

Re: Running .exe

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David <D...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Windows cannot access the specified device, path or file. You may not have the appropriate permissions to access the item.

Start by ruling out profile corruption. Can any Administrator account run executables? Try clearing a profile and then logging back on to get a new profile. Does it work now?

Check the path system variable, found under Environment Variables. Save the current path to a text file. Then, reset it to the default, reboot, and retest. If the problem continues, restore the path.

Third, verify the Exefile Shell subkey in the registry. It may become corrupted. If this is not the problem, try backing up your system state and importing the EXE regfile from www.kellys-korner-xp.com. Reboot and retest. If the problem continues, restore the system state.

One of these options usually resolves the problem for me. If this does not help you, please let me know and I will do some research.

J Wolfgang Goerlich

Additional Information:

The default path variable in Windows 2003 is:

%SystemRoot%;%SystemRoot%\system32;%SystemRoot%\System32\Wbem;

Microsoft Article 311843 , How To Create System Variables in Windows 2000

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/311843>

Microsoft Article 172223, Cannot Run Shortcuts from the Start Menu or from the Desktop

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EXE (lnk and regfile) Fix for Windows XP

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http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp_tweaks.htm