

Re: Unnecessary programs?

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JJ wrote:

I was reviewing my programs in control panel and I found some programs that I do not think I ever use or need and want to know if I can delete them without interfering with some other programs or operations.

Apple Modile Device Support: I do not own or use any Apple products.

Apple Software Update: I still do not own or use any Apple products.

Quicktime: If I use Windows Media Player do I still need Quicktime?

I see a banner on top of the screen 'Click Here to Install Silverlight' What is Silverlight?

Colin Barnhorst wrote:

If you don't own any Apple software, who do you think publishes Quicktime?

JJ wrote:

I am aware that Quicktime is an Apple product. But since I have Windows Media Player but no Apple mobile devices, I was trying to find out if I needed to retain any of the Apple related software.

If you do not intend or can not answer my inquiries, I would prefer that you do not reply.

I believe the part that may have offended Colin Barnhorst was the obvious lack of any effort to find the answer to any question you had **other** than asking here. Then again – Colin may have not been offended at all, may have just been pointing out a mistake obvious to them.

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In any case – in order:

"Apple Mobile Device Support"...

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=what+is+%22Apple+Mobile+Device+Support%22>

One link found with the above Google Search states, "Apple says, it "Provides the interface to Apple mobile devices."", so one could take other parts of your postings and assume that you, in fact, do not need this particular application/service. You are insistent about 'not own or use any Apple products...'

"Apple Software Update"...

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=what+is+%22Apple+Software+Update%22>

One link found with the above Google Search states, "installs the latest version of Apple software on computers", so one could take other parts of your postings and assume that you, in fact, do not need this particular application/service. However – you are still insistent that you do not own or use any Apple products, although the next part of your posting seems to contradict that...

"Quicktime"...

Not that the two other bits of software weren't Apple products (that you do not own or use), but this is likely how they got installed. At some point you (or someone on your computer or perhaps the manufacturer) installed Apple Quicktime. It would have – by default – installed the rest. Perhaps you visited a web page that had a quicktime video and just told it that it was okay to install whatever you needed – who knows. In any case...

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=what+is+%22Quicktime%22>

One link found with the above Google Search states that Quicktime is "a multimedia framework developed by Apple Inc. capable of handling various formats of digital video, media clips, sound, text, animation, music, and several types of interactive panoramic images.", which is correct. Quicktime animations/movies run rampant on the Internet.

"If I use Windows Media Player do I still need Quicktime?"...

Open-ended question. No one can accurately answer it without putting limitations of some sort on it.

First – Windows Media Player *will not* natively play all formats of video/audio you might run into out in the real world. There are just too many. And sometimes – it might play them, but not as well.

Secondly – What version of Windows Media Player are we even talking about here? One can assume (but it is an assumption) that you are running Windows XP, so you probably have either v9, 10 or 11 of Windows Media Player... You could also be using some version of Windows Media Player Classic (6.4)...

Some animations and such on various web pages are not going to be visible to

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you without Quicktime or perhaps an alternative made to replace it:
http://www.free-codecs.com/download/QuickTime_Alternative.htm

How do you utilize Windows Media Player and what do you use your computer for and do you foresee ever – in your lifetime with this computer – changing what you might need on it?

The short answer is, "Maybe, maybe not. That answer is something only you can come up with as we have no information to support any answer, one way or another."

"Silverlight"...

I am sure you are about to see a pattern here – but I will explain that later...

<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=what+is+%22Silverlight%22>

One link found with the above Google Search states that Silverlight "provides graphical and animation display, with multimedia and interactivity built in". Some call it "Microsoft's competition with Adobe's Flash product"...

The short answer to several of your questions are the same. Whether or not you need it is not something anyone here can tell you directly as no one here sits around and monitors your computer usage every minute (if they do – doubtful they are going to admit it here. hah) You have to research what it is you are going to remove and then decide if you ever run across a need for it or not during your normal daily use of your computer. Certainly, having Quicktime installed is not harmful for most. Neither is having the rest you have listed.

Beyond that – to explain how I came at the answers I have give to you is very simple:

Search using Google!

<http://www.google.com/>

(How-to: <http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/basics.html>)

I suggest Google only because it seems to be the most popular, really. Everyone knows its name. Many times I utilize a product known as "WebFerret" that searches using several search engines – Google not being one of them actually. But – the premise is the same. While asking is easy, when the question is easy to find the answer for – sometimes it is still less trouble than asking to find the answer. ;-)

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How To Ask Questions The Smart Way

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

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