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Well let me tell you a true story. This has happened to a friend of mine a few years back. He got himself a spanking brand new computer without any operating system on it. He purchased Windows 2000 Pro. He proceeded to install the os and when he was finished the first thing he installed on the brand new and Raw operating system was a reg cleaner. When he installed the regcleaner (keep in mind that is the only thing installed) he decided to run this recleaner to see how it works. The regcleaner went through its paces and at the end it came back that 2 registry entries were invalid. He said OK for the regcleaner to remove them. He called me all up and happy and told me that the regcleaner already found 2 bad entries. I told him that this was a brand new install(OS) with nothing added yet not even an internet connection. But he said everything works and nothing is wrong. OK I said to myself. About 3 month down the line he called me that he is receiving an error message. The error message was that when he tried to remove a program from Add\Remove it did not let him. Went over there the next day and I also tried. No go. Then after about an hour I found that the command to remove from Add\Remove was missing because the lines for it were missing from the registry. Guess which 2 lines were removed by the regcleaner on a completely raw system

Regards

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Peter

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> "bumtracks" <lost@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

> [news:bpwle.5197\\$Ri3.2925@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:bpwle.5197$Ri3.2925@xxxxxxxxxxxx)

>>I use RegSeeker .. really it's quite a decent one Do look at each entry

>>here for cleaning and selectively exclude items as for me it is not mapped

>>drive/network share aware. Probably 'somewhat safe to delete all items

>>RegSeeker marks as safe to delete but you should still read each – windows

>>is easy to format/install even if you let it screw you, which I think would

>>be difficult even for a just do it now type impatient teeny bopper.

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> Hai

> Herein lies the problem! If you are a general user like me and don't have

> serious knowledge about registries or how they work then the whole idea of

> using a one stop click is not for ease of use or for impatience but it is so

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> that we can do it safely. Without needing specialist knowledge or behind the  
> scenes technical experience.

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> If we have to check the registry for what we are uninstalling then is their  
> any point to using it? We can surely make the mistake by manually doing it  
> probably more so than the machine!! Thats my point.

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> So if you are saying you have to create Backups, then what is the point? The  
> very definition of a backup is incase something is done wrong, and the fact  
> people suggest that users should manually inspect just to be on the safe  
> side, means their is a degree of error. So it seems that their is a degree  
> of error especially for the people like me who know nothing about registries  
> or how they work.

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> Kind Regards

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>> If you have a well aged windows install it will find a ton of waste and it  
>> may be wise to just look over a page or so in any one day and let it  
>> make .reg back ups before you exclude or delete.

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>> Funny, the guys with no qualms boasting they're formatting and installing  
>> windows fresh every 6 months are afraid of registry cleaners because then  
>> they wont have reason to format/re-install anymore. Just kidding ;)  
>> ((maybe))

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>> "News" <someone@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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>>> Hi,

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>>> I have read some quite contrasting reports and opinions with regard to  
>>> registry cleaners and other tune up softwares.

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>>> On the surface these softwares sound an excellent idea, for the general  
>>> user/power user who has only a general working knowledge of windows and  
>>> wants to keep it "tuned up" this sounds excellent.

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>>> However, I would like to know if people can categorically say that they  
>>> do cause problems to some XP installations? Because it seems some people  
>>> have different opinions. It seems even if 85% of the time they are  
>>> harmless what about the 15% of the time they cause problems.

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>>> I have just used a program called "spider" to clean out old files on my  
>>> pc, it was made for windows 98 by a 17 year old student some years ago,  
>>> and I have just reformatted my pc because some small things seemed not  
>>> quite right..so I worried that it caused other problems. ( I also read  
>>> that it caused unforeseen problems in few forums).

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>>> So my question is really one of a general nature.

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>>> Can any of these softwares be trusted to help keep the windows  
>>> installation in tip top shape? And if so, which ones?  
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>>> Thanks  
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