

PREFETCH FOR Windows XP Only

There are several articles about the advantages of cleaning and disabling the Windows XP Prefetch service to speed up the system boot up time and the time required to start applications.

Manually disabling this Prefetch service requires changing the registry - or at least - cleaning this system folder regularly ... a task that is not recommended for the casual user.

However - Here's a simple little Freeware utility that can be used to safely clean - and enable or disable this Windows XP Prefetch service.

Windows XP Prefetch Clean And Control 1.2.0

<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download.php?det=2495>



The recommended procedure is to
Run the "XP Prefetch Contol.exe" utility
Click on "Clean Prefetch Folder Now"
Select "Monitor Boot File Launch only"
Click on "Set Prefetch Parameters" ... and Exit.

Explanation

Windows XP monitors the files that are used when the computer starts and when you start applications. By monitoring these files, Windows XP can prefetch them. Prefetching data is the process whereby data that is expected to be requested is read ahead into the cache. Prefetching applications decreases the time needed to start Windows XP and Applications.

This information is logged and stored on your hard drive taking up space and requiring a process to be kept running monitoring which applications are being run. This has a performance impact on your PC.

Disabling this Prefetch function or at least only enabling it for the Boot Files will allow you to free up some system resources and preserve some disk space.

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