

Re: Registry

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Linda B wrote:

>I understand that for the average end user that's probably true, but
> from a troubleshooting perspective I find it exceedingly annoying
> that uninstallers don't properly clean up after themselves. When I'm
> trying to troubleshoot a problem in software and am trying a
> reinstall and/or repair installation, those registry entries can
> really get in the way. Many is the time I've had to search through
> the registry and delete keys by hand in order to repair a piece of
> malfunctioning software.
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> I guess I just wish developers would include more comprehensive
> uninstallers with their software...
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> "Frank Saunders, MS-MVP, IE/OE" <franksaunders@mvp.org> wrote in
> message news:elhbr93EFHA.2756@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...
>> And those bits and pieces cause no harm at all
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>> --
>> Frank Saunders, MS-MVP, IE/OE
>> Please respond in Newsgroup. Do not send email
>> <http://www.fjsmjs.com>
>> Protect your PC
>> <http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>
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>> "Linda B" <someone@microsoft.com> wrote in message
>> news:%23eVZ313EFHA.1188@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
>> >
>> > "Carey Frisch [MVP]" <cnfrisch@nospamgmail.com> wrote
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>> >> There is no need to use a registry cleaner with Windows XP.
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>> > I've heard you say this before -- is there some sort of
>> > functionality in XP
>> > that I'm not aware of that's supposed to keep the registry clean?
> > Cause

>> > *if*
>> > *there is, it ain't working on my machine. Programs uninstall and*
>> > *leave behind bits and pieces all the time -- I can go into my*
>> > *registry right now and find keys relating to programs I*
>> > *uninstalled ages ago.*
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>> > --
>> > *LB*

They do it that way "in case" you want to reinstall the software. Makes the installs faster and easier. Or so "they" say, "they" being a couple of software authors and folks on ng's I've chatted with in the past. Talk to serious coders though, and they'll be honest – it ain't completely un-installed if it's still on the machine.

I assume you've also noticed that some leave enough behind in folders, etc., so the whole thing will reinstall with a key click? I find it even more abhorant when they can't even pick up their doo-doo and dispense with it.

Regards,

Stupid is as Stupid does
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No, I won't get dressed.
I'm retired!