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Eliminate Your Security Problems By Clear Mru

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While Clearing MRU's is relatively easy, one can easily screw up the entire process and end up messing the system registry. Publisher requires you to modify the registry to clear its MRU. System registry is a highly sensitive entity and wrongly modifying it usually ends up in having to reinstall the operating system. You must know how to restore your registry if something goes wrong if you don't its best not to tamper with it. For more information regarding how to restore your registry view the "restoring the registry" help topic in

Regedit.exe. Always back up the registry before editing it just to be safe.

MRU clearing for Microsoft Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Words and PhotoDraw is done as follows. On the "Tools" menu click "Options" and click on the "General" Tab. Clear the "Recently used files" checkbox and click ok. On the "tools" menu, click "options" and click the "General" Tab, select the "Recently used files" check box and click "ok".

While the above process works fine, the catch is next time you work on a document it is again going to create a new set of MRU files. If you intend to clear the MRU periodically, it's better to partially automate the process. A registry backup is a must before attempting the following steps failure to do so can render you with serious data loss. Modify the registry at you own risk.

Start the registry editor. Click the parent key. Suppose you want to clear the MRU list for Microsoft Word .click the following key

HKEY\_CURRNET\_USER \ SOFTWARE \ MICROSOFT\ 2003

On the registry menu, click Export Registry File. Name the registry file in the "File Name" box, click "selected branch" and click "save".

You can use this file to periodically clear the registry of MRU files. To do so, start the registry. On the Registry menu click "Import Registry File". Click to select the registry file and then click open.