

Re: Delete registry using ccleaner?

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On Sat, 10 Jun 2006 09:44:09 -0700, Ken Blake, MVP wrote:

I wrote:

I agree, however, I have used it to look for specific entries, when for example, I'm having trouble with a program and although I seem to have deleted all the right things, I cannot reinstall because there are just enough left over entries roaming around the computer. I can use a registry cleaning tool to look for the remaining items, using the specific name, like Ahead, or Nero and delete them.

Such specific uses are of course much safer, and for someone who knows what he's doing, I don't object to it.

But almost everyone who asks in the newsgroups what registry cleaner to use is someone who has "heard" somewhere that it's a good idea to now and then clean the registry of everything unneeded as a prophylactic measure. That's exactly the kind of thing that can get you into trouble, and that's why I always recommend against them.

Not cleaning the registry of uninstalled programs that leave registry entries will get you in more trouble.

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