

Re: Can any type of cleanup be done after installing Windows XP SP3?

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The date and time was 7/1/2008 11:37 AM, and on a whim, Richard A. Landkamer pounded out on the keyboard:

Terry:

Do you know if any or all of those people, who ended up with the same kind of cleanup problems that I encountered, had to make more than one attempt to install Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3)? In my case, I got an "Access is denied" error on my first installation attempt. I ultimately resolved this problem by running the script in "Method 3: Reset the registry and the file permissions", as documented in Microsoft Article ID 949377. I am wondering if my having to go through extra steps to install Windows XP SP3 may have caused some of these cleanup problems.

Also, one of the questions in my original e-mail that you have not responded to is the following:

"I installed Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3) back on May 10, 2008. I was hoping that this installation process would automatically remove all of the "C:\WINDOWS\NtUninstallKB-----\$" and a few other Uninstall Folders that were applied during the life of the previous Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2), and which have now become obsolete with Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3). Unfortunately, this did not happen. I vaguely recall that when I installed Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2) back in August, 2004, all of the then previous Uninstall Folders were automatically deleted.

"As an extreme example, I did a search for urlmon.dll, which has been frequently updated with Microsoft security fixes during the last four years. I came up with a total of 36 copies of urlmon.dll on my computer, most of which are in the above type of "C:\WINDOWS\NtUninstallKB-----\$" and a few other Uninstall Folders..."

What has happened to all of the "C:\WINDOWS\NtUninstallKB-----\$" Uninstall type Folders, which were applied during the life of the previous Windows XP Service Pack 2 (SP2), to others who have experienced a

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normal installation of Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3)? Were these types of Uninstall Folders automatically deleted, or not?

I still think that having 36 copies of the urlmon.dll are about 30 copies too many.

Richard A. Landkamer

"Terry R." <F1Com@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Terry:

I've manually moved all these previous version DLLs with numbers after them to another temporary folder in case they are needed. Incidentally, not all of these were DLLs. There were a few TSP Files and one IME File. Eventually, I intend to delete all of these files.

While going through the C:\WINDOWS\System32 Folder, I discovered a huge number of unique TMP Files, which I think are supposed to be temporary files. I call these files unique because they all begin with SET..., followed by 3 or 4 alphanumeric characters, and then end with .tmp. With only two exceptions, these SET... TMP Files all have a Modified Date of 4/14/2008. Except for these two TMP Files with a Modified Date of 10/18/2006, I believe that all of these other SET... TMP Files are left over residue from the installation of Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3). Can these SET... TMP Files be deleted? If not, then what are all these SET... TMP Files used for? I would like to do the same thing with all of these TMP... Files that I did with the above referred to previous version DLLs with numbers after them, and then eventually delete them. Is it OK to do this?

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Richard A. Landkamer

"Terry R." <F1Com@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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The date and time was 6/30/2008 8:11 PM,
and on a whim, Richard A. Landkamer
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size and version number) in

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C:\WINDOWS\System32.

In fact, it appears that a very large number of DLLs in C:\WINDOWS\System32 now have two duplicate copies of the previous version of each DLL that was replaced with a new DLL by Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3). Most of these previous version DLLs have the numbers (3) and (4) after them.

However, some of these previous version DLLs have the numbers (2) and (3) after them like usbmon(2).dll and usbmon(3).dll.

I believe that some substantial cleanup is needed after installing Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3). Is there any automatic cleanup utility that I can run? If not, then can anyone inform me what I can safely delete from all of this mess that has resulted in multiple copies of most DLLs? Can I safely delete all DLLs with numbers after them like the above examples in

C:\WINDOWS\System32? I will greatly appreciate any assistance or other information in this matter.
Richard A. Landkamer

Hi Richard,

Most of the time the SP3 update does NOT create the duplicate copies you have experienced. I have communicated with a few in this group that had the same thing happen, but it is not normal.

If the dates of the new files are newer than the (2) (3) etc copies, then I would remove the duplicate copies. I don't know of any "automatic cleanup utility" since this isn't

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common with the update. You could use the command "del *(?).*" (without the quotes) to remove them from a command prompt.

If you need anything further, report back.

Hi Richard,

For some reason, some SP3 updates appear to not be doing the cleanup completely. Yours is one of those. Like you have done with the other files, I would move the SET & TMP files to a temp folder for a few days to see if there are any negative reactions, but I doubt it. Then remove them when you find everything is working properly.

From what I remember, they mentioned having to run it a couple times because of errors. That's why the additional files are there.

Others have reported here that the old updates were not removed. I remove mine after a few months so I don't have any old ones any more (remove the folder first (one at a time) then use Add/Remove Programs to remove the reference to it. When you click on Remove, you'll be prompted it doesn't exist any more and ask if you want to remove it from A/R). There are many sites and forums regarding removing them if you don't want them.

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Terry R.

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