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Repairing Damaged Winsock2
The symptoms when Winsock2 is damaged show when you try to release and renew the IP address using IPCONFIG
And you get the following error message:
An error occurred while renewing interface 'Internet': An operation was attempted on something that is not a socket.
Also Internet Explorer may give the following error message: The page cannot be displayed Additionally, you may have no IP address or no Automatic Private IP Addressing (APIPA) address, and you may be receiving IP packets but not sending them.
There are two easy ways to determine if Winsock2 is damaged:
From the XP source files, go to the Support / Tools directory
Winsock Test Method 1 Run netdiag /test:winsock
The end should say Winsock test passed
Winsock Test Method 2
Run Msinfo32 Click on the + by Components Click on the by Network Click on Protocol There should be 10 sections if the Winsock2 key is ok MSAFD Tcpip [TCP/IP] MSAFD Tcpip [UDP/IP] RSVP UDP Service Provider RSVP TCP Service Provider
MSAFD NetBIOS [\Device\NetBT_Tcpip

If the names are anything different from those in this list, then likely Winsock2 is corrupted and needs to be repaired.

If you have any 3rd party software installed, the name MSAFD may be changed.

There should be no fewer than 10 sections.

## To repair Winsock2

Run Regedit

Delete the following two registry keys:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Winsock

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\Winsock2

Restart the computer

Go to Network Connections

Right click and select Properties

Click on the Install button

Select Protocol

Click on the Add button

Click on the Have Disk button

Browse to the \Windows\inf directory

Click on the Open button

Click on the OK button

Highlight Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)

Click on the OK button

Reboot