

explorer.exe page fault leak

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Hello Everybody –

I've spent the last few weeks tracking down a frustrating problem with windows slowing down to the point of needing a reboot. After the reboot, it runs awesome. I actually reformatted and reinstalled XP. After a few days I started to notice that my problem did NOT go away. This is what I discovered.

If you run windows Task Manager and select the processes tab. Then under View: choose select columns. Choose: Memory Usage, Memory Usage Delta, Page Faults, Page Faults Delta, User Objects, GDI Objects.

Actually all you need are the 2 page faults, but the others are helpful. Well, if you look at the page faults for explorer.exe you will notice that they are constantly increasing, forever. The more you open explorer windows, the faster it happens.

So I took my second computer that I use to test new software, and reformatted and reinstalled XP there. As soon as it finished installing, before doing ANYTHING else, I did the above task manager test and to my great amazement it was still doing the same thing.

So I called 4 other people that I know with XP and over the phone did the Task Manager thing with them and guess what? They ALL did the same thing. Every last one of them.

Now here's the kicker (I suppose). I had noticed a few of my other apps while they were running also were loosing to page faults. So I gently but firmly did the End Process on explorer.exe. Everything went normal. All the programs that were leaking stopped. My system was solid at that point.

Restart explorer and all hell lets loose again. OK I could understand if it was just my computer, but its not. I have been doing general

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Google searches and have come up with absolutely nothing, which I also find strange.

Anyone got any good news they can give me?

Oh yes, did I say if I boot in SAFE mode, the problem persists! I did and it does.

Thanks Ya'll
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