Contents for Registration Info Editor Help

Registration Info Editor is a tool for adding, modifying, or updating application-integration information in the registration database. This Help file describes the Registration Info Editor advanced interface.

To learn how to use Help, press F1.

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What Is the Registration Database?

The registration database is a source of information about applications. This information is used when you open or print a file from File Manager, and by applications that support object linking and embedding.

The registration database (REG.DAT) is set up and maintained by Windows and Windows applications, and is located in the Windows directory. This file should not be moved or deleted. Doing so may result in a loss of functionality in File Manager, Program Manager, and applications that support object linking and embedding.

Using the Advanced Interface (REGEDIT /V)

The advanced interface is designed to be used by application developers and system adminstrators, or by end-users who are instructed to modify the registration database by an application vendor or product-support technician.

When you run Registration Info Editor with the **/v** option, the advanced interface appears, displaying all of the information in the database. The contents of the registration database is hierarchically structured and is displayed in a tree form (similar to a directory tree in File Manager).

Each branch in the tree is identified by a key name. You can select any key in the Registration Info Editor window by using the mouse or the arrow keys, or by typing the first letter of the key name. You should select the key you want to work with and then use the commands on the menus to modify the information.

File Menu Commands

The File menu contains the following commnds:

Command	Use To
Save Changes	Save changes to the existing database (REG.DAT).
Restore To Last Save	Undo any changes made since you last selected the Save Changes command.
Merge Registration File	Merge a registration file with the current database.
Save Registration File	Save the selected portion of the current database as a registration file.
Exit	Quit Registration Info Editor.

Save Changes

While you are editing the registration database, you are working with a temporary copy of the current database. The Save Changes command merges any changes you have made during the session (since Registration Info Editor was opened or since you last saved the database) with the existing database in the REG.DAT file.

Restore To Last Save

Because changes do not take effect until you choose the Save Changes command, you can undo any changes since you last saved the database with the Restore To Last Save command. Any changes you have made to the temporary copy of the database are lost, and the database is restored from the REG.DAT file.

Merge Registration File

The Merge Registration File command merges the selected registration file with the currently displayed database. The merged information is not written to the REG.DAT file until you choose the Save Changes command.

Registration files may be provided with your application. They normally have a .REG filename extension and are in text-file format.

Save Registration File

The Save Registration File command saves a portion of the current database (the selected key, including its subkeys and values) in a registration file. Registration files are given a .REG filename extension.

Exit

Quits Registration Info editor.

Edit Menu Commands

The Edit menu contains the following commands.

Command	Use To
Add Key	Add new subkeys or a value to the selected key.
Copy Key	Copy a key value to a new key.
Delete Key	Delete the selected key, including all of its subkeys and values.

The Add Key Dialog Box

The Add Key dialog box is used to add new subkeys to the selected key.

The following table describes the areas in the Add Key dialog box.

Area	Description
Path	Indicates the currently selected path. If a full path is not given with the key, the new key is added as a subkey to the last key in the current path.
Key	The new subkey name. The new name may have a relative path (..\) from the currently selected key, or you may specify a full path by placing a backslash (\) in front of the path and key name.
Value	The value to be defined for the new key. Values are optional.

Copy Key

The Copy Key dialog box is used to copy a key value to a new key. The new key is added to the database at the same level as the copied key. The Copy Key dialog box contains an entry field for the key name to be copied, and an entry field for the new key name. If a full path is given for the new key name, it is used; otherwise, the path is relative to the parent of the copied key.

Delete Key

The Delete Key dialog box is used to delete the selected key. The dialog box contains a single entry field for the key to be deleted. This entry field may be changed to delete any key in the current database.

Search Menu Commands

The Search Menu contains the following commands.

Command	Use To
Find Key	Find a specific key in the current database.
Find Next	Find the next occurrence of the key specified by the Find Key command.

Find Key

The Find Key command is used to find a specific key name in the database. Type the key you want to find, and then choose the Find Next button.

Find Next

The Find Next command on the Search menu searches for the last key name specified in the Find Key dialog box.

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Starts Help and displays the topics in Registration Info Editor Help.

Search for Help on

Opens the Search dialog box for Registration Info Editor Help. You can look up Help information by using keywords in the dialog box.

How to Use Help

Describes how to use Help.

About Registration Editor

Displays version, mode, and copyright information about Windows.

Control Menu

The Control menu has the following commands:

Restore
Restores the window to its former size after it has been maximized or minimized.

Move
Enables you to use the keyboard to move the window to another position.

Size
Enables you to use the keyboard to change the size of the window.

Minimize
Reduces the window to an icon.

Maximize
Enlarges the window to its maximum size.

Close
Quits the application, or closes the window or dialog box.

Switch To
Opens Task List, which you can use to switch between running applications and to rearrange their windows and icons.