

Reinstalling WMP

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Thanks, Steven. I don't know what the permissions were reset to. They didn't seem to be any different except for the fact that the Security tab disappeared for some reason. KB890047 though corrected that issue.

There were (or are) a couple problems. I've left the system in this state from last year. I tightened up the security on it and figured I'll just ignore all the errors in the error logs about unable to load a profile.

Then I ran into a problem where I couldn't get Media Player to work (after installing one of the latest Microsoft updates). I was thinking along the lines that maybe a permissions thing was coming back to haunt me, but it was never a permissions problem. I was lost and just grabbing at who knows what, but it was something I wanted to look into. And I found a couple links for restoring permissions on Win2K and WinNT 3.5. So I figured it can't be too much different for XP. It didn't work for XP and thus my original question on how to restore XP permissions.

I ended up getting Media Player to work by uninstalling it, then doing a reinstall by editing the .inf files that came with the WMP install package.

Had to go through a couple hoops to get it to work, so if anyone is interested, here are the hoops, it's out of context in this group, so I'm going to cross post and change the title...

GOAL: Install Windows Media Player 9 / Using .inf files, and force the install into a "user-defined folder" rather than letting it install itself into "\\Program Files\\Windows Media Player"...

1) Extract the self-installing .exe file (mpsetupxp.exe for Windows XP, mpsetup.exe for Win2k/Win98/Me) downloaded from Microsoft:

2) Search the extracted files (specifically .inf files), for containing string:

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MP2_FOLDER =
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A space separates MP2_FOLDER from the equality symbol.

The files can be downloaded from the following links:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/9series/player.aspx>

6 folders turned up in the Windows Explorer Search Results when searching the Win2K/Win9x/Me package (13.3 MB).

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/1/b/c/1bc0b1a3-c839-4b36-8f3c-19847ba09299/MPSetup.exe>

drm.inf
mymusic.inf
setup_wm.inf
skins.inf
wmexpack.inf
wmp.inf

9.3 MB XP Package

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/8/a/2/8a27acce-5c9e-46b3-8996-1e76c0413d17/MPSetupXP.exe>

3) Change the line to the new folder. By default it gets installed into "\Program Files\Windows Media Player". You'll only see MP2_FOLDER = "Windows Media Player" there, so just change that to something else. I changed it to: "MS\WMP". There is another %PROGRAMFILES% in these files that is set to "Program Files" which allows you to change from installing to the "Program Files" folder to another folder ("Programs" if you so desire).

4) After the MP2_FOLDER is configured in each of these files, you can right click on each of the .inf files and click on "Install".

This takes care of the burden trying to get Windows Media Player installed into a different folder. After the install of the .inf files is conquered, reinstalling the original compressed mpsetup.exe seems to set everything up correctly and do the reinstall into the new folder properly.

The above represents a successful test for the task stated. It might come in use for someone that is having problems installing WMP.

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Jim Carlock

Please post replies to newsgroup.

"Steven L Umbach" <n9rou@n0-spam-for-me-comcast.net> wrote:

The link below should help but note that if you only want to restore certain security settings use the /area switch. In such case you could specify filestore and regkeys for your purpose. --- Steve

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;313222>

Sample Command to Reset Security Settings

NOTE: After security settings are applied, you cannot undo the changes without restoring from a backup. If you are uncertain about resetting your security settings back to the default security settings, you must make a complete backup that includes the "System State" (the registry files). Items

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that are reset include NTFS file system files and folders, the registry, policies, services, privilege rights, and group membership. To reset your operating system back to original installation default security settings: 1. Click Start, click Run, type cmd, and then press ENTER.

2. Type `secdit /configure /cfg %windir%\repair\secsetup.inf /db secsetup.sdb /verbose`, and then press ENTER. You receive a "Task is completed" message, and a warning message that something could not be done. You can safely ignore this message. For more information about this message, view the `%windir%\Security\Logs\Scesrv.log` file. `/areas AreaName1AreaName2...` Specifies the security areas to be applied to the system. The default is "all areas." Each area must be separated by a space.

"Jim Carlock" wrote:

> Does anyone know how to reconfigure permissions on an XP
> system?

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> Microsoft offers the following:

> NT 2K

> <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=266118>

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> Microsoft is offering the following for NT 3.5:

> <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/153094/EN-US/>

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> I can't seem to find anything for XP. The Win2K version of
> the article doesn't seem to work, though I find a `defwkst.inf`
> inside `C:\Windows\Inf`. I can't find the `acl*.sdb` anywhere, so
> I opened the `update.sdb`. That opened fine, then I tried to
> open the `secdit.sdb`. The message is:
> Access to the database has been denied.

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> Does anyone have a suggestion on how to restore the
> default registry and NTFS permissions on an XP system?

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> Jim Carlock

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