

Mysterious file – WINXPINIT.EXE

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I have Window 2000 machines that have a file named "winxpinit.exe" appearing in the c:\winnt\system32 directory. This file appears in the processes TWICE when I do a Ctrl+Alt+Del. It also is making registry entries in:

HKey_Local_Machine & HKey_Local User

Current user->Software->Microsoft->Windows->Current Version->Run and RunOnce (along with a few other places).

When I put the computer in Safe Mode and remove the exe and registry entries the file returns. The computers with this file on it boot up but upon reaching the desktop screen, they just freeze the screen right before the desktop icons appear. If I kill the one winxpinit.exe process the computer will boot up completely but once the file returns it makes the computers run sluggish.

I have done an extensive search on the Internet for this file but there doesn't seem to be any mention of it.

Can someone shed some light on this file?