

Authentium Removal

I joined this forum just to post the solution to this problem, which has been cropping up here and there amongst my clients.

When I first ran into the problem, this forum thread describes exactly what I was running into, but I didn't see a real resolution. Since I expect to see more of this issue where the removal of security programs breaks Windows XP's Security Center, I wanted to get the solution posted in as many places as possible. You can read the solution here:

<http://computerhaven.info/forum/fb.aspx?m=47322>

That is my own forum. But here is the essence of the post:

Right-click My Computer and choose Manage. Click on the plus sign next to Services and Applications. Click on Services in the left pane, this brings up the list of services in the right pane. (Alternatively you can go to Start, Run and type in "services.msc " and hit enter (don't type the quotes) to bring up the list of services.)

Scroll down to Windows Management Instrumentation and double-click it. Now click on the "Pause" button. Leave that window open and double-click My Computer. Navigate to %systemroot%\Windows\System32\wbem and delete the Repository folder and **only** the Repository folder. Now go back to the WMI service window you left open and restart the service. This rebuilds the repository. I had to reboot the machine.

If you now go to Control Panel, Security Center, it now correctly reports the Firewall and Antivirus status.

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