

Re: Resetting PATH (system env.) during startup

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On Thu, 10 Feb 2005 15:03:47 +0100, hallstein <hallstein@online.yahoo.com> wrote:

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>I've created a Group Policy (Computer Conf. \ Windows Settings \ Scripts
>\ Startup )
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>Some computers of mine have been applied a .MSI that destroyed the PATH
>variable, thus some programs stopped working.
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>RESETPATH.CMD
>@echo off
>REM Fixes path:
>echo %path% | %windir%\system32\find /I "SYSTEM32" >nul
>IF %errorlevel% == 1 goto setpath
>goto continue
>
>:setpath
>PATH=C:\WINDOWS\system32;C:\WINDOWS;C:\WINDOWS\System32\Wbem;%PATH%
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>:continue
>REM (Continue startup script)
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>However this script does not seem to fix the path variable. Anybody know
>why? is it not allowed to change path from startup scripts?
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The above just changes the variable temporarily in the script.

To change it, you must edit the registry Value Name "PATH"

at the "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\Environment" sub-key.

You can use reg.exe, built into Windows XP, Windows Server 2003, and later, or installed from Windows 2000 Support Tools.

or try using FixPath.exe from tip 8368 in the 'Tips & Tricks' at <http://www.jsiinc.com>

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