

# Need Help with Unregistering DLLs

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Hi, everyone.

I've been hit with a particularly intrusive and obnoxious piece of spyware called ABetterInternet. Throughout the day, I have numerous firewall dialogs popping up saying that a particular upload/download application is trying to access the Internet, and identifying the application with [www.abetterinternet.com](http://www.abetterinternet.com). I deny the action and check the box to always do so, but it doesn't help; they keep coming back. Various filenames are used: meaningless or nonsensical ones such as `thnall1ac.exe`, `aurareco.exe`, `thin-94-1-x-x.exe`, and `ifslbqysnh.exe`. (The last one is actually identified as Buddy, which might possibly be a separate piece of spyware; I don't know yet.) The files usually run from a temp folder, and when I look for them there I don't find them.

I did a search and found removal instructions at:

<http://www3.ca.com/securityadvisor/pest/pest.aspx?id=453076992>

One of the steps involves unregistering a long list of DLLs using `regsvr32.exe`; another involves removing a list of registry entries using RegEdit.

Before proceeding with the cleanup, I have some questions I'd like answered.

1. Can anyone give me a clear explanation of exactly what it means to "register" or "unregister" a component? I've been reading about this process for years, but have never really understood it. I've read several knowledge base articles and checked several books on XP and programming windows; most just use the expressions without ever really defining them. Does registering a control just create entries for it in the registry (or is there more involved than that)? If so, what is the difference between unregistering a dll and just deleting the registry entries? (Why do the instructions include both?)

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2. I did a search for regsvr32.exe on my XP Pro system, expecting to find it in one of the standard Windows directories. Instead, I found versions in various application directories (obviously installed along with the applications): programs such as X-Setup, Enfish, Visual Studio 6 (but not .NET, apparently), and Visual Basic Runtime. Naturally, the files have various dates and sizes. I'm concerned about the consequences of possibly running any particular version. Is any one preferred, or should I download a later version?

Thanks very much in advance for your help.

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Keith

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