

# Re: Registry Cleaner

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Dear Ken,

Thank you for your advise.

Since reading your e-mail, I have again studied the "Windows Registry" file very carefully. I think it will take a lifetime for someone to master it. I am myself quite old and don't have the time, though it's a challenge for me.

Please continue to give your learned advise to me and other learners in the world. Thanks!

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Ken Blake, MVP wrote:

Minto wrote:

The funniest thing about this file is that you don't need to "Save" it like all the other files I have seen till date. You just need to click on the cross at the right hand top corner to close it. Everything you write or erase gets automatically written into it.

You say that as if it were an advantage, but actually that makes using Regedit very dangerous. Many of us wish that it did *\*not\** save everything automatically.

Anyway, my nephew has warned me that changing a single thing on this file can destroy all the operating systems in the computer, so I make sure I don't do anything except look at it and wonder how utterly complex the whole universe must be if this small file is a representative sample.

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Your nephew is right—there are possible changes that can stop Windows from booting. That, coupled with the fact that saving of changes is automatic, is why I strongly recommend that you do *\*not\** do what your are doing. Wonder about the complexity of the universe if you must, but do it someplace else, not somewhere where an accidental keystroke can render your computer unbootable.

Regedit is a place for skilled users to make changes to the registry. It's not for beginners at all.

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