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Determining a Computer name or logged on Users name under V NT

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Do you support users where the hardest part is trying to determine their computer name or logged-on username? Wouldn't it be great if this information were always on the desktop? Here is how:

NOTE: Ensure you make a backup of your registry BEFORE attempting any changes. I TIP AT YOUR OWN RISK. Below is an excerpt from the regedt32.exe help file on saving and restoring registry keys. Please consult your regedt32.com help file or Microsoft for specifics on how to back up and restore the registry

To save a registry key

1. Select the predefined key that you want to save to a disk.
2. On the Registry menu, click Save Key.
3. In Save In, select the drive, folder, or network computer and folder where you want to save the hive.
4. In File name, enter a name for the hive.
5. In Save as type, select All files.
6. Click Save.

The selected key, including all of its descendant keys and value entries, is saved as a server, workstation, or shared folder that you have specified. When you use Load Hive, you can load the filename that you have just saved using Save Key.

Note: Registry Editor provides a number of commands that are designed primarily for maintenance of your system. For example, Load Hive and Unload Hive

allow a part of your system to be temporarily downloaded onto another computer for maintenance. Before a hive can be loaded or restored, it must be saved as a key, either to a floppy disk or to your hard disk.

To restore a registry key

1. Select the predefined key in which you want to restore the hive.
2. On the Registry menu, click Restore.
3. The Restore Key dialog box appears.
4. In Look In, select the drive, folder, or network computer and folder on which the hive is located.
5. Select the correct filename for the hive.
6. Click Open.

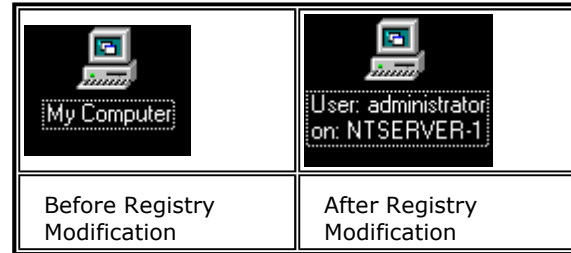
Note: A restored hive overwrites an existing registry key and becomes permanent part of your system configuration. For example, to perform maintenance on part of your system, you can use Save Key to save a hive to a disk. When you are ready, you can then use Restore on the Registry menu to restore the saved key to your system.

Making the modifications:

1. Start the Registry editor (regedt32.exe)

2. Move to HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT\CLSID\{20D04FE0-3AEA-1069-A2D8-08002B3
3. Select the value and Delete.
4. From the Edit menu select Add Value.
5. Leave the value name blank and set the type to REG_EXPAND_SZ.
6. Click OK and enter the text "User: %USERNAME% on: %COMPUTERNAME%".
7. Click OK.

When done, your MY Computer Icon will display the logged on User Name and Compu



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