

Re: svchost?

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[[Windows XP Professional monitors the files that are used when the computer starts and when you start applications. By monitoring these files, Windows XP Professional can prefetch them. Prefetching data is the process whereby data that is expected to be requested is read ahead into the cache.

Prefetching boot files and applications decreases the time needed to start Windows XP Professional and start applications.

Prefetching is further improved if the files are located next to each other on the outer edge of the disk. Windows XP Professional optimizes the location of boot files and applications when the computer is idle. The optimization occurs in the background and lasts only a minute or two; you might hear the hard disk being accessed when optimization occurs. After the initial optimization takes place, subsequent optimization occurs, at most, every three days.

When you run the Disk Defragmenter tools that are included with Windows XP Professional, they can perform any optimization updates that are scheduled to take place during the next idle period. The Disk Defragmenter tools do not disturb the existing layout of optimized boot files and applications.

Note

Computers running Windows XP Home Edition also prefetch and optimize boot files and applications.]]

Optimizing Startup Times by Using Defragmentation Tools

http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/Windows/XP/all/reskit/en-us/prkd_tro_utk.asp

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In news:%23uHdkp4EFHA.3984@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl,

Susan <dsnsacree@msn.com> hunted and pecked:

> svchost on c:\I386 is an Application and 12.5 KB and the one on

> Windows\System32 is 12.5 KB also.

> There was one on the Prefetch folder that was a pf file

> svchost.exe-2D5FBD18.pf but I deleted it since I read in more than

> one place that the Prefetch files were not necessary.

> "Stan Brown" <the_stan_brown@fastmail.fm> wrote in message

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> news:37eqlkF54o9ajU4@individual.net...
>> "Susan" wrote in microsoft.public.windowsxp.general:
>>> I have two applications of svchost on computer, one in C:\I386 and
>>> one in c:\Windows\System32. I wonder if one is malicious?
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>> Possibly neither. Is the i386 one svchost.ex_? If so, and it's 8K,
>> it's probably okay.
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