

Re: Address bar Searches

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Hi Steven – OK – just ignore the Registry stuff. Yes, the 470K is an installer which will then download any necessary files for a "normal" IE install. Unfortunately, that doesn't apply in your case, however. (Somehow nothing's ever easy! :)) Your situation is a bit different due to your OEM install of XP and your subsequent upgrade to SP2. Can you access that D: partition? If so, do you have a folder on it named i386? It will contain a large number of files with extensions that look like .dl_ In numbers 1 and 3, below, the CD ROM drive or XP CD referred to will, in your case, be this D: partition i386 folder. You might want to contact the HP folks and see if they have any specific advice for you regarding how to do this. Lacking any input from them, here are some IE Repair/Re-install options for you to consider:

There is no direct Repair function for IE6 in XP. Here are some alternatives:

1. If you're on XP SP2, try the suggestions in KB 870700, here [How to troubleshoot problems accessing secure Web pages with Internet Explorer 6 Service Pack 2](http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=870700#9), <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=870700#9> first.

With XP you need to go (as an Administrator) to Start|Run and type "sfc /scannow" (without the quotes and notice the space between the c and the /.) Have your XP CD handy and be prepared to go get a cup of coffee – it takes a while. This will do the same thing as Repair IE6 for XP but a lot more, that is find any corrupt system files and replace them. It does not, however, re-register the various software components (except possibly the ones it replaces?) AFAIK. It may ask you to find specific files. If so, browse to the i386 folder on your OEM backup D: partition.

Be aware that under certain circumstances (Win2k before SP4 – see [mskb 814510](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:Q814510), <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:Q814510>) sfc can erroneously overwrite (restore over) previously installed files from certain "hotfixes" which will then need to be re-installed. This may also apply to XP. To check for this, after running sfc, open a Cmd window and enter "qfecheck /v /l:c:\\" (without the quotes). If you don't have qfecheck installed, it can be obtained for XP here: <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/release.asp?ReleaseID=35468> and for

Win2k, obtain qfecheck here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/release.asp?ReleaseID=35470>

2. Another alternative for just IE6 repair if you don't have IE6 listed in Add-Remove Programs, then in Start|Run then enter

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"rundll32 setupwbv.dll,IE6Maintenance"
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without the quotes, exactly as shown, and select the appropriate entry.

3. If you find that you need to do a re-install of IE6 then you can consider the following:

- 1) Insert the Windows installation CD in your CD-ROM drive.
- 2) Click Start, and click Run.
- 3) Copy the command prompt below in the Open box, and click OK. (Assumes %System% is installed in Windows on your C:\ partition. Change as appropriate for your particular situation.)

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Rundll32.exe setupapi,InstallHinfSection DefaultInstall 132  
c:\windows\inf\ie.inf
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4) It will display a "File Needed" screen, click "Browse.." and browse to <CD-ROM drive>\i386, (<CD-ROM drive> is the drive letter of the CD-ROM, For example, D:).

5) Click Open, click Ok, it should begin reinstalling Internet Explorer.

(NOTE: It has been reported, courtesy of Steve Wechsler, that if you're on Windows XP Pro SP2, it may prompt you for some files that it cannot find in the WINDOWS\ServicePackFiles\i386 folder, which you'll then need to browse to. It's thought that this may apply to XP Home also. The specific files are iexplore.exe which actually IS in the i386 folder, msword632.wpc , which is located in the Program Files\Common Files\Microsoft Shared\TextConv folder, AND, INSTALL.IN_ , which will be located on a slipstreamed XP Pro CD in the i386 folder and also located in the i386 folder on an XP Pro SP1 disk. So, copying the 2 files above to the WINDOWS\ServicePackFiles\i386 folder should allow you to be able to repair /reinstall IE on an SP2 system by right clicking ie.inf in the WINDOWS\inf folder and selecting Install or using the rundll32.exe line given above.)

4. Lastly, here is a link to a MSKB article about re-installing IE6/OE6:

How to Reinstall or Repair Internet Explorer and Outlook Express in Windows XP (Q318378)

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=kb:en-us:Q318378>

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Please respond in the same thread.

Regards, Jim Byrd, MS-MVP

In news:562F1BE7-F948-4CCA-B4C1-665D67BB76EE@microsoft.com,
stevencompany <dontwasteyourtime@myhouse.com> typed:

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> Jim I am not that experienced with the registry. It is not that I
> haven't been in there before, I just don't know that much about how
> it works or as you mentioned exporting a key and then restoring it. I
> have in previous versions of windows "backed up" my registry and
> working within the Norton System Works Suite did some changes. The
> links thing is not a huge thing for me but I do frequently use the
> Yahoo companion tool bar and I assume I would need to reinstall it.
> Most of the rest of the IE I have running as it came out of the box
> so to speak. If you think my problem might be a Registry Key that is
> corrupted, I would be willing to try and fix that if for no other
> reason than the experience of working with in the Registry. I assume
> you would export the key to a known location and then when ready,
> just click it to reinstall it much like running a program install.If
> I end up uninstalling and re-installing IE, I have a couple of simple
> questions about that process. One is that I went to MS.com and
> downloaded and saved the IE6 w/sp1. The file size I download was only
> about 470 K. Obviously this is not the browser, I am guessing that it
> is an installer. If I uninstall IE w/xp sp2, will running this
> installer get me to the download of the "real" files? Two, will I
> need to uninstall and then reinstall the XP sp2?I know I must sound
> like a novice but I actually have done much on Windows95 that is
> outside the Norm for the average joe but I am new to the XP
> enviroment and it is different in many ways. Also, I wanted to add
> that I have an HP machine that came with the HD partitioned (C:,D:) D
> being my secured Windows back up files. I have no CD to reinstall XP
> other than the 8 disc backup set I made after the initial start up
> prompted me to. I am not sure what all is on those discs but I
> believe they contain all the OEM programs and OS files. Sorry this
> turned into a long winded reply. Just wanted to be on the same page.
> Thanks again for your patience and assistance.
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> "Jim Byrd" wrote:
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>> Hi Steven - Well, we can continue to futz with it if you like, but a
>> re-install may just be the easiest thing at this point if you're
>> willing to do that. Just an aside - if you make an extended use of
>> the Links toolbar and have made any specific arrangement of things
>> there to suit your preferences, you can preserve this over the
>> re-install by opening regedit and exporting the key:
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>> HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MenuOrd
>> er\Favorites\Links
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>> After the re-install of IE6, you can then just rightclick|Merge to
>> restore that order. I generally do this 'cause I have a lot on that
>> toolbar, arranged just so, and it's the one thing that's a right
>> PITA to set up again after a re-install. ;)
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>> Please respond in the same thread.
>> Regards, Jim Byrd, MS-MVP
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>> In news:6C5A7426-0279-4407-80C4-66BC72E48D4C@microsoft.com,
>> stevencompany <dontwasteyourtime@myhouse.com> typed:
>>> Hi Jim, I have been away from the pc all day and so I have not
>>> gotten back to you. I have tried all those things and they are ok.
>>> In the search I clicked Customize, then search assistant and chose
>>> Yahoo. In the auto search button, I selected Yahoo and go directly

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>>> to the page option (the other option being "don't search from the
>>> address bar.) Still not searching from the address bar. I am
>>> contemplating uninstalling IE6 after downloading another copy from
>>> the ms site and reinstalling it. What are your thoughts, I know
>>> this is not critical but annoying. Thanks for your time and
>>> assistance.
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>>> "Jim Byrd" wrote:
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>>>> Hi Steven - No you don't need to remove any reg values. That file
>>>> merely restores the various search function entries and certain
>>>> prefix values to their default conditions in case they've been
>>>> corrupted. You should, however, check what things are set to in
>>>> Tools|Internet Options|Advanced in the Search from the Address
>>>> bar section (again) to be sure you've got what you want there
>>>> (yes, I know you said you'd already checked these, but :)
>>>>), and also take a look at what you have set for
>>>> Customize|Autosearch settings in the Search sidebar. If all of
>>>> those look reasonable/as desired, then I would try
>>>> Tools|Internet Options|Programs and then click on Reset Web
>>>> Settings. Be sure to uncheck the "Also reset my home page" if you
>>>> don't want that to happen. Please post back with your results, and
>>>> we'll go on from there.
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>>>> Regards, Jim Byrd, MS-MVP
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>>>> In news:1866AFE0-B039-465C-8E64-99513931D49E@microsoft.com,
>>>> stevencompany <dontwasteyourtime@myhouse.com> typed:
>>>>> Jim I ran the file, did not fix the problem, any other ideas and
>>>>> should I remove the registry values that were added since it
>>>>> didn't fix the issue
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>>>>> "Jim Byrd" wrote:
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>>>>>> Hi Steven - Download and run:
>>>>>> http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/regs_edits/RestoreSearch2.REG to
>>>>>> restore your default Search functionality and reset your
>>>>>> prefixes. You'll have to manually re-select any Search
>>>>>> Customizations you may have had, however.
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>>>>>> Please respond in the same thread.
>>>>>> Regards, Jim Byrd, MS-MVP
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>>>>>> In news:F6B6BCB6-CFDD-48FD-8D1F-5C6A418E0B5D@microsoft.com,
>>>>>> stevencompany <dontwasteyourtime@myhouse.com> typed:
>>>>>>> I am not sure when this started but I think after installing the
>>>>>>> sp2. If I type a search parameter in the address bar, I get a
>>>>>>> message stating the web page can't be found. Instead of
>>>>>>> searching the net, it looks for a specific page i.e. if I type
>>>>>>> in "parks" it will show" <http://%parks%> " in the address bar
>>>>>>> and say page could not be found. I have reset and quadruple
>>>>>>> checked the "search from address bar settings". They have all
>>>>>>> been tried! If I use the search button and type a parameter I
>>>>>>> have no problems. I even tried adding "go" or "find" to the
>>>>>>> parameter and still the same message appears. Recently, I have

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>>>>>> had lots of unwanted adware but I have run the latest version
>>>>>> of Adaware SE and NortonAV with no other problems on my PC.
>>>>>> Also I have Yahoo companion toolbar and the search window on
>>>>>> that works fine. I tried uninstalling it and trying to search
>>>>>> with the same results. PLEASE help. This is really annoying to
>>>>>> someone as ANAL as me. Thanks