

Re: System Restore Keeping Only One Restore Point

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On Sat, 24 May 2008 16:09:10 GMT, Danno wrote:

Thanks Kayman,

Of all the links and suggestions you offered, one of them might be surprisingly helpful. Not surprising that Kelly's Korner was helpful, but a surprise to me at the result.

On Kelly's Korner, I found the category discussing missing SR points, specifically this:

– Check the event logs to investigate System Restore service errors:

1. Click Start, click Control Panel, and then click "Performance and Maintenance".
2. Click Administrative Tools, click Computer Management, double-click Event Viewer, and then click System.
3. Click the Source tab to sort by name, and then look for "sr" or "srservice." Double-click each of these services, and then evaluate the event description for any indication of the cause of the problem.

I followed the advice and lo and behold, there were descriptions of events that happened with SR. None of the events actually showed up as "errors", but none-the-less they described that SR was "suspending" and then "resuming" due to lack of space allocated and then more space being re-allocated. I was convinced that 3% or 1076MB would be plenty of space, but apparently not. If I'm not mistaken though, even when I accidentally had 12% allocated, SR was still only allowing one restore point.

So I've now allocated 10% of disc space or 3700MB to see what happens. That is an outrageously huge amount of space to allow, but I have to do it for now.

I'll let you know. Thanks again!

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Danno

"Kayman" <kaymanDeleteThis@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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On Sat, 24 May 2008 01:23:55 GMT, Danno wrote:

<snip for brevity>

Maybe I should disable ZoneAlarm altogether for 3 or 4 days, and use the built in Windows firewall... just to test if ZA is involved in any way with my dilemma.

Very, very sensible approach; IMO, ZA is not worth having. I'd uninstall the entire ZA suite for good and ask for a refund. If uninstalling via the Add/Remove program does not work satisfactory then go to:

<http://zonealarm.donhoover.net/uninstall.html>

Revo Uninstaller
<http://www.revouninstaller.com/>
can also be of assistance

Consider the following:
For the average homeuser, the Windows Firewall in XP does a fantastic job at its core mission and is really all you need if you have an 'real-time' anti-virus program, [another firewall on your router or] other edge protection like SeconfigXP and practise safe-hex. The windows firewall deals with inbound protection and therefore does not give you a false sense of security. Best of all, it doesn't implement lots of nonsense like pretending that outbound traffic needs to be monitored.

Activate and utilize the Win XP built-in Firewall; Uncheck *all* Programs and Services under the Exception tab.
Read through:
Understanding Windows Firewall.
http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/security/internet/sp2_wfintro.msp
Using Windows Firewall.
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/networking/security/winfirewall.msp>
Exploring the windows Firewall.
<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/technetmag/issues/2007/06/VistaFirewall/default.aspx>
"Outbound protection is security theater—it's a gimmick that only gives the impression of improving your security without doing anything that actually does improve your security."

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In conjunction with WinXP Firewall use:

Seconfig XP 1.0

<http://seconfig.sytes.net/>

(<http://www.softpedia.com/progDownload/Seconfig-XP-Download-39707.html>)

Seconfig XP is able to configure Windows not to use TCP/IP as transport protocol for NetBIOS, SMB and RPC, thus leaving TCP/UDP ports 135, 137-139

and 445 (the most exploited Windows networking weak point) closed.)

Real-time AV applications – for viral malware.

Do not utilize more than one (1) real-time anti-virus scanning engine!

Disable the e-mail scanning function during installation (Custom Installation on some AV apps.) as it provides no additional protection.

Avira AntiVir® Personal – FREE Antivirus

<http://www.free-av.com/>

You may wish to consider removing the 'AntiVir Nagscreen'

http://www.elitekiller.com/files/disable_antivir_nag.htm

or

Free antivirus – avast! 4 Home Edition

It includes ANTI-SPYWARE protection, certified by the West Coast Labs Checkmark process, and ANTI-ROOTKIT DETECTION based on the best-in class

GMER technology.

http://www.avast.com/eng/avast_4_home.html

(Choose Custom Installation and under Resident

Protection, uncheck: Internet Mail and Outlook/Exchange.)

or

AVG Anti-Virus Free Edition

<http://free.grisoft.com/>

(Choose custom install and untick the email scanner plugin.)

Why You Don't Need Your Anti-Virus Program to Scan Your E-Mail

<http://thundercloud.net/infoave/tutorials/email-scanning/index.htm>

On-demand AV applications.

(add them to your arsenal and use them as a "second opinion" av scanner).

David H. Lipman's MULTI_AV Tool

http://www.pctipp.ch/ds/28400/28470/Multi_AV.exe

<http://www.pctipp.ch/downloads/dl/35905.asp>

English:

<http://www.raymond.cc/blog/archives/2008/01/09/scan-your-computer-with-multiple-anti-virus-fo>

Additional Instructions:

http://pcdid.com/Multi_AV.htm

and/or

BitDefender10 Free Edition

<http://www.bitdefender.com/PRODUCT-14-en--BitDefender-8-Free-Edition.html>

A-S applications – for non-viral malware.

The effectiveness of an individual A-S scanners can be wide-ranging and oftentimes a collection of scanners is best. There isn't one software that

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cleans and immunizes you against everything. That's why you need multiple products to do the job i.e. overlap their coverage – one may catch what another may miss, (grab'em all).

SuperAntispyware – Free

<http://www.superantispyware.com/superantispywarefreevspro.html>

and

Ad-Aware 2007 – Free

http://www.lavasoftusa.com/products/ad_aware_free.php

<http://www.download.com/3000-2144-10045910.html>

and

Spybot Search & Destroy – Free

<http://www.safer-networking.org/en/download/index.html>

and

Windows Defender – Free

<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/software/default.msp>

WD monitors the start-registry and hooks registers/files to prevent spyware

and worms to install to the OS.

Interesting reading:

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/id.136195/article.html>

"...Windows Defender did excel in behavior-based protection, which detects changes to key areas of the system without having to know anything about the actual threat."

This may solve your original problem:

System Restore for Windows XP

http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_restore.htm

And routinely practice Safe-Hex.

<http://www.claymania.com/safe-hex.html>

Hundreds Click on 'Click Here to Get Infected' Ad

<http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2132447,00.asp>

Good luck :)

Danno,

Prior flushing the System Restore cache download and execute David Lipman's Multi-AV as suggested in my previous post.

After you completed the av scans with all 4 scanning tools in safe mode, reboot, in normal mode flush System Restore cache and reboot again.

Good luck.

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