

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

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Dear friends, I have the same situation, and most of the SET*.TMP files are read only. You can check them with the ATTRIB command.

"Richard A. Landkamer" <ralandka@xxxxxxx> wrote:

Terry:

This gets ever more curious... When I looked in "Add or Remove Programs", it appears that the installation of Windows XP Service Pack 3 (SP3) did remove all Security Updates for Windows XP from the "Add or Remove Programs" Control Panel that were installed prior to Windows XP (SP3). But the installation of Windows XP (SP3) did not remove the corresponding Uninstall Folders for these Security Updates for Windows XP from my hard drive. All four of the Security Updates for Windows XP that are now in my "Add or Remove Programs" Control Panel have installation dates that are after I installed Windows XP (SP3).

Also, I found additional SET... TMP Files that were left over from the installation of Windows XP (SP3) in the following Folders:

C:\Program Files\Common Files\System\ado
C:\Program Files\Common Files\System\ole db
C:\Windows -- Only 1 file named SET560.tmp here.
C:\Windows\AppPatch
C:\Windows\FONTS – Most of these TMP files may not be from Windows XP (SP3), since they have 2007 dates.
C:\WINDOWS\PCHEALTH\HELPCTR\Binaries – Only 1 TMP file here.
C:\Windows\System32\Setup
C:\Windows\System32\wbem

Most of the SET... TMP Files that were left over from the installation of Windows XP (SP3) are in the C:\WINDOWS\System32 Folder. I found the remaining SET... TMP Files in the above named Folders by doing a global search for "SET*.tmp".

What a mess.

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Richard A. Landkamer

"Terry R." <F1Com@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:uN9Jxa72IHA.4988@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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.

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"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 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@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:%237Vfdk42IHA.2564@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

The date and time was 7/1/2008 1:31 AM, and on a whim, Richard A. Landkamer pounded out on the keyboard:

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

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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?

Richard A. Landkamer

"Terry R."
<F1Com@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in message
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The date
and time
was
6/30/2008
8:11 PM,
and on a

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whim,
Richard A.
Landkamer
pounded out
on the
keyboard:

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

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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

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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

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Uninstall
Folders.
In
addition,
I
found
both
urlmon(3).dll
and
urlmon(4).dll
(with
the
same
size
and
version
number)
in
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

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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

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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

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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

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would
remove the
duplicate
copies. I
don't know
of any
"automatic
cleanup
utility"
since this
isn't
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

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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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Thanks
Juan I. Cahis
Santiago de Chile (South America)
Note: Please forgive me for my bad English, I am trying to improve it!
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