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To run any of these apps go to Start >
Run and type the executable name (ie
charmap).
WINDOWS XP HIDDEN APPS:
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1) Character Map = charmap.exe (very
useful for finding unusual characters)
2) Disk Cleanup = cleanmgr.exe
3) Clipboard Viewer = clipbrd.exe
(views contents of Windows clipboard)
4) Dr Watson = drwtsn32.exe
(Troubleshooting tool)
5) DirectX diagnosis = dxdiag.exe
(Diagnose & test DirectX, video &
sound cards)
6) Private character editor =
eudcedit.exe (allows creation or
modification of characters)
7) IExpress Wizard = iexpress.exe
(Create self-extracting / self-installing
package)
8) Microsoft Synchronization Manager
= mobsync.exe (appears to allow
synchronization of files on the
network for when working offline.
Apparently undocumented).
9) Windows Media Player 5.1 =
mplay32.exe (Retro version of Media
Player, very basic).
10) ODBC Data Source Administrator =
odbcad32.exe (something to do with
databases)
11) Object Packager = packager.exe (to
do with packaging objects for insertion
in files, appears to have
comprehensive help files).
12) System Monitor = perfmon.exe
(very useful, highly configurable tool,
tells you everything you ever wanted
to know about any aspect of PC
performance, for uber-geeks only )
13) Program Manager = progman.exe
(Legacy Windows 3.x desktop shell).
14) Remote Access phone book =

rasphone.exe (documentation is virtually non-existant).

15) Registry Editor = regedt32.exe [also regedit.exe] (for hacking the Windows Registry).

16) Network shared folder wizard = shrpubw.exe (creates shared folders on network).

17) File siganture verification tool = sigverif.exe

18) Volume Contro = sndvol32.exe (I've included this for those people that lose it from the System Notification area).

19) System Configuration Editor = sysedit.exe (modify System.ini & Win.ini just like in Win98! ).

20) Syskey = syskey.exe (Secures XP Account database - use with care, it's virtually undocumented but it appears to encrypt all passwords, I'm not sure of the full implications).

21) Microsoft Telnet Client = telnet.exe

22) Driver Verifier Manager = verifier.exe (seems to be a utility for monitoring the actions of drivers, might be useful for people having driver problems. Undocumented).

23) Windows for Workgroups Chat = winchat.exe (appears to be an old NT utility to allow chat sessions over a LAN, help files available).

24) System configuration = msconfig.exe (can use to control starup programs)

25) gpedit.msc used to manage group policies, and permissions[a very powerful tool if you know how to use it properly;-) ]

In order to run some of the above mentioned programs, you need to have an administrator groups account. Each of this tools deserves an entire tutorial of its own. Maybe soon i will come up with some more fascinating facts and tutorials about each of them. Till then experiment with them a bit and enjoy!!!!!!!!

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