Welcome to RegEditX

RegEditX makes your registry editing more productive than ever.   There are other good registry utilities, but they all require you to learn their eccentricities in order to use them.   Not RegEditX!   Because RegEditX builds on the standard Windows Registry Editor (REGEDIT), you don't have to learn new ways of accomplishing tasks you already know how to perform.   Just keep using the same familiar Registry Editor --- more efficiently.   We think RegEditX will quickly become your Standard Operating Procedure when it comes to editing the registry.

DCSoft is pleased to offer this Freeware edition of RegEditX free of charge.   You may use it without payment or obligation of any kind.   We will shortly be releasing a shareware version with many new extensions, so stay tuned!

Any and all feedback is much appreciated.   Just zip and e-mail to **regeditx@dcsoft.com**.

Thank you for using this software!   Happy registry editing!

Getting Started

When you run **RegEditX**, the Windows Registry Editor (REGEDIT.EXE) will be launched (or activated, if it is already running), and RegEditX will immediately enhance it.

Notice the new RegEditX buttons and combo box under the menu bar.

Overview

You will immediately notice a row of **buttons** and a **combo box** located under the Registry Editor menu bar.   The buttons activate frequently used commands such as Find and Add Favorite.   By default, these launch **Registry Crawler**, a highly-recommended companion program to RegEditX.   Registry Crawler is NOT free, but we think you will find the improved productivity worth the low price.   If you do not wish to use Registry Crawler, please use the **RegEditX:Options** to re-assign these buttons to standard RegEdit functionality.

The combo box contains the registry keys that you have examined.   Continue using the Registry Editor as you did before --- expand keys in the tree view or edit them in the list view--- and these keys automatically appear in the combo box.   Once they are there, you can:

- Quickly navigate to a key by **selecting** it from the combo box.   Since you probably work with the same keys repeatedly, this saves tedious navigation.

- **Cut, Copy, and Paste keys** to and from the clipboard.   Many times online documents contain references to keys such as HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft, etc.   Simply copy this text to the clipboard and paste it into the RegEditX combo box by right-clicking on it and selecting Paste.   Then navigate to the key by pressing RETURN.   This is much faster than clicking on those itty-bitty (+) signs in the tree view!

- Navigate through the keys by **typing** into the combo box.   As you type each piece (separated by backslashes), the tree incrementally navigates to the key.

After selecting a new key in the tree, RegEditX nicely **auto-resizes** the columns in the list to optimally show the values of that key.   You will be amazed how much mouse dragging this saves!

Hints

- Over time, the RegEditX combo box will fill with unneeded keys.   Trim them away by selecting **RegEditX:Remove Combobox Keys**.   Follow the instructions in the resulting dialog.

- Since the RegEditX combo box is quite wide, it may be inconvenient to access the pull-down arrow to drop down the list.   Instead, **click anywhere in the combo box and hold down the button for one second** (do not move the mouse during this time) - the list will drop down.   Alternatively, **hold down the SHIFT key and click anywhere in the combo box.**   Many thanks to Gil Regev for this idea.

- You can quickly **clone your RegEditX setup** on another computer, simply by copying the *<Folder where you installed RegEditX>*.   RegEditX will be instantly up and running on the new computer!

- A quick way to **start RegEditX** is to type on the command-line, or in the Windows Start:Run dialog: "RegEditX".   Many thanks to Matt Ginzton for this idea.

- You can **specify an initial key** for RegEditX to navigate to when it starts.   Type "RegEditX <key>", e.g. "RegEditX HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\DCSoft\RegEditX", and RegEditX will navigate to that key.

- RegEditX also **keeps the selected key in the tree highlighted at all times**.   Without RegEditX, the selected item is highlighted only when the tree has the keyboard focus, making it difficult to see which key is active.   Many thanks to David Nadalin for this idea.

- Finally, please don't overlook the additional items in the **RegEditX menu**.   Use **RegEditX:WebUpdate** to quickly and easily check for updates and news about RegEditX.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

We regularly receive e-mail asking various questions about RegEditX.   Here are some of the most asked questions.   If you have a question, please let us know because others are surely asking the same thing!

With which versions of Windows does RegEditX work?

RegEditX works with all incarnations of Windows 95 / 98 / ME / NT4 / 2K / XP.

When I press the '*' key to expand all the keys in the tree, RegEditX takes a long time to expand these keys?

The Windows Registry Editor itself (without RegEditX running) takes a long time to expand the keys in the tree. However, RegEditX adds to the problem because every time a key is expanded, RegEditX adds it to the combo box. This takes additional time, and you probably don't want the combo box filled with hundreds of these keys anyway.   A future version will remedy this unfortunate occurrence; until then, please use the '*' key with caution!

How does RegEditX work?

RegEditX **extends**, but does not replace, the Windows Registry Editor.   It *does not* change the copy of the Registry Editor on your disk (the file called "regedit.exe").   Instead, this program is first loaded into memory, then RegEditX changes the copy in memory.

Nor does RegEditX alter any of the existing functionality provided in the Windows Registry Editor.   As such, you can continue to perform tasks such as Find, Import, Export, Edit keys and values, in the same familiar way.   RegEditX merely supplements these existing functions.

What does the 'X' in RegEditX mean?

The 'X' is short for "Extensions" because RegEditX *extends* RegEdit.   So now you know!

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