

# Re: System Mechanic?

---

*Source:*

<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.general/2005-07/msg06358.html>

---

- *From:* "Kelly" <kelly@xxxxxxx>
  - *Date:* Tue, 12 Jul 2005 23:31:42 -0500
- 

Wow, thanks guys! Galen, I knew would share lots and Carey I am very impressed. :o)

--

All the Best,  
Kelly (MS-MVP)

Troubleshooting Windows XP  
<http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com>

"Galen" <galennews@xxxxxxx> wrote in message  
<news:e8SQJRjhFHA.3012@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
> In <news:%23zRNyoihFHA.3448@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,  
> James <leushinonospam@xxxxxxx> had this to say:  
>  
> My reply is at the bottom of your sent message:  
>  
>> Kelly wrote:  
>>> We want more, Galen. :o) Carey is the only other MVP that supports  
>>> this tool. However, he is very limited in the word category and you  
>>> aren't. Speak to us..... :o)  
>>>  
>> Okay... so there's more to this story? I'm all ears.  
>  
> I have used System Mechanic (from IOLO) for a rather long time now. Why?  
> Because it's a fairly good generic product that does a generally good job.  
> Here's what I do with it:  
>  
> I allow it to clean my cookies – it keeps the ones I selected it to keep  
> and remembers those settings.  
>  
> It cleans my temp files but again allows me to select which ones I want to  
> keep and remembers them. In fact it does find all sorts of temp and zero  
> length files all over the place and does a pretty good job with it.  
>

## Re: System Mechanic?

- > I don't usually allow it to scan my registry but I have and it's never
- > broken anything. I'm a bit old school with the whole registry thing. I do
- > let it scan once in a while but then I delete the items manually after
- > checking them. I've given it a go all on it's own and let it run fully and
- > it did not break anything.
- >
- > I can uninstall software from within the application. I can also use it to
- > delete duplicate files. What I don't suggest is that most people use it to
- > delete duplicate files. You can, and probably will, break something. Some
- > files are duplicates for a reason. They need to be checked. Today's
- > version actually has a "holy crap" button where it keeps the files you
- > deleted just in case and then deletes them when you do a cleanup again.
- >
- > Let's see... You can automatically fix broken shortcuts or delete them if
- > the target is not found. The newer version even has an option to recover
- > deleted data.
- >
- > The newest will check for spyware, it's not the best search and it hasn't
- > found anything yet so I don't know how well it works. (I have MSAS running
- > with it's real time protection activated.)
- >
- > It has a decent defrag utility. I don't know if they licensed that from
- > someone else or if it was in-house. It even has boot-time defrag of the
- > MFT, page file, and registry hives.
- >
- > You can manage your startup items and save alternate configurations. That
- > has come in handy more than one time.
- >
- > I'd like to list all of the tweaks that it has in a tweaking section but
- > that would take too long to type I'm afraid. It does have some nice ones
- > and I've been known to use them before mostly because I like the idea of
- > doing as much as I can with one application so that I know where I need to
- > go to reverse it should it happen to have been a bad choice.
- >
- > Err... Well... It DOES have the RAM defrag option but we all know what I
- > think about those probably so you can understand that that's not an option
- > I use and wouldn't suggest anyone else bother with either.
- >
- > Anyhow, you can find loads more in the trial version. You can also opt to
- > install a firewall and AV software with it. I never have and doubt I ever
- > will. What I do like about this particular application is that the
- > firewall and AV options are separate. They don't run as a suite so if one
- > goes down you're not entirely compromised. That's one of the reasons I try
- > to recommend people looking for alternatives as opposed to full blown
- > suite applications for security software.
- >
- > You can do things like scrub your drive and securely erase data. It's
- > really rather nice and I've been using it for ages. I did end up buying
- > their toolkit that they were selling from tigerdirect.com a couple of
- > years ago. I've since abandoned it for ERD. I have the current version
- > loaded on this system. It's 5.0 Professional. I would recommend the

## Re: System Mechanic?

- > professional version over the regular version for the additional tools.
- >
- > Here's some additional information:
- >
- > <http://www.iolo.com/sm/5pro/index.cfm>
- >
- > On a scale of 1 to 10 I give the product an 8.7 and I think that I
- > generally rate products pretty hard.
- >
- > Galen
- > --
- >
- > "But there are always some lunatics about. It would be a dull world
- > without them."
- >
- > Sherlock Holmes
- >

---

### • *References:*

- ◆ *System Mechanic?*
    - ◇ *From: James*
  - ◆ *Re: System Mechanic?*
    - ◇ *From: Galen*
  - ◆ *Re: System Mechanic?*
    - ◇ *From: Kelly*
  - ◆ *Re: System Mechanic?*
    - ◇ *From: James*
  - ◆ *Re: System Mechanic?*
    - ◇ *From: Galen*
- 
- Prev by Date: *Re: xp and a HP 5555 to sync via Bluetooth*
  - Next by Date: *Re: Load Needed DLLs problem*
  - Previous by thread: *Re: System Mechanic?*
  - Next by thread: *RE: System Mechanic?*
  - Index(es):
    - ◆ *Date*
    - ◆ *Thread*