

Re: Duplicate root folder

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zinima wrote:

- > Because of a problem and reinstall I have ended up with both a
- > WINDOWS and WINNT folder. is it safe to delete the WINNT folder?

Shenan wrote:

- > Maybe – maybe not.
- > Were you trying to do a clean installation?
- > If so – and it has not been that long – you might consider doing it
- > again.

zinima wrote:

- > did the second install because I was unable to do a repair on the
- > existing install and the computer refused to boot into windows.
- > Installed into new directory so I would not loose data on the disk

My suggestion is to backup the data you were worried about and do a clean install. This is the only sure way you will be able to erase the old WinNT directory with confidence. Not only that – the computer will likely run better immediately afterwards and you will have a current backup of all your data. Other than the time it takes – it is a win-win situation.

Might consider investing in an external drive and some imaging software as well.. That way if this happens again and you have a periodic imaging schedule going, you are only lost as far back as your last good image.

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