

Re: Lost Regedit

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I was thinking of rebuilding the system soon.

Not yet.

Not everyone has a dllcache folder. See below.

In %systemroot%\WINDOWS\

One or the other. %systemroot% = %systemdrive%\WINDOWS

In %systemroot%\WINDOWS\ServicePackFiles\

See below.

By default the cache folder is %systemroot%\system32\dllcache for System File Checker (sfc.exe) and Windows File Protection.

However, with SP2...

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\
Windows\CurrentVersion\Setup
ServicePackSourcePath can point to %windir%\ServicePackFiles.

The ServicePackFiles folder only exists if you have upgraded to XP SP1 or XP SP2 and they were not included in the original install and the SP1 or SP2 upgrade was done by downloading it from Microsoft. If the Service Pack is installed by means of a CD-ROM or a distribution share, the ServicePackFiles folder is not created. Same for slipstreaming a Service Pack.

So you either have a dllcache folder or a ServicePackFiles folder.

Does this work?

Start | Run | Type or paste: %windir%\regedit.exe | Click OK

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Or this?

Start | Run | Type or paste: C:\WINDOWS\regedit.exe | Click OK

%systemroot% is an environment variable that is the location of the Windows root folder.

Typing or pasting %systemroot% into the Start | Run box opens to the Windows folder on whatever drive it is located. I.e. C:\WINDOWS or C:\WINNT.

systemroot definition from C:\WINDOWS\Help\glossary.chm

[[The path and folder name where the Windows system files are located.

Typically, this is C:\Windows, although you can designate a different drive or folder when you install Windows. You can use the value %SYSTEMDRIVE% to replace the actual location of the folder that contains the Window system files. To identify your systemroot folder, click Start, click Run, type %systemroot% and then click OK.]]

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