

Did you purchase a previously owned computer???

REGISTRATION USER INFO

(Novice users should NOT tamper with the registry)

To change the registered user information, that is, the name & organization you entered when you installed Win95/98/ME/, you'll need to venture into the REGISTRY.

Note: Always BACKUP your registry before changing anything in it. Then if necessary you can replace the registry as it was before changes were made.

BACKUP REGISTRY:

1. Create a folder on your C:drive to which you can export the present registry. You might name the folder AREGISTRY, so it'll be listed at the top of the left column in EXPLORE and easy to find.
2. Click Start...Run...type in regedit and press OK
3. Click Registry...select Export Registry
4. The box pops up asking you to locate the folder to which you want the registry file to go. Just click the down arrow, select C: drive and doubleclick the ARegistry folder.
You should now see ARegistry in the top box.
5. Give the registry file a name, e.g. My Registry
6. Click SAVE

Should you for any reason need to put the registry folder back as it was, you can again go to regedit, click registry and this time select IMPORT Registry. Locate the MY Registry file in the folder ARegistry on the C: drive.

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1. Click START...RUN...and type regedit. Click OK.
2. Go to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion.
You'll see RegisteredOrganization and RegisteredOwner string values in the right window.
3. To modify, right-mouse click the value to be changed and select MODIFY.
4. In the resulting dialog box, type the new information on the Value data line and click OK.
Repeat these steps for any values you wish to change.
5. Close the Registry Editor and you've changed your Windows 95/98/ME/ identity!

Registered Owners Name in XP

In Windows 95 and 98, it was fairly simple to change the registered owner's name by editing it in the registry. However, in XP when the registration must be validated via Microsoft to edit the registry and change the name of the owner means you will no longer get the automatic updates provided by Microsoft.

You can change the name of the computer and change the names on the User Accounts.

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