

Re: Unauthorized files in XP Home

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That's all I really wanted to know – whether it was a legitimate file, or at least whether its name is legitimate. I believe someone may have rewritten it or added stuff to it. For instance, in Local Settings, Temporary Internet Files, I don't get temporary internet files. I get what looks like programs and graphics used to design a webpage. In Local Settings\History I get additional folders: History\I5S\Tuesday\login.live\Sign In. When I delete something, it doesn't go to Recycle. (No, I didn't check Remove Files Immediately.) When I look at programs, I see references to nodes, proxies, servers, and remote registry. I made copies of some of these. I'll write again and try to give you something absolutely specific.

"Lem" wrote:

guy1776 wrote:

I'm trying to find a list of the files that are supposed to be on the installation disk. When I reinstall my operating system, a network is installed on my computer. I don't want a network. I can't access the network. All my documents are sent to a file called shell32.dll and then mailed to this remote network. Shell32.dll is located in System32.

What is the basis for your conclusions that "all my documents are sent to ... shell32.dll" and that those files are subsequently "mailed to this remote network"?

Shell32.dll is a legitimate, necessary part of Windows XP. It should be located in C:\Windows\system32 (or C:\Winnt\system32) It likely will be in other directories as well, including %WINDIR%\system32\dlldcache, %WINDIR%\ServicePackFiles\i386 and numerous directories relating to Windows updates and patches.

All of that is not to say, of course, that some malefactor may created an underhanded data-stealing application and given it the same name, but that seems highly unlikely if it is a CD you received directly from Dell.

If you're concerned about what may be transmitted during the

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installation process, just disconnect the computer from any telephone and network lines.

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Lem -- MS-MVP

To the moon and back with 2K words of RAM and 36K words of ROM.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apollo_Guidance_Computer

<http://history.nasa.gov/afj/compassay.htm>