

LESSON 117

EXPORT SAFE COPY OF REGISTRY FILES TO .REG FILE

From time to time, my lessons involve making changes to Windows Registry files. It's always a good idea to back up your Registry files before you make changes. Here's a simple way to export a safe copy of part, or even all, of your registry files.

Click on Start and then on Run. Type "REGEDIT" (without the quotes) and press Enter or click OK. Click on Registry and then select Export Registry File. Navigate to wherever you want to store the backup file. I use the Desktop so the exported file is easy to get to.

Type a name for the file, e.g. 060300 (the date), and select All under Export Range. Click on Save. Now you have a .REG file on your desktop.

If you only want to save part of your Registry files, just highlight the key you'll be working on and follow the steps above. The Selected Branch will be highlighted for you under Export Range.

To restore the Registry files from your backup, just open the Registry editor as above. Click on Registry and then select Import Registry File. Locate the Registry backup file on your Desktop, highlight it and then double-click on it. Windows will then import your Registry backup file and restore the settings contained in that backup.

