

# Hidden Programs In Windows XP

## 1) Private Character Editor

This program is for designing icons and Characters(Alphapet)

Click :Start Menu

Then :Run

Type :EUDCEDIT

## 2) IExpress

This Program is for converting your files to EXECUTABLE files

Click : Start

Then : Run

Type : iexpress

## 3) Disk Cleanup

This program used for cleaning harddisk to offer space

Click : start

Then : run

type : cleanmgr

## 4) Dr Watson

This program is for repairing problems in Windows

Click : start

Then : run

type : drwtsn32

## 5) Windows Media Player 5.1

Opens the old media player

Click : start

Then : run

type : mplay32

## Well Some More XP Secrets

### Windows XP - Secrets

#### Deleting System Softwares:

XP hides some system software you might want to remove, such as Windows Messenger, but you can tickle it and make it disgorge everything. Using Notepad or Edit, edit the text file /windows/inf/ sysoc.inf, search for the word 'hide' and remove it. You can then go to the Add or Remove Programs in the Control Panel, select Add/Remove Windows Components and there will be your prey, exposed and vulnerable.

#### Creating Shutdown Icon or One click Shutdown:

Navigate to your desktop. On the desktop, right-click and go to New, then to Shortcut (In other words, create a new shortcut). You should now see a pop-up window instructing you to enter a command line path.

Use this path in "Type Location of the Item"

SHUTDOWN -s -t 01

If the C: drive is not your local hard drive, then replace "C" with the correct letter of the hard drive. Click the "Next" button. Name the shortcut and click the "Finish" button. Now whenever you want to shut down, just click on this shortcut and you're done.

#### Renaming The Recycle Bin icon:

To change the name of the Recycle Bin desktop icon, click Start then goto Run, write Regedit and press Enter.

It opens Registry Editor. Now in Registry Editor go to:

```
CODE: SELECT ALL
HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\ {645FF040- 5081-101B- 9F08-00AA002P954 E}
```

and change the name "Recycle Bin" to whatever you want (don't type any quotes).

#### Managing Tasks:

You can at last get rid of tasks on the computer from the command line by using 'taskkill /pid' and the task number, or just 'taskkill' and the process number. Find that out by typing 'tasklist', which will also tell you a lot about what's going on in your system.

#### Removing Shared Documents folder From My Computer window:

Open registry editor by going to Start then Run and entering regedit. Once in registry, navigate to key

```
CODE: SELECT ALL
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ SOFTWARE \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ Explorer \ My Computer \ NameSpace \ DelegateFolders
```

You must see a sub-key named {59031a47-3f72- 44a7-89c5- 5595fe6b30ee} . If you delete this key, you have effectively removed the my shared documents folder.

#### Improving the Slow Boot up time:

There are a variety of reasons why your windows XP system would boot slowly. Most of the times it this has to do with the startup applications. If you would like to speed up the bootup sequence, consider removing some of the startup applications that you do not need. Easiest way to remove startup apps is through System Configuration Utility. Go to Start then Run and enter MSCONFIG and go to the Startup tab. Deselect/UnCheck application( s) that you do not want to startup at boot time.

#### Customize Logon prompt with your Own Words:

Open Registry by going to Start then Run, entering regedit and Navigate to

```
CODE: SELECT ALL
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE \Microsoft\ Windows NT\CurrentVersion\ Winlogon]
```

In right pane, look for key by the name "LgpnPrompt" . Set its value to whatever text you want to see displayed at login screen.

IP address of your connection:

Go to Start then Run. Enter 'cmd' and then enter 'ipconfig' .Add the '/all' switch for more info .

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Making Folders Private:

Open My Computer Double-click the drive where Windows is installed (usually drive C, unless you have more than one drive on your computer). If the contents of the drive are hidden, under System Tasks, click Show the contents of this drive. Double-click the Documents and Settings folder. Double-click your user folder. Right-click any folder in your user profile, and then click Properties. On the Sharing tab, select the Make this folder private so that only I have access to it check box.

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To change Drive Letters:

Go to Start > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Computer Management, Disk Management, then right-click the partition whose name you want to change (click in the white area just below the word "Volume") and select "change drive letter and paths."

From here you can add, remove or change drive letters and paths to the partition.

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Removing the Shortcut arrow from Desktop Icons:

Goto Start then Run and Enter *regedit*. Navigate to

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
HKEY_CLASSES_ ROOT > lnkfile
```

Delete the IsShortcut registry value. You may need to restart Windows XP.

Get Drivers for your Devices:

Visit Windows Update (XP Only)

Look at the left hand pane and under Other Options click Personalize Windows Update.

Now in the right hand pane check the box - Display the link to the Windows Update Catalog under See Also

Below Choose which categories and updates to display on Windows Update - make sure you check all the boxes you want shown.

click Save Settings

Now look in the left hand pane under See Also click Windows Update Catalog and choose what you're looking for. Choose either MS updates or drivers for hardware devices.

Start the Wizard and off you go.

Customize Internet Explorer's Title Bar:

Open Registry by going to Start then Run and Enter regedit. Navigate to HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main. In right hand panel look for string "Window Title" and change its value to whatever custom text you want to see.

Disabling the use of Win Key:

If your are a gaming freak then you must be sick of the Win key in your keyboard. To disable use of Win key, open registry by going to Start then Run and entering regedit. Navigate to

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_ MACHINE\SYSTEM\ CurrentControlSet\Control\ Keyboard Layout]
```

In this look for value of "Scancode Map". Its binary data so be extra careful:

Set its value to "00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 03 00 00 00 00 00 5B E0 00 00 5C E0 00 00 00 00" to disable the win key.

Restarting Windows without Restarting the Computer:

This one is again is. When you click on the SHUTDOWN button, make sure to simultaneous press SHIFT Button. If you hold the Shift key down while \*\*\* on SHUTDOWN button, you computer would restart without restarting the Computer. This is equivalent to term "HOT REBOOT".

Stopping XP from displaying unread messages count on Welcome Screen:

To stop XP from displaying count of unread messages, Open registry and navigate to

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_ USER\Software\ Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\UnreadMail]
```

and look for the data key "MessageExpiryDays" . If you do not see this key, create one DWORD key by the name "MessageExpiryDays" . Setting its value to 0 would stop Windows XP from displaying the count of unread messages.

Modify Color Selection of Default Theme:

Open registry by going to Start then Run. Entering regedit, navigate to

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[HKEY_USERS\.\DEFAULT\ Software\ Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\ThemeManager]
```

and locate the key "ColorName".

Right click on it and select modify its value from "NormalColor" to "Metallic"

click Ok, and exit regedit and restart your computer.

Removing the Recycle Bin from the Desktop:

If you don't use the Recycle Bin to store deleted files , you can get rid of its desktop icon all together. Run Regedit and go to:

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE/ SOFTWARE/ Microsoft/ Windows/CurrentV ersion/explorer/ Desktop/NameSpace
```

## Windows Xp Registry Tips & Tweaks

Modifying the Disk Check Autochk.exe Time-out (Scandisk Delay) Value from 10 seconds to 3 Seconds

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Contro l\Session Manager]
```

```
*AutoChkTimeOut*=dword:00000003
```

Disable Automatic Restart in the event of a System Crash / BSOD

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\CrashControl]
*AutoReboot*=dword:00000000
```

Disable The Windows XP Desktop Cleanup Wizard (Unused Desktop Shortcuts)

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Desktop\CleanupWiz]
*NoRun*=dword:00000001
```

Speed up Network Browsing by Removing Network Scheduled Tasks

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RemoteComputer\NameSpace\{D627 7990-4C6A-11CF-8D87-00AA0060F5BF}]
```

Disables Windows Take A Tour Bubble Popup

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Applets\Tour]
*RunCount*=dword:00000000
```

Disable Remote Registry Service (Remote users to modify registry settings on your computer. Now registry can be modified only by users on your computer)

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\RemoteRegistry]
*Start*=dword:00000004
```

Removes the Recent Documents from the Start menu. The system saves a shortcut to each of the non-program files the user opened most recently, and it displays the shortcuts on the Recent Documents.

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]
*NoRecentDocsMenu*=dword:00000001
```

Classic Search, Full Path In Title Bar And Address Bar. This allows you to disable the new Search Assistant Dog and use the traditional search interface in Windows Explorer

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\CabinetState]
*FullPath*=dword:00000000
*FullPathAddress*=dword:00000001
*Use Search Asst*="no"
*Settings*=hex:0c,00,02,00,1b,01,e7,77,60,00,0 0,00
```

Have you ever wanted to Rename Recycle Bin ? This Tweak Allows Renaming of Recycle Bin

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{645FF040-5081-101B-9F08-00AA002F954E}\ShellFolder]
*Attributes*=hex:50,01,00,20
*CallForAttributes*=dword:00000000
```

Are you getting 'Low Disk Space Notification' ? This Disables Low DiskSpace Warnings

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer]
*NoLowDiskSpaceChecks*=dword:00000001
```

Do you want to Speedup the Windows XP Start Menu?

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Control Panel\Desktop]
*MenuShowDelay*="2"
```

Maximize Your Internet Explorer's Simultaneous Downloads From 2 to 10 Connections

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings]
*MaxConnectionsPer1_0Server*=dword:0000000a
*MaxConnectionsPerServer*=dword:0000000a
```

Remove the Queue-it-up, Burn to CD right cllck options on Windows Media Player files.

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{CE3FB1D1-02AE-4a5f-A6E9-D9F1B4073E6C}]
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{F1B9284F-E9DC-4e68-9D7E-42362A59F0FD}]
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{8DD448E6-C188-4aed-AF92-44956194EB1F}]
```

Removes Sign up with Passport Wizard when trying to sign in MSN Messenger First time

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Internet Settings\Passport]
*RegistrationCompleted*=dword:00000001
```

Disables Preview (Thumbnails) of Movie File Formats (Allowing You To Move/Rename/Delete without Errors)

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\.avi\ShellEx]
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\.mpg\ShellEx]
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\.mpe\ShellEx]
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\.mpeg\ShellEx]
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\.mov\ShellEx]
```

Open Explorer From My Computer or Any Folder (Power users love this)

CODE: [SELECT ALL](#)

```
[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Folder\shell]
```

```
@="explore"
```

Remove 'Shortcut To ...' Prefix when you create new Shortcut

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer]
*link*=hex:00,00,00,00
```

This \*\*\*\* 'Command Prompt here' on Right cllck Menu (When you right cllck on a Drive/Folder)

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Directory\shell\Command Prompt Here]
@="Command &Prompt Here"
[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Directory\shell\Command Prompt Here\command]
@="cmd.exe /k cd %1 "
[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Drive\shell\Command Prompt Here]
@="Command &Prompt Here"
[HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\Drive\shell\Command Prompt Here\command]
@="cmd.exe /k cd %1 "
```

Remove Shared Documents folders from My Computer System Folder

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MyComputer\NameSpace\DelegateFolders\{59031a47-3f72-44a7-89c5-5595fe6b30ee}]
```

Disable the Unread Mail Message on the Welcome Screen

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\UnreadMail\]
*MessageExpiryDays*=dword:00000000
```

Disable Compress Old Files (This is useful when Disk Cleanup Tool Stops Responding While Compressing Old Files)

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\VolumeCaches\Compress old files]
```

Windows Explorer Crashes When Opening Folder Containing avi/video files

CODE: **SELECT ALL**

```
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{87D62D94-71B3-4b9a-9489-5FE6850DC73E}]
[-HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\SystemFileAssociations.avi\shell\PropertyHandler]
[-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{87D62D94-71B3-4b9a-9489-5FE6850DC73E}\InProcServer32]
```

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