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Many thanks. I had not realised the others were shortcuts. That being so, they could be deleted, or would that be a bad idea?

"Malke" <malke@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:ONm8k3f6IHA.1204@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

xylophone wrote:

I understand System Restore will not restore/protect files in My Documents, such as doc. files, meaning that on a restore such files will not be affected and I need not worry. My actual worry is to know which of the 3 My Documents folders I have in Explorer System Restore does not restore. These three are clones of each other in that they contain exactly the same folders. Going down from Desktop, The first is Desktop\My Computer\Local Disk\Documents and Settings\my name\My Documents – the second is Desktop\My Computer\my name (is called my name and not My Documents, but has the same contents as the two so-called My Documents, so I refer to it here as the second My Documents) – the third is Desktop\My Documents. So which of these does System Restore ignore?

BTW, why does Explorer maintain three versions of these? Which is the one ordinary users like me should look out for as the 'controlling' My Documents, as it were? I have always wondered about these particular questions.

You don't have three different versions. You only have one My Documents, which is at:

C:\Documents and Settings\[your user name]\My Documents

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The others are just shortcuts to this directory. System Restore doesn't restore your data.

Malke

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