privileges?
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> 2. If I create a Ross-Admin user and give ONLY that user administrator
> privileges, should I always install programs when signed on as
> Ross-admin? What happens if one of the other users forgets and
> installs a new program?
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> 3. I guess each user who uses, for example, Microsoft Word and
> personalizes menus etc gets to keep those personalities when signing
> on as that user. It looks like Windows remembers these settings, as
> well as individual user's desktops, so that every time they sign on
> as the correct user, the individual settings are used. Will this
> work for Word Perfect, Adobe Illustrator, Sigma Plot, and other
> applications?
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> 4. Does it take much longer to boot up if the desktop is filled with
> shortcuts? If so, I guess I could create two users, one with lots of
> shortcuts on the desktop and one with few. But then I'd have to
> personalize all my applications the same and keep track of this as
> both users every time I make a change. And files and folders I put
> in My Documents for one user would not be available from another
> user's My Documents. Does User1 have access to User2's My Documents?
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> 5. In my Documents and Settings I have folders called:
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> Administrator
> with folders called Administrator's Documents, Desktop,
> and Start Menu
>
> RossAdmin
> with folders called RossAdmin's Documents, Desktop, and
> Start Menu
>
> RossM
> with folders called My Documents, Desktop, and Start Menu
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> But when I boot up the only ones of these users which shows up is
> RossM
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> The others were created when I created users with those names, but
> later I deleted those users. I was able to delete RossAdmin and all
> its subfolders but when I tried this with Administrator I received a
> warning that this could make some programs unusable. So I went into
> Control Panel and opened User Accounts and tried to create a new user
> named Administrator but it said there was already one there and to
> choose another name. What should I do about this?
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> Thanks,
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> Ross