

## Re: Outlook Express question

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**From:** Jim Carlock (*anonymous\_at\_127.0.0.1*)

**Date:** 04/01/04

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This message is for Robert Aldwinckle as well. I'm sending the thread to the PA Bear newsgroup as well. ;-)

I've tried using OllyDbg to step through it. I can't slow down my system enough to read the splash, and for some reason I can get OllyDbg to stop right after the Splash is displayed, but the splash at that point is unreadable (because of OllyDbg's control over it).

Some comments, so far, the best I can tell right at the moment is the version number is being read from msoeres.dll. I've looked through the msoe.dll for the version string but they default to a IMproper string (ie, not the 5.00.0000.0000 string). ;-)

And I'm not sure if you'd like me to post all the gorey details about the different strings that are contained within the other files, so I'll start off by stating, the following:

msoe.dll <- is one of the main files

msimn.exe <- is thart starting stub

msoeres.dll <- is the resource file that holds icons (and version info ?)

This file is read initially and loaded at start up. This file is also read when doing a version lookup (at least on my system it is).

I created a new MS IEADK (these acronyms are killing me!) and reinstalled using the new IEAKD build, but it didn't seem to over-write anything. Right now I've got the OLD msoeres.dll (as it doesn't export anything but icons (and possibly a version number)), in use. It does NOT seem to affect any of the operations of OE. There are approx. 59 icons in msoeres.dll in 10 different formats, and it has the version number of OE as displayed in my About box. The About box seems to read from that file, but my first inclination is to think that it's grabbing a bitmap or icon. Furthermore, there seem to be numerous .gif89 files inside of msoeres.dll, as well as Adobe 4.0 images, there is a reference to: NPhotoshop 3.0, I'm

not quite sure what that is at the moment, but I think it might be worth finding, and other things with that tag inside of them all seem to be some sort of .jpg images, which is really really interesting, as there is JFIF in those files and if the image is renamed from jpg, to jfif, it reads 100% accurately (in IE as well as other graphics programs). If you're a graphic image specialist, you I'd appreciate a comment, because as you can tell I don't have a very broad knowledge of what the difference is between jfif and jpg (there appears to be NO difference).

Some interesting strings inside of msoc.dll:

ComboBox, cmdDownload, cmdConnect, btnContinue  
btnTrust, btnCert, btnOpen, Hhotmail

It almost looks like a VB application with function names as those listed above. Either that, or the programmers took a fancy for the Hungarian notation that VB programmers use. In fact, I'm willing to bet that parts of msoc.dll were created with an offshoot brand of VB5.

But what do I know? Absolutely nothing! I'm still at the same point I started at. <g>

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Jim Carlock
http://www.microcosmotalk.com/
Post replies to the newsgroup.
"Kelly" wrote:
Hi PaBear (dry up those tears),
Here is the reading of the second export: All is norm except for the fact
that you will scream because it reads ...1106.
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Active Setup\Installed
Components\{44BBA840-CC51-11CF-AAFA-00AA00B6015C}]
"Version"="6,0,2800,1106"
@"Microsoft Outlook Express 6"
"IsInstalled"=dword:00000001
"Locale"="EN"
"ComponentID"="MailNews"
"CloneUser"=dword:00000001
"StubPath"=hex <snipped>
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All the Best,
Kelly
Microsoft-MVP Windows® XP
Troubleshooting Windows XP
http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com
Taskbar Repair Tool Plus!
http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/taskbarplus!.htm
"PA Bear" <PABear@mvps.org> wrote in message
news:04jZcM6FEHA.1012@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...
> <sniff> OK, fine, be that way.
> --
> ~PAB
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> Kelly wrote:
>> Hi Jim,
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>> So sorry, I didn't recognize the name with the attachment. :o( Ok, so
>> far that looks all correct. Go to Start/Run/Regedit, navigate to this
>> key and either post here what is listed for (Default), StubPath and the
>> Version listed in the right pane or send me the reg file, please.
>>
>> HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Active Setup\Installed
>> Components\{44BBA840-CC51-11CF-AAFA-00AA00B6015C}
>>
>> "Jim Carlock" <anonymous@127.0.0.1> wrote in message
>> news:eQ35i$SFEHA.3080@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
>>> Did you get my email, Kelly?
>>>
>>> --
>>> Jim Carlock
>>> http://www.microcosmotalk.com/
>>> Post replies to the newsgroup.
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>>> "Kelly" wrote:
>>> Jim,
>>>
>>> Go to Start/Run/Regedit, navigagate to this key:
>>> HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Identities\{GUID}\Software\Microsoft\Outlook
>>> Express\5.0
>>>
>>> Right click, export and send it to me via e-mail.
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>>> --
>>> All the Best,
>>> Kelly
>>>
>>> Microsoft-MVP Windows@ XP
>>>
>>> Troubleshooting Windows XP
>>> http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com
>>>
>>> Taskbar Repair Tool Plus!
>>> http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/taskbarplus!.htm
>>>
>>>
>>> "Kelly" wrote:
>>>> Do all of the numbers under Version (File/Version/Full Path) read 5....
>>>> as
>>>> well? Either way, this is not normal.
>>>>
>>>> --
>>>> All the Best,
>>>> Kelly
>>>>
>>>> "Jim Carlock"
>>>>> When I click on Help, "About Microsoft Outlook Express",
>>>>> I get the About dialog box for Outlook Express.
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>>>>> It's unusual though I think. Mine is reporting:
>>>>>
>>>>> Microsoft
>>>>> Outlook Express 6
>>>>> 5.00.0000.0000
>>>>>
>>>>> And I think it should be reporting different numbers. I'm wondering
>>>>> what others are getting.
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>>>>> I'm not sure if I should report this as a bug or look somewhere else
>>>>> to find out why.
>>>>> --
>>>>> Jim Carlock
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