How to Delete a User Profile from the Registry

(Start >> System >> Advanced System Settings >> User Profile – Settings). This should delete all references in the registry, and the user’s profile folder (normally located in C:\Users).  But what if this doesn’t work as it should?

1. First, make sure the profile folder in C:\Users was completely gone.
2. Find the user’s SID (security identifier):
   1. From a command prompt type: **wmic useraccount get name,sid**  (type exactly as shown)
3. In the registry, expand **HKLM\Software\Microsoft\WindowsNT\CurrentVersion\ProfileList** and find the key named with the SID of the desired user. Right clicking on the key, export to the desktop (you’ll need this in the next step). Right click on the folder and delete the key.
4. Using Notepad, I open the registry export from the previous step. Find the GUID for the desired user. In the registry expand **HKLM\Software\Microsoft\WindowsNT\CurrentVersion\ProfileGuid** and find the key named with the GUID of the desired user. Right-click on the folder and deleted the key.