Managing The Windows NT Registry
Synopsis

The Windows NT Registry is the repository for all hardware, software, and application configuration settings, and Managing the Windows NT Registry is the system administrator’s guide to maintaining, monitoring, and updating the Registry database. The book addresses four main areas: What is the Registry? Where does it live on disk? How do system services access and use it? What do you do if it’s damaged or corrupted? Every NT administrator faces questions like this, often in a desperate attempt to fix something that’s broken. What tools are available? Detailed descriptions of Regedit, RegEdit32, the System Policy Editor, and selected Resource Kit utilities explain how to edit and secure the Registry both on local and on remote computers. How can I access the Registry from a program? Regularly monitoring the Registry’s contents is one way to preclude unpleasant surprises. Using examples in C++, Visual Basic, and Perl, Managing the Windows NT Registry demonstrates how to create Registry-aware tools and scripts. What’s in the Registry? Not all Registry keys are adequately documented by Microsoft or by the other vendors who store configuration data in the Registry. Managing the Windows NT Registry offers a guided tour of some of these undocumented keys; in addition, the associated Web site provides a "living database" of Registry keys that readers can search (and contribute to). This book is a "must have" for every NT system manager or administrator.

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Like most of the books on the Registry, this book does a very good job of explaining how to use
RegEdit and RegEdt32. But in my opinion, it spends way to much time talking about "how" to access the registry and doesn't go into enough detail on what's in the registry. There's no comprehensive list of registry entries. If you are an NT administrator, there is some of the best information I've ever seen on policies here. If you don't own any books on the Registry and you need a beginner's book on "How To" access the registry, this is the book you want. Otherwise, there are much better books on the subject.

This book meets O'Reilly's usual high standards. I write books about Windows NT, and thought I knew the registry pretty thoroughly, but I learned several new things in almost every chapter.

Great Book

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