

Further Info: Removal of Windows Messenger / Windows Media Player

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REPOST:

Hi All,

It seems that the tip for removing Windows Messenger was useful to several people.

I received a note from Dave H letting me know that in his experience, Windows Messenger is required for the proper functioning of Remote Assistance. I have never experienced this as I have never used RA – but please keep this in mind. Thanks for the info Dave.

I also received a mail asking if it is possible to remove Windows Media Player. Again, the same technique can be used – and again, this can't be credited to me – it was a Google nugget I found a while back. Considering XP SP2 updates to WMP 9, this may be useful to some people.

Please note: I have not tested this on a production system at all. If you give it a try, please test it on a non-production system first. It may be that the removal of WMP could break some applications. You have been warned :-).

The command:

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"RunDll32 advpack.dll,LaunchINFSection %windir%\INF\wmp.inf,Uninstall"
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The web blogs I read indicated that after removing WMP, everything worked fine. Of course, you may want to install your favourite media player to be able to play your MP3s etc, once you've removed WMP.

The person that sent me the question intended using this to try removing WMP from their servers...

If Russ doesn't mind, perhaps people could drop back some responses to the list letting us know whether or not this technique worked for them

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and any problems they experienced.

Hope this helps as well.

Kind regards

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