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If you search for accessories and then open the folder and click command prompt, will it run?

"BruceM" <bamoob@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:OgLaeJcnJHA.504@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Again, I see the prevailing opinion is that that registry cleaners are not a good idea, or at best have a very limited usefulness.

Let me try this again. I *did not* have the registry cleaner do anything.

Mine is a problem with no solution, I think. As I have mentioned in another post, regedit does not run either. When I try to open it the Windows task bar goes away for a few seconds, then returns, but the program never opens.

"PA Bear [MS MVP]" <PABearMVP@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:u%23Xhi\\$anJHA.5124@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:u%23Xhi$anJHA.5124@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

YMMV. You may want to review these previous threads on the issue: <http://groups.google.com/group/microsoft.public.windowsxp.general/search?group=microsoft.public.v>

BruceM wrote:

Thanks for the reply.

I said Error Smart wanted money first, which I didn't pay. It made no changes of which I am aware, and now I have uninstalled it.

In researching another problem I came across the recommendation to use a registry cleaner. In fact, I found that suggestion in several posts, but from the link you sent and other postings I found it does

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seem it is
unnecessary at best.

As for drawing my own conclusions, there are a wide range
of suggestions
on
every topic. Within my own areas of comparative expertise
(particularly
Word and database development with Access) I have learned
enough over
the
years that I can sort through conflicting information, but I
don't
really
have the information and experience to do that with
operating system
anomalies. I can try to draw my own conclusions, but I do so
based on
less
knowledge than I really need to do so with confidence.
Instead I must
rely
on what others have posted. Since the same postings that
suggested a
registry cleaner suggested a course of action that solved
another
serious
problem the recommendation seemed to have some
authority.

"PA Bear [MS MVP]" <PABearMVP@xxxxxxxx> wrote
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Think your Registry needs "cleaning" or
"repairing"? Read
<http://aumha.net/viewtopic.php?t=28099> and
draw your own conclusions.

Hopefully you have back-ups of the changes
Error Smart made.

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~Robear Dyer (PA Bear)
MS MVP-IE, Mail, Security, Windows
Client - since 2002
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DTS-L <http://dts-l.net/>

BruceM wrote:

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I forgot about another program I installed recently. I think it was called Error Smart. It was supposed to scan for problems (registry, shortcuts, etc.). It was listed as a free download, which it was, but then it turned out that actually using the program was going to cost money. Before springing for something like that (which may not be possible at all here at work) I would need to research which one is best. Anyhow, it is uninstalled now, along with Thunderbird, and I have restarted.

Another thing I did not mention is that I have disabled most startup items in msconfig. I also tried with all startup items enabled. Same problems remain.

"BruceM"
<bamoob@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote in message
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Windows
XP Pro
SP3. I am
logged on
to the
machine as
an
Administrator.

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The problems I describe below were not problems until recently. I have installed Firefox and Thunderbird recently, but have made no other changes I can think of. Firefox is now my default browser, but I did not use Thunderbird, and just now uninstalled it.

The command prompt, including ipconfig, cannot be made to appear, or appears for at most a couple of seconds. Any of the following cause the Windows task bar to blank out for a few seconds, as if I had used the

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Task
manager to
shut down
the
explorer.exe
process,
except that
the task
bar
returns:
Start >>
Run >>
cmd
Start >>
Run >>
cmd.exe
Start >>
Programs
>>
Accessories
>>
Command
Prompt
Locating
cmd.exe in
Windows\System32,
and
attempting
to start it
from
there

In all cases
it is the
same
whether I
use Enter,
click the
OK button
at
Start >>
Run, use the
right click
menu, or
any other
options I
can
think
of.

When I go

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to Start >>
Run and
type
ipconfig or
ipconfig.exe
and press
Enter or
click OK, I
see a
command
prompt
window for
a few
seconds at
most
(usually just
a fraction of
a second).
Same thing
when I try
to run
ipconfig.exe
directly
from
System32.

For both
cmd.exe
and
ipconfig.exe
I have tried
this syntax
in the Run
window:
%SystemRoot%\System32\cmd.exe

I have
searched for
quite a
while, but
am now out
of options.