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Hi, Mala.

It sounds like you had (still have?) the right situation for an "upgrade" from Win2K to WinXP. That would "migrate" the applications and settings from the old Registry to the new. In fact, your best option from this point might be to install WinXP once again, this time choosing to upgrade from your still-installed Win2K. Then, unless you want to keep dual-booting (two parallel installations of WinXP), you can delete the one you unintentionally installed earlier. You can do this either before or after upgrading from Win2K, but do it before you invest much time and effort into installing apps into the WinXP that you plan to delete.

Each installation of Windows has its own Registry. About the only good way (except by upgrading) to transfer apps and settings from one Registry to another is through WinXP's FAST (the Files and Settings Transfer Wizard); click Start | All Programs | Accessories | System Tools. I haven't used that, so all I know about it is what I've read – and you can read about it, too, in the Help and Support Center.

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"Mala" <Mala@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:E497CC3C-3E57-4C50-8CF8-19C1B78DF8E8@microsoft.com...

> Hi,

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> I am facing a similar situation and would like your input.

> 1. I have been running under W2k OS, and have had problems accessing IE

> and

> e-mails.

> 2. So I have installed XP Pro.

> 3. The installation did not delete my W2k as I would have preferred, but

> now

> I have a double boot situation W2k and XP.

> 4. All my earlier applications, Yahoo Messenger, and Desktop settings are

> shown under W2k/C:\Document and Settings\UserName(Adm).

> 5. My XP Settings shows none of the apps.

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> 6. Is there a way I could transfer all the Apps and Desktop settings from
> W2k to XP just by Copy/Paste or do I need to go thru installing each and
> every software again. In that be the case, then I would prefer to delete
> W2k
> and have only XP installed.
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> Can you please give some suggestions?
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> Thanking you in advance.
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> M.
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> "R. C. White" wrote:
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>> Hi, D.
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>> Well, we're not really "Microsoft people". With rare exceptions, we're
>> just
>> users, like you.
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>> I don't know anything about networks, but I'm pretty experienced with
>> dual-booting, using the dual-boot system built into WinNT4/2K/XP. It
>> should
>> be pretty easy for your Dad to get rid of Win98. The situation is not
>> nearly as drastic as "Byte" suggested.
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>> As your father learned, the install menu in Win2K/XP Setup can be
>> confusing:
>> what IS a "clean install", anyhow? There are 3 choices, basically:
>> Upgrade
>> (Win2K replaces Win98 in the same partition, attempting to migrate
>> applications and drivers), Clean install in the same partition
>> (preferably
>> with a reformat - Win2K removes Win98 and installs in its place, after
>> which
>> all applications must be reinstalled; simply having the apps files there
>> is
>> not enough, because we have to let the install program make the proper
>> entries in the Win2K Registry), or Clean install on another partition
>> (which
>> creates the dual-boot, because it does not delete Win98 - but the phrase
>> "dual boot" does not appear). This third option is the one he must have
>> chosen.
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>> > (I could just delete the folder I guess)..
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>> Yep. To delete Win98, all he has to do is remove Win98's "boot folder",
>> which is X:\Windows, by default. Win2K's boot folder defaults to
>> X:\WinNT.
>> In either case, X: represents the "boot volume", which is the primary
>> partition or logical drive where Windows was installed, and usually is C:
>> for the first installation of Windows.. Neither version of Windows will
>> delete its own boot folder, but any other boot folder is "just another
>> folder" to it. So, if your father boots into Win2K, he should be able to
>> simply use Windows Explorer to delete C:\Windows, with all its hundreds
>> of
>> MB of files and subfolders.
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>> That gets rid of Win98 and he can no longer boot to it, but it will still
>> appear on the opening menu. WinXP added a couple of ways to do it
>> easily,
>> but Win2K doesn't have msconfig.exe. Probably the easiest way for him is

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>> to
>> use Notepad to edit the Hidden, System Read-only file C:\Boot.ini. Just
>> delete the bottom line, which probably says something like:
>> C:\="Microsoft Windows 98"
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>> That removes the line that boots Win98 and, when there is only one choice
>> left in the menu, Win2K will simply boot automatically and he'll not see
>> the
>> menu again.
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>> RC
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>> "...D." <d@no_usenet_email..org> wrote in message
>> news:9vnh01hul2oig2e427sudqlk7c33t4lph9@4ax.com...
>> >I use Windows XP home. I know this will not be an XP issue, but it
>> >should
>> > be easy enough to answer.
>> >
>> > My 81 year old father installed Windows 2000 on a P3 he uses upstairs a
>> > while ago (have a modest wireless home network). Instead of a clean
>> > install however which he wanted to do, it left Windows 98 intact and
>> > added
>> > Windows 2000. Every time he boots, he has to choose Windows 2000. All
>> > I
>> > want to know is how to get rid of Windows 98 completely and not screw
>> > up
>> > the computer (I could just delete the folder I guess)..
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>> > Thanks in advance.
>> > ...D.
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