

Re: Corrupt registry? CONFIG\SYSTEM missing or corrupt

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Sorry. Was in a hurry. Chkdsk c: /p = chkdsk c: /f

Again, sorry!

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Regards,

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Quote from George Ankner:

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"Richard Urban" <richardurbanREMOVETHIS@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:edY258W7FHA.2924@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

> When using the recovery/repair console, chkdsk C: /p ****IS**** chkdsk C: /r

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> Microsoft just decided to do it differently OR the right hand didn't know

> what the left hand was doing when the code was written (nothing new here).

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> "Dixonian69" <Dixonian69@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

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> news:7E6994AF-461E-4B29-9A9D-905AE1B7CB83@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> yuo should run "chkdsk /r" not "chkdsk /p". no qoutes
>>
>> "P" switich does not repair errors.
>>
>> type: chdsk /? for available switches
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>> --
>> Dennis S.
>> I'm from Illinois. I hope I helped you. Good Luck.
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>> "Bob in Hercules" wrote:
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>>> I may have messed up my home PC and wondered if any of you had any
>>> thoughts.
>>> I see that there have been others with this problem, but solutions I
>>> have
>>> found don't seem to work.
>>>
>>> Last night, I decided to sit down and fix a problem I had been
>>> investigating
>>> for some time. On shutdown, we were getting a program called
>>> WindowsFormsParkingWindow (WFPW) that was taking forever to shutdown. On
>>> investigation, I discovered that this WFPW, while maily used by
>>> programmers,
>>> can also be put onto machines by HP printer/scan products, which we have
>>> both. To fix, I went into msconfig utility under the Startup tab. There
>>> you
>>> can see the list of startup files. They can be checked and unchecked. I
>>> unchecked the file associated with WFPW (hph something08) and then
>>> looked at
>>> other files in the startup to see if they too should be unchecked. I
>>> used the
>>> database sysinfo.org website to see what the files pertained to. There's
>>> a
>>> guide there that tells you if the file is necessary, up to the user, not
>>> necessary or definitely not something you want in startup. I unchecked a
>>> couple of other startup items (like things that were loading to the
>>> startup
>>> tray that were accessible in other ways). i got to one that was named
>>> simply
>>> "1" and had a file name of "1" (without .exe or any extension.) I think
>>> I
>>> mistakenly interpreted this as a result of a worm (from the database on
>>> sysinfo.org).
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>>> From that site I was taken to Symantec's site that said this file could
>>> be
>>> in startup as a result of a worm and was one that saved keystrokes and
>>> sent

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>>> them out. Though at this time, I'm not entirely sure if this "1" file
>>> was
>>> related to the worm (since there was no .exe after it) Symantec
>>> suggested the
>>> following which was probably a mistake for me to do:
>>>
>>> Turn off System Restore for all disks. (This removed all restore
>>> points – I
>>> did hesitate before doing this, but did do it.)
>>> Download new virus def files
>>> Scan all disks.
>>>
>>> No viruses were found in the scan which took over an hour.
>>>
>>> They then suggested looking at regedit to see if the 1.exe file was in
>>> there. I looked, did not find it and cancelled without making any
>>> changes to
>>> regedit because I know that's dangerous if your not a very advanced
>>> user.
>>> (I'm good, nut not a pro)
>>>
>>> I rebooted the machine and it booted just fine, and faster than before.
>>> A
>>> utility came up, something like Configuration Utility, that said
>>> because I
>>> was effectively not loading all the items in the startup (because I had
>>> unchecked them) this was going to come up each time I started the
>>> machine. It
>>> gave an option to not have this utility come up when the machine starts
>>> up,
>>> but I did not check it. I figured it was safer to leave it on until I
>>> was
>>> sure.
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>>> I successfully rebooted the machine three or four times, each time with
>>> the
>>> unnecessary startup items unchecked. The last time I got a message that
>>> told
>>> me that "Windows could not start because the following file is missing
>>> or
>>> corrupt: \WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\CONFIG\SYSTEM." It told me that to fix it I
>>> could
>>> boot from the Windows XP startup disc and press 'r' to go into the
>>> recovery
>>> console.
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>>> I was able to do this and get to the C:\> prompt in the recovery
>>> console. I
>>> researched the problem using another machine and each user forum I
>>> found
>>> pointed to the steps listed in Microsoft's knowledge base at

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>>> support.microsoft.com/?kbid=307545#appliesto.webloc. (These are the same
>>> steps as at Kelly's Korner) When I got to the part that has you start
>>> typing
>>> commands at the C:\ prompt (such as the first one 'md tmp') I get a
>>> message
>>> that says "Access is denied". Most of the instructions had pointed to an
>>> Administrator password prompt appearing when I entered the Recovery
>>> console,
>>> but I was never prompted for that.
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>>> If I type 'dir' at the C: prompt, it says "An error occurred during
>>> directory enumeration".
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>>> We ran chkdsk \p and when it got to 34% it stopped and gave a message
>>> "The
>>> volume appears to contain one or more unrecoverable problems."
>>>
>>> One of the forums I found had someone who said he was able to run
>>> "fixmbr"
>>> in the Recovery Console and that fixed his problem. I looked this up on
>>> Microsoft and it said "If an invalid or nonstandard partition table
>>> signature
>>> is detected, you will be prompted whether you want to continue. If you
>>> are
>>> not having problems accessing your drives, you should not continue.
>>> Writing a
>>> new master boot record to your system partition could damage your
>>> partition
>>> tables and cause your partitions to become inaccessible." I am hesitant
>>> to do
>>> this, because I don't want to lose what I have on the hard drive.
>>>
>>> This all started because I was trying to clean up the computer after
>>> getting
>>> a new DVD burner and new secondary hard drive. I thought if I removed
>>> that
>>> program that was causing shutdown to hang up, all would be well.
>>> Needless to
>>> say, I haven't finished cleaning up the computer and have no backups to
>>> C: -
>>> I was going to start making them today.
>>>
>>> Some suggestions have been to do a parallel install. i wonder if I
>>> could do
>>> this to my secondary hard drive and be able to back up and recover my
>>> files
>>> before doing a reinstall of windows on the original drive.
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>>> Does this sound familiar to you or have I ruined my drive? <sigh>
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>>> Any advice you can provide would be most appreciated.

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>>> Thanks,
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>>> Bob
>>> Hercules CA
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