

LESSON 6

SETTING BROWSER CACHE IN IE AND NETSCAPE

Windows 95 uses "Registry files" to keep information about how Windows 95 is configured for your hardware and software. Registry files will at some point replace all of the .ini files used by older Windows versions. To put it simply, the Registry is a storehouse for configuration values and settings that are used to determine just how Windows 95 operates. The registry also keeps a list of hardware and hardware configurations. When you add or remove hardware, the registry files are updated.

System.dat & User.dat are the files that make up the registry. They have DOS Attributes or settings such as Hidden, System, and Read Only files so that you can't accidentally erase or damage them.

What you need to know is that every time you successfully start or restart your computer, Windows 95 backs up System.dat and User.dat to files named System.da0 and User.da0. (The '0' is a zero). If Windows 95 fails to start successfully, it reverts to the 'Safe' mode. You'll know you're in 'Safe' mode when the word Safe appears in each of the corners of your screen. We'll create a batch file that will copy the last known good Registry files to the current Registry files. Having done that, you can shut Windows 95 down and restart. Your computer will come up in normal Windows 95.

Click on start, then on programs, then select accessories. Now click on WordPad. At the cursor, type the following lines:

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Attrib system.d* -h ÿs ÿr
Attrib user.d* -h ÿs ÿr
Copy system.da0 system.dat /v /y
Copy user.da0 user.dat /v /y
Attrib system.d* +h +s +r
Attrib user.d* +h +s +r
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[note: the * or asterisk is a shifted 8.]

Now click on File, then Save As, the type c:\windows\regfix.bat Click on Save as Type and select Text Document. Now click on Save.

Having created the Regfix.bat file, we'll now create a shortcut for that file, so we can use it from the desktop in Safe mode.

On any empty space on your desktop, Right-click, now click on New, then on Shortcut. At the prompt type c:\windows\regfix.bat and click on Next. You can now select an Icon. I like the lightning bolt and cloud. Now click on finish. The Regfix Icon will appear on your desktop.



Right-click on the new Regfix icon, and select Properties. Select the Program tab and click on "Close on exit". Now click on Apply, then on OK.

If your computer starts up in Safe mode, select and then double-click on Regfix and your registry files will be restored to the last known good copy.

Now, that wasn't so bad, was it?

