# Use & Admin Windows Survival Kit – 3 REGISTRY

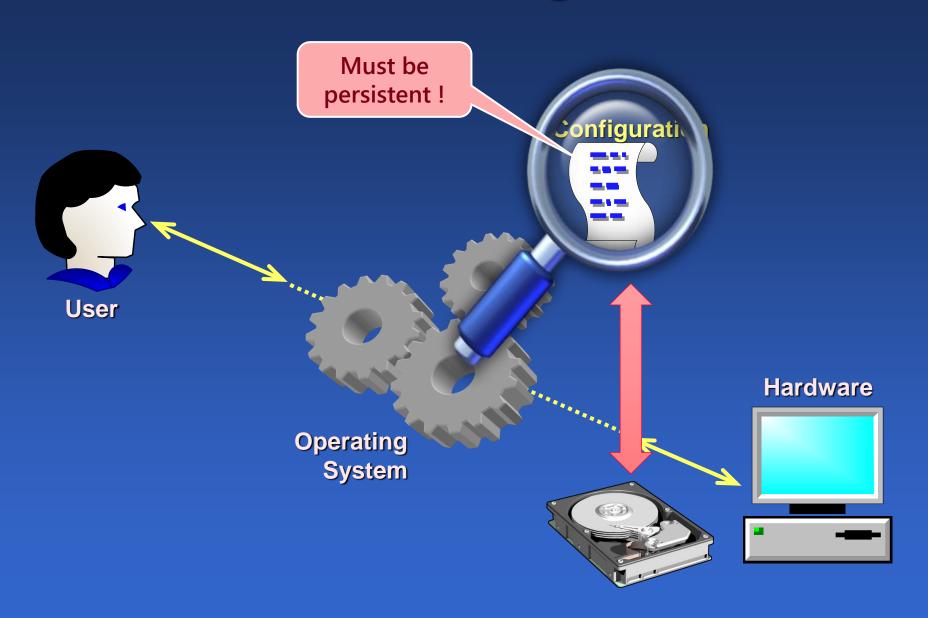




# System parameters

The Registry

## Configuration



# Configuration persitence

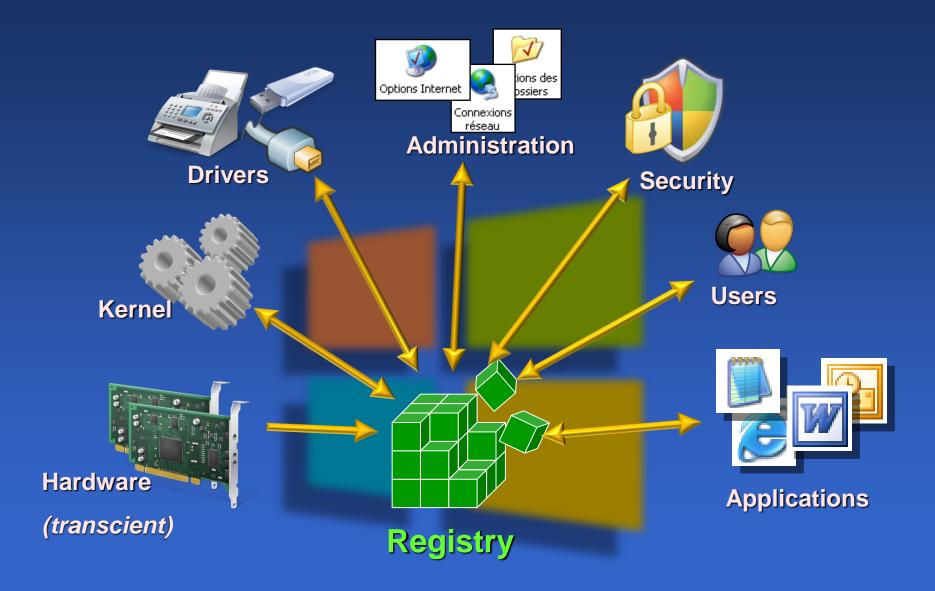
- ◆ UNIX choice → CONFIGURATION FILES
  - Dedicated text files → Easy to consult/modify
  - Permissions at the <u>file level</u>
  - Many different locations/names/formats
  - No automatic backup



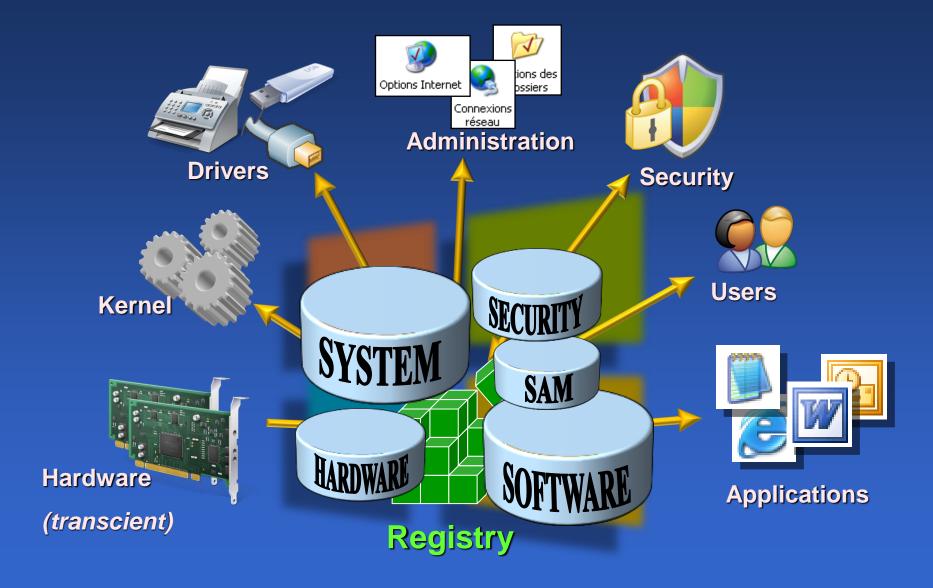
- ◆ Windows choice → REGISTRY DATABASE
  - A unique binary database → Tool or API is required
  - Permissions at the <u>parameter level</u>
  - Centralized location
  - Automatic backup



## Registry Database

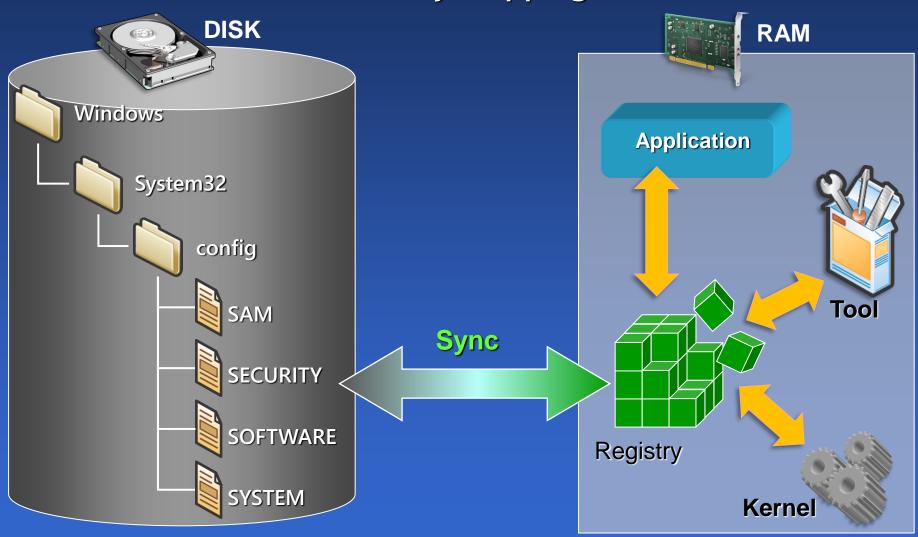


### Registry Hives (stores)

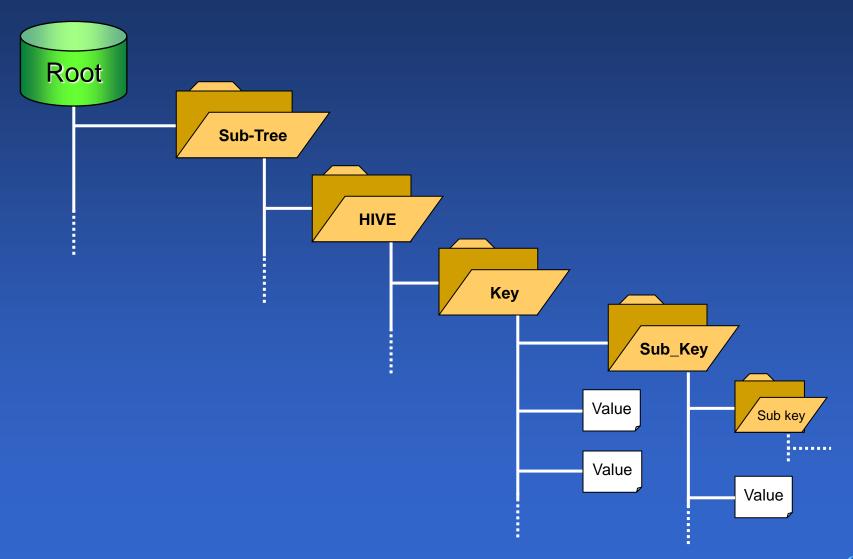


## Registry at runtime

Memory mapping

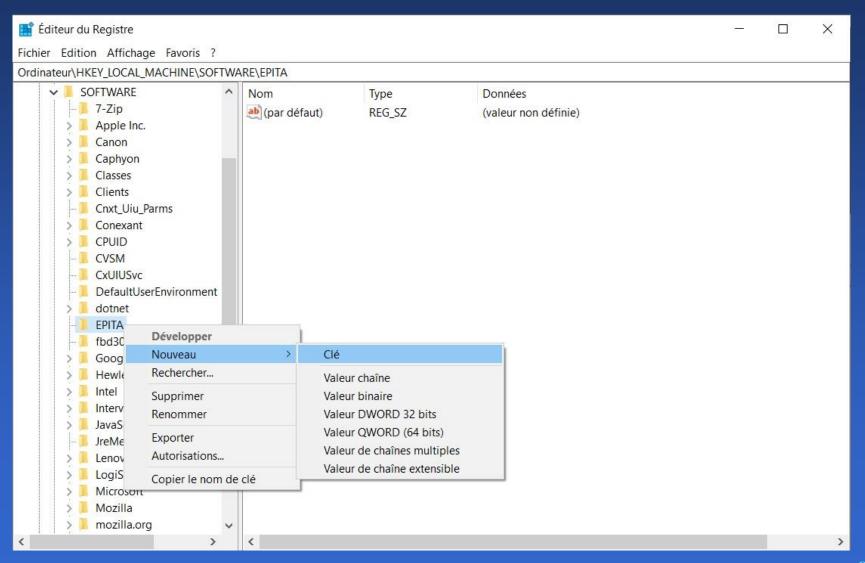


## Registry organization



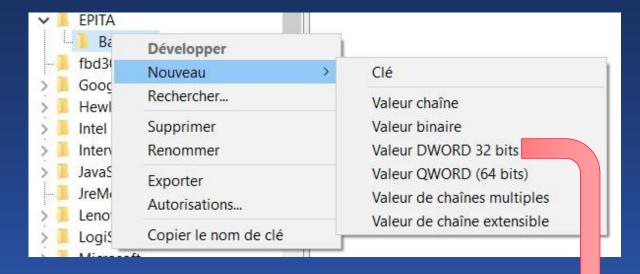
### Registry tool

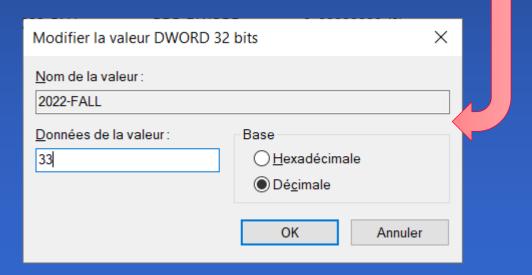
◆ Regedit → Browse & Edit the registry



### Registry Values

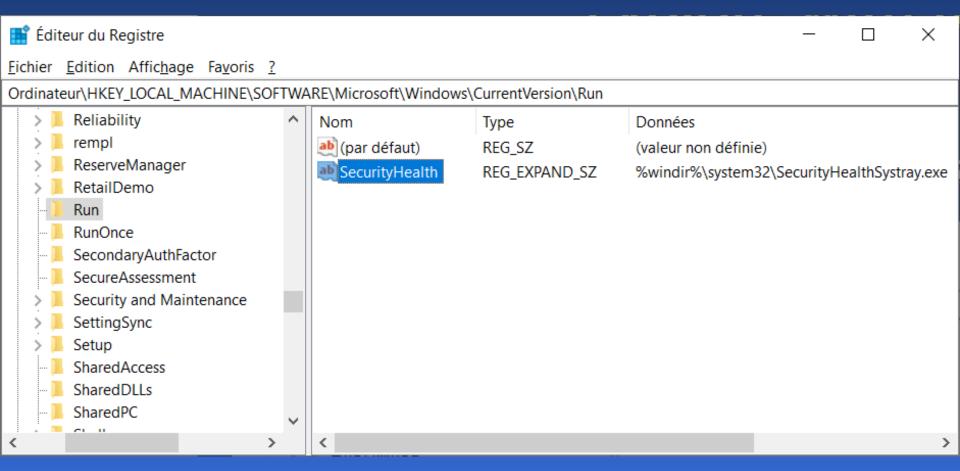
- Value types:
  - String
  - Binary
  - Int32
  - Int64
  - String array
  - Resizable String





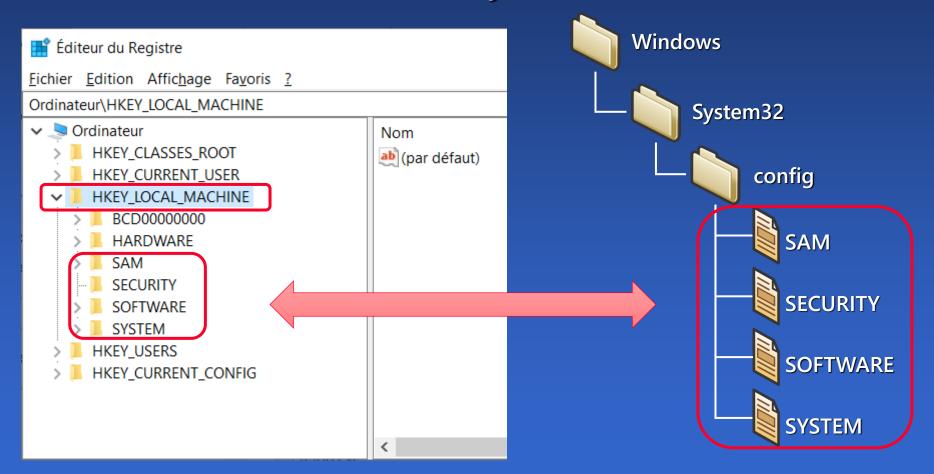
### **Example: Startup Applications**

- HKLM/SOFTWARE/Microsoft/Windows/CurrentVersion/Run
  - Seek for malware...



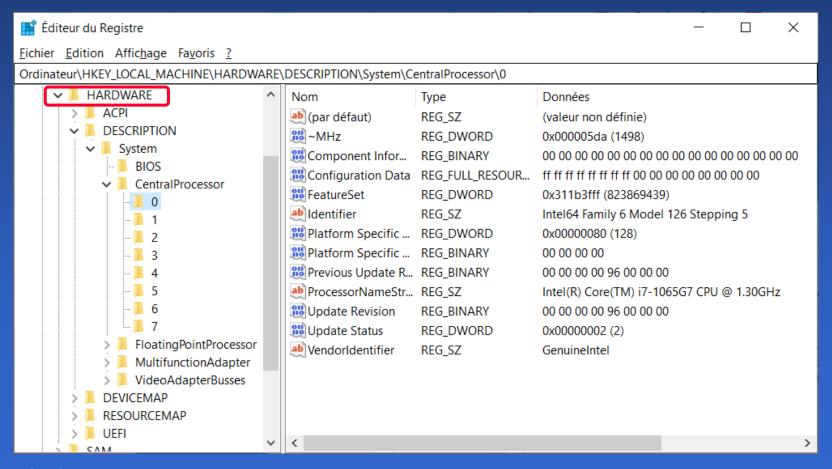
### General sub-tree = HKLM

◆ The HKLM sub-tree → system hives



### HARDWARE sub-tree

- HARDWARE is re-built at each boot
  - PCI & USB bus are Plug & Play
  - Wrong hardware configuration is not possible



### **BCD** sub-tree

- Boot Configuration
  - Multi-boot
  - System restore
- A dedicated HIVE

Sélection Administrateur : Invite de commandes

- Stored in a hidden partition
- Modify with bcdedit.exe

```
HKEY CLASSES ROOT
HKEY CURRENT USER
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
  BCD00000000
  HARDWARF
  SAM
  SECURITY
  SOFTWARE
           ×
                 FIG
```

Éditeur du Registre

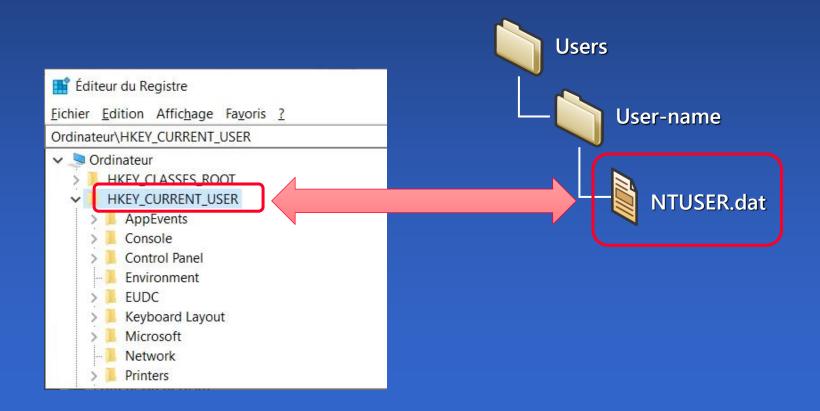
Ordinateur

<u>Fichier Edition Affichage Favoris ?</u>

Ordinateur\HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\BCD00000000

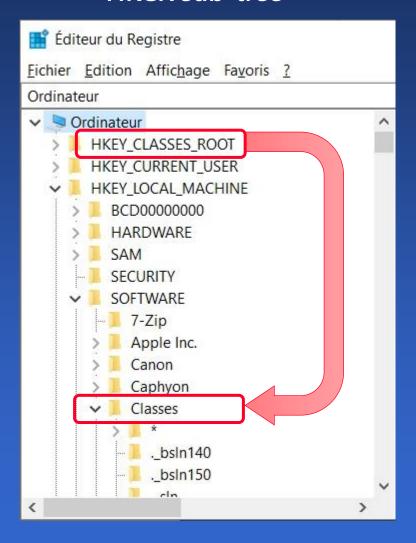
### USER sub-tree = HKCU

- ◆ The HKCU sub-tree → User hive
  - Dedicated user parameters

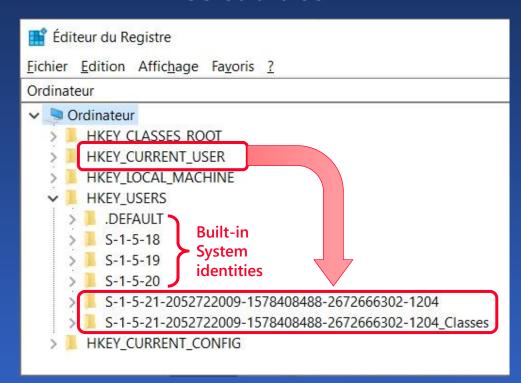


### Registry aliases - 1

#### **HKCR** sub-tree

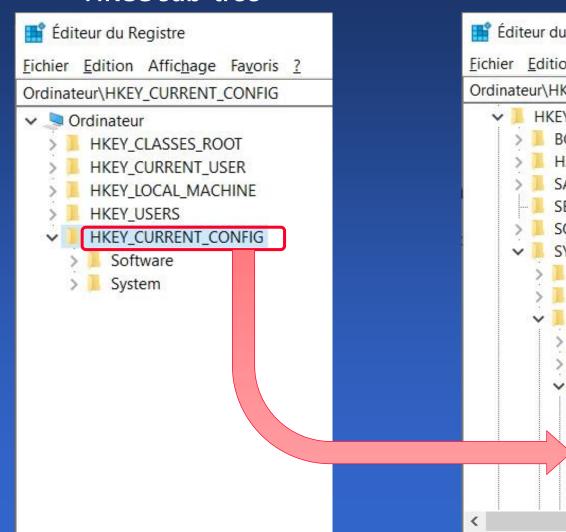


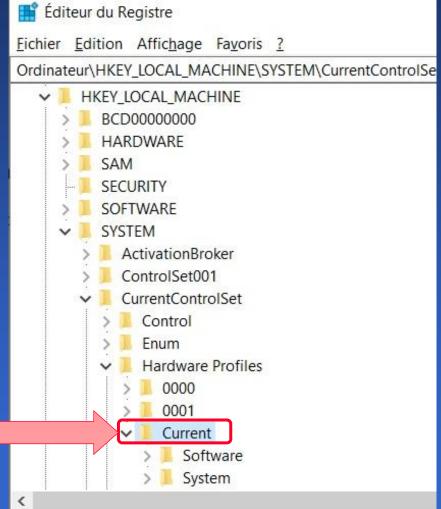
#### **HKCU** sub-tree



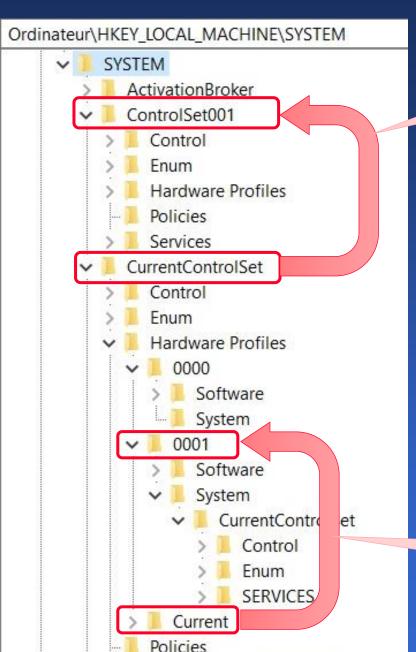
### Registry aliases - 2

#### **HKCC** sub-tree

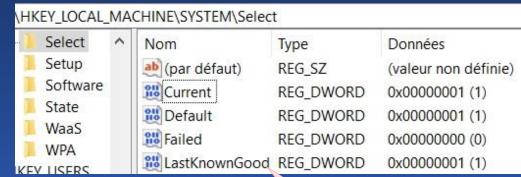




### Registry aliases - 3



Current runtime status (Default)

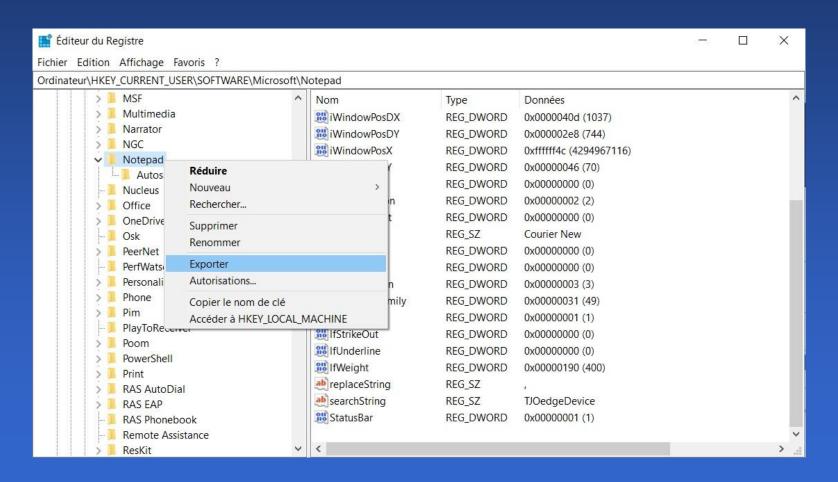


Backup

Current hardware status

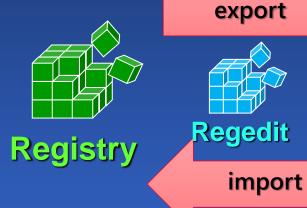
### Registry Import / Export

- .REG files
  - Exported by REGEDIT



### .REG files

◆ Text file

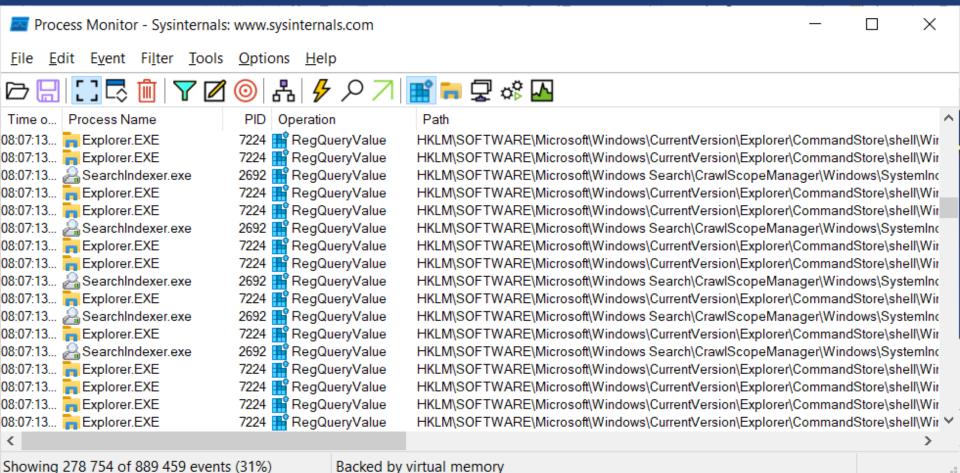


```
Windows Registry Editor Version 5.00
[HKEY CURRENT USER\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Notepad]
"fWindowsOnlyEOL"=dword:00000000
"fPasteOriginalEOL"=dword:00000000
"fReverse"=dword:00000000
"fWrapAround"=dword:00000000
 MatchCase"=dword:00000001
 iWindowPo/X"=dword:ffffff4c
"iWl
          Y"=dword:00000046
"iWip
            <!!=dword:0000040d</pre>
"iWl
            "fWy
            a. 0000001
"Staty A = | word: 00000001
"search tring"="TJOedgeDevice"
  eplaceString"=","
  fEscapement"=dword:00000000
"lfOrientation"=dword:00000000
"lfWeight"=dword:00000190
"lfItalic"=dword:00000000
"lfUnderline"=dword:00000000
"lfStrikeOut"=dword:00000000
"lfCharSet"=dword:00000000
"lfOutPrecision"=dword:00000003
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### Procmon - Registry

#### Tracks Registry activity

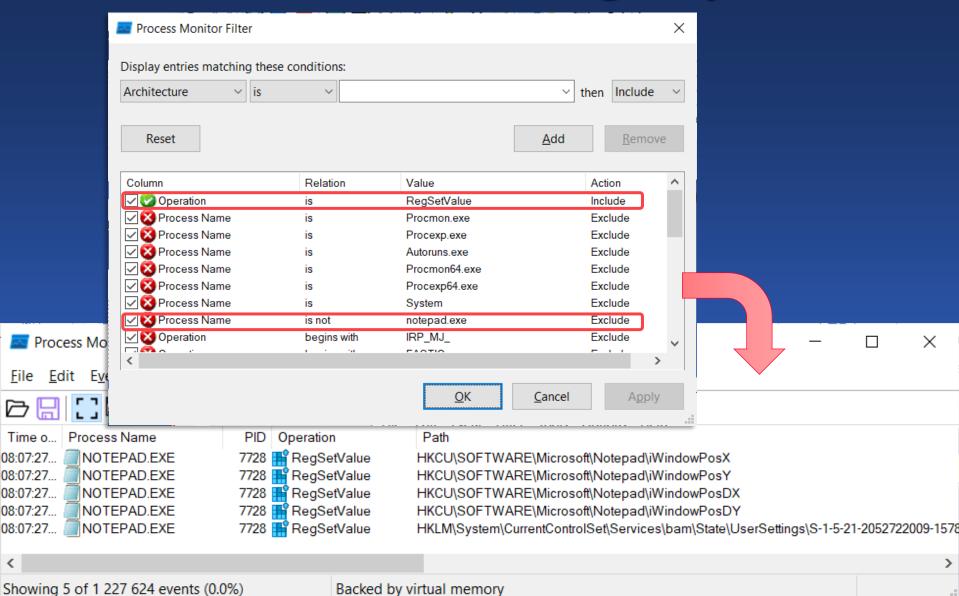


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