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1001 Secrets For Windows Nt Registry

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Without expert guidance, meddling with the registry can be a system-crash waiting to happen. But accomplished users who want the ultimate in system customization and optimization - and will brave the registry to get it - can avoid catastrophe with this definitive reference as their guide. 1001 Secrets for Windows NT Registry is no book for crash-test "dummies," but it is extremely easy to find the registry entries you need. Organized into sections covering networking, applications, system management, hardware, and performance, the book also has an exhaustive index to help readers quickly locate the right registry fix.

Daniels takes a very "lazy" (IMHO) approach to documenting the registry. The author lists a large number of reg keys, a brief description of what the key does and occasionaly a list of possible settings. While there is some useful information here, the internal workings of the registry (.INF scripting and using programming to access the reg) are sorely missing. Also, some newer applications, notably Internet Explorer 4.x, are missing from the list of registry entries. If you want a list of hacks, this is your book. If you want to really *understand* the registry, look elsewhere.

I concur with the other reviews, I bought this on whim at a trade show.. the cover looks better than the contents.. there are some good hacks in here but the author really doesn't appear to know why they work, he just appears to have stumbled on them (like a lot of us do)and documented them. I
prefer better explanation when hacking such a critical core component.

On first look, the book is not bad. But when you go deeper, it seems to be a collection of personal experience from other users, and already published by Microsoft entries. I would rate it as an entry level book. The NT resouce kit has a better coverage of the registry.

While not perfect, this is the best collection of registry keys I have found. Each item has a description which is short and to the point. It does not just list the key and the Microsoft explanation. The author gives a solution to a problem with most of the keys.

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