

Re: sys.ini problems

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Bill,

I would update your AV daily. I use AVG 7 and they have at least 5 or 6 updates a week. I am sure that Norton Anti-Virus is similar. Are you sure that you do not have it set to automatically update?

FYI, the Win.ini and System.ini are not required by XP, they are both included for backwards compatibility with old MS-DOS 16 bit programs. The System.ini file is used to start and store information for drivers and services; the Win.ini file plays a similar role for applications. Both of these files were used for different settings before there was such a thing as a registry.

To check on the Print Spooler and Themes services,
open Services...

Start | Run | Type: services.msc | Click OK |

Scroll down to and double click Print Spooler | On the General tab, set the Startup type to Automatic | Click Apply | Click the Start button | When the service starts, click OK

Scroll down to and double click Themes | On the General tab, set the Startup type to Automatic | Click Apply | Click the Start button | When the service starts, click OK

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In news:13BA04E2-4F02-4464-821D-45BE51A72C3D@xxxxxxxxxxxxx,

Bill <Bill@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

"Wesley Vogel" wrote:

You have apparently disabled *some* services also, i.e. the Themes service probably.

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Never, ever use msconfig to disable services, use services.msc.

You need to re-enable the things that you disabled using msconfig.

Msconfig Stuck in Selective Startup.

Msconfig.exe is the System Configuration Utility.

The Normal startup option reverts to Selective startup if you select any of the options selected under other tabs in Msconfig.

Open msconfig...

Start | Run | Type: msconfig | Click OK

Click the System.ini tab.

If the Enable All button is available (not grayed out) click on it, that means that you have something Disabled.

If you have to click the Enable All button then click on the Apply button also.

Click the Win.ini tab.

If the Enable All button is available (not grayed out) click on it, that means that you have something Disabled.

If you have to click the Enable All button then click on the Apply button also.

Click the Boot.ini tab.

If /SAFEBOOT is checked, uncheck it.

If you had to do that then click on the Apply button also.

Click the Services tab.

If the Enable All button is available (not grayed out) click on it, that means that you have something Disabled.

If you have to click the Enable All button then click on the Apply button also.

Click the Startup tab.

If the Enable All button is available (not grayed out) click on it, that means that you have something Disabled.

If you have to click the Enable All button then click on the Apply button also.

Click on the General tab and select Normal Startup, if it's not already selected.

Click on the Apply button.

And reboot.

The System Configuration Utility starts when you start your computer
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/312393>

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Now, the first thing to do when your computer slows down...

UPDATE your antivirus software and run a full system scan.

UPDATE whatever anti-spyware applications that you have and run a full system scan with each one.

You might want to start in Safe Mode to run your antivirus and anti-spyware software.

Running a full system antivirus scan or anti-spyware scan in Safe Mode can be a good idea. Some viruses and other malware like to conceal themselves in areas Windows protects while using them. Safe mode will prevent those applications access and therefore unprotect the viruses or other malware allowing for easier removal.

How to start Windows in Safe Mode Windows XP

<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/index.php?showtutorial=61#winxo>

Also see...

Why is my computer running so slow, it used to be much faster?

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/slowcom.htm>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

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In

news:E997CB62-9CE9-4AF0-9B89-758BB8E8BA5D@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx,

Bill <Bill@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Hello:

My Dell I8200 was starting to run less efficiently than normal, so I

tried a diagnostic recommended by a Website columnist. It said to run

msconfig and then disable one by one the items on the sys.ini tab. This

is where I ran into trouble. This was last night (4 Dec) and since then

the machine has been running in a different mode than normal, e.g. the

task bar is now white instead of default blue. The print spooler service

is not active, and I don't know how to reactivate. The items in the

sys.ini list are all enabled. System restore doesn't work past the point

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where the initial crash last night occurred. Can anyone help me, in English?
Thanks!
Bill

Hello Wes:

Thanks for your timely response to my problem, however, it didn't work. All the Enable buttons were grayed out, leaving only the Disable buttons available. I DID notice under the Services tab, some of the services listed had "stopped" as a status, while others were "running." I presume that the ones "stopped" are the ones preventing my system from running properly? So, the question is: how do I get them running again. Before I posted to this Discussion Group, I had read somewhere of a "process of elimination" to solve problems like this — does that sound familiar to you? Is there some way I can take those "stopped" services one by one and re-start them?

For the record: I have Norton Anti-Virus, and run full system scans weekly, and update the virus protection monthly, renewing my subscription annually. What you said about viruses hiding in protected areas sounds right to me, because the full system scans report only about 200+K files examined, when I have almost 16GB of my hard drive filled, which suggests to me that there are viruses hiding somewhere Norton couldn't detect. Correct? Once I get this problem solved, I'll run the scans in Safe Mode, as per your suggestion. Meanwhile, back to the main problem. Any other ideas?

Many thanks, so far.
Bill