

Windows SIG

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Links to Explore

- From Jane Rankin a great article on “Ransomware” ...
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2015/01/11/computer-hacker-ransomware-malware-sony/21397777/>
- From Doug Steinke links to Computer Club “archive” regardsing “Malware Prevention & Removal” ...
<https://www.sctxca.org/suncity/clubs-groups/sites/computer/archive/monday-pgms/2015Meetings.html>
- From Bill Andrews a new invention...
<https://www.youtube.com/embed/9J7GpVQCfms>

From Barb Resnick – Yet Another Phishing Email

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You will be further notified without delay of any judgement delivered in regard to your complaint.

Sincerely,
Court secretary
Jayden Byers

New Year... Time for Resolutions

- At least annually you should vow to make your Windows installation the best that it can be
- An essential Windows skill, is knowing how to access “safe mode” because many operations are best performed in Safe Mode
- Accessing Safe Mode is exacerbated because it varies by operating system
- At the first SIG of 2015 we will show:
 - How to access Safe Mode in “all” Windows systems, and
 - We will introduce a “Windows Tweaking” tool that has proven to be very successful in the Help Center, for resolving a variety of problems and or improving the performance of Windows

What is Windows “Safe Mode”

Safe mode is a option for Windows that starts your computer in a “limited state”.

Only the basic files and drivers necessary to run Windows are started and if you access Safe mode properly,

The words **Safe Mode** will appear in the bottom corner of your monitor to identify which Windows **mode** you're using.

Accessing Safe Mode permits a User to run applications that either will not run in “regular” mode or are best run in “Safe Mode”

Windows 7 & Earlier Versions... Safe Mode

- Reboot or Start your computer
- Immediately and continuously depress the F8 key (top of your keyboard)
- When the next screen appears, use your up and down keys to select “Safe Mode with networking” (your mouse will not be working)...
- “Enter”
- If you have done all as directed, you will boot into Safe Mode with networking

Safe Mode in Windows 8.x

- Accessing Safe Mode in Windows 8.x can be an adventure
- Fortunately, there are various ways to access Safe Mode in Windows 8.x, which vary from the Default method to the “easy way” to access Safe Mode
- We will review your options and you can pick the method that best suits your style, but
- Learning how to accessing Safe Mode is an essential skill!

Safe Mode Win8.x ...Default Method

1. On the Win 8 Start screen or in the “search box”, type... refresh
2. In the right panel you will see a variety of links, select... “Refresh your PC without affecting files”
3. On the next screen you will be presented with three options... under the header Advance Startup, click “Restart Now”
4. On the next page, you will be presented with three choices... click “Troubleshoot”
5. On the next page you will be presented with three options... click “Advanced”
6. On the next page you will be presented with five options... under “Startup Settings”... click “Restart Now”
7. You will be presented with the a page with options, use the up/down arrows on the keyboard to select “Safe Mode with networking”
8. If you have done all correctly you will boot into “Safe Mode”, look to the bottom left of your screen to verify
9. Finally, even though you have selected “Safe Mode with Networking” the task bar will indicated that you are “not connected” (but you are, if wired, if wireless you may have to select your wireless network again)

Safe Mode Win8.x Alternative One

1. On the Win8.x Start screen or in the search box type... msconfig
2. In the right panel you will see a link to... “msconfig”, click that link
3. On the “System Configuration” page, click the “Boot” tab at the top
4. Under the header “Boot Options”, place a check in the box opposite “Safe Boot”
5. Restart your machine, and you will boot into Safe Mode”
6. There are several problems with the “msconfig” approach:
 - You are not prompted for a “networking” option and you are, in fact, **not connected!** So, if a network connection is important do not employ the msconfig approach!
 - You must go into msconfig again and uncheck the boot option or you will perpetually boot into Safe Mode

Safe Mode 8.x – The Easy, Permanent Way

You can reset 8.x to the legacy way of accessing Safe Mode by simply depressing the F8 key! Here's how:

1. Boot 8.x
2. Right click on the Windows icon at the bottom left corner of the monitor
3. Click... Command Prompt (admin) on the Menu
4. Opposite "System 32" copy and paste or type the following:
`bcdedit /set {default} bootmenupolicy legacy`
5. Enter, and if done properly you will get a "operation completed successfully"
6. Reboot your machine while depressing the F8 key repeatedly and if all is done properly you will boot into Safe Mode
7. In the future you can access Safe Mode by simply depressing the F8 key repeatedly, during boot

Windows Tweaking Tool

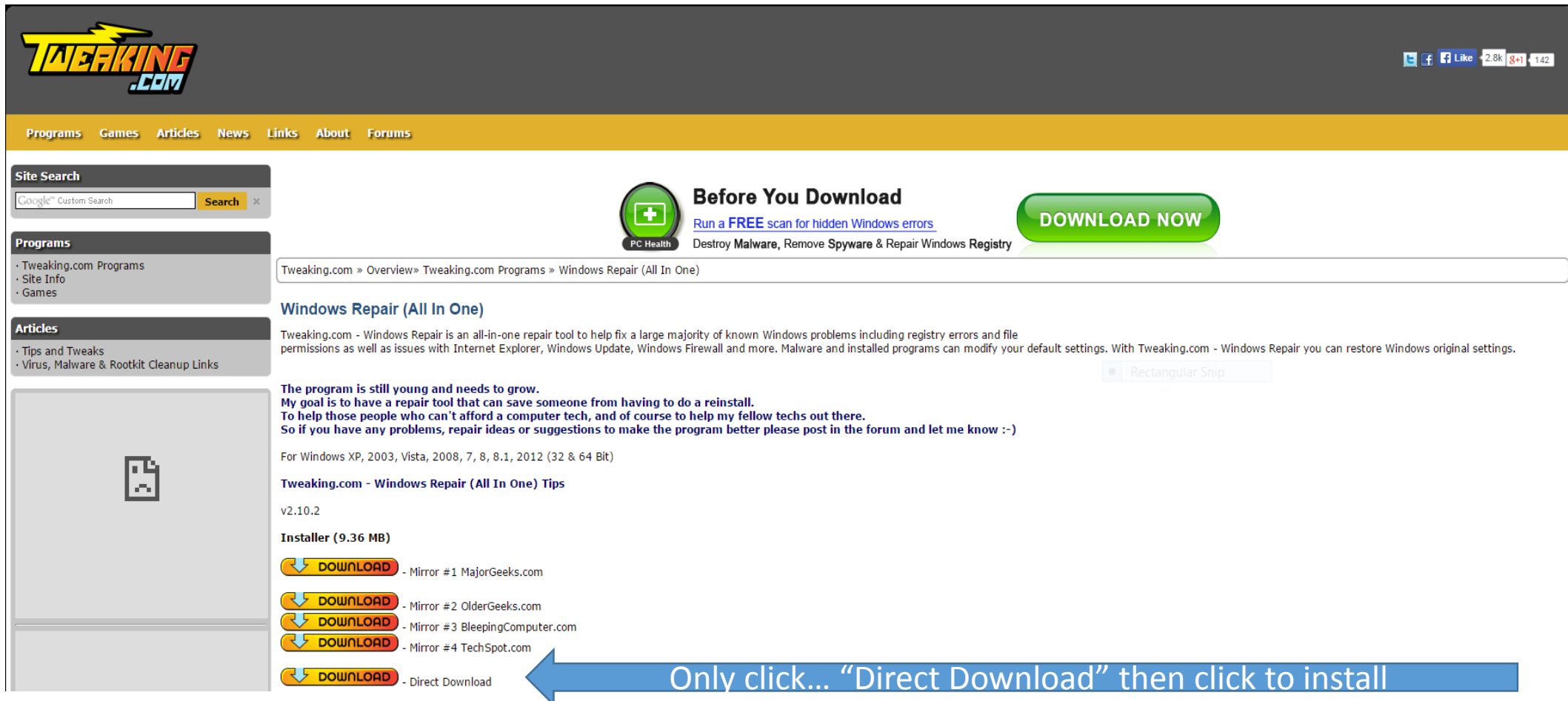
All In One Version V 1.9.14

Windows Tweaking Tool (All In One)

- Has been successfully used in the Help Center for resolving a variety of issues (> 28 issues) and improving Windows performance
- The tool is updated frequently, so it's important to employ the most current version
- The tool is best run in "Safe Mode"
- The tool is free
- The SCCC has received permission to "host" the download of the application, however hosting has not been implemented to date
- In the meantime if you decided to download the tool you should be very, very careful on what you click
- Download only from the "Direct Download"

Downloading the Tweaking Tool

- Here's the link... http://www.tweaking.com/content/page/windows_repair_all_in_one.html copy and paste the link into your favorite browser, Enter



The screenshot shows the Tweaking.com website. The header features the 'TWEAKING.COM' logo and social media links. A navigation bar includes links for Programs, Games, Articles, News, Links, About, and Forums. On the left, there is a 'Site Search' box and a 'Programs' list. The main content area is titled 'Before You Download' and includes a 'PC Health' icon, a link to 'Run a FREE scan for hidden Windows errors', and a 'DOWNLOAD NOW' button. Below this, the breadcrumb trail reads 'Tweaking.com » Overview » Tweaking.com Programs » Windows Repair (All In One)'. The section 'Windows Repair (All In One)' describes the tool's purpose and provides a download link. A large blue arrow points to the 'Direct Download' button, with the text 'Only click... "Direct Download" then click to install'.

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Windows Repair (All In One)
Tweaking.com - Windows Repair is an all-in-one repair tool to help fix a large majority of known Windows problems including registry errors and file permissions as well as issues with Internet Explorer, Windows Update, Windows Firewall and more. Malware and installed programs can modify your default settings. With Tweaking.com - Windows Repair you can restore Windows original settings.

The program is still young and needs to grow.
My goal is to have a repair tool that can save someone from having to do a reinstall.
To help those people who can't afford a computer tech, and of course to help my fellow techs out there.
So if you have any problems, repair ideas or suggestions to make the program better please post in the forum and let me know :-)

For Windows XP, 2003, Vista, 2008, 7, 8, 8.1, 2012 (32 & 64 Bit)

Tweaking.com - Windows Repair (All In One) Tips


v2.10.2

Installer (9.36 MB)

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DOWNLOAD - Mirror #2 OlderGeeks.com
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DOWNLOAD - Mirror #4 TechSpot.com
DOWNLOAD - Direct Download

Only click... "Direct Download" then click to install

Tweaking All In One – Default View

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Step 1: Important


Step 2: Optional


Step 3: Optional

Step 4: Optional

Step 5: Backup

 Repairs

 Settings

 Tweaks

Do A Proper Power Reset First!


A proper power reset means draining all the electricity out of the system. This will properly reset the hardware and also clear volatile memory, it also helps since Windows will be restarted after, clearing out any memory leaks, not enough system resources or other problems that might get in the way of the repairs.


Doing proper power reset is easy. It isn't the same as simply shutting down your machine.

(Step 1) Shutdown and power off the computer.




(Step 2) Once the computer is powered off, unplug the power cord. If it is a laptop also remove the battery. It is important that any way for the system to keep getting power is unplugged or unhooked.

(Step 3) With the power cord unplugged and the battery removed (if you have one), hit the power button a few times as if you are trying to turn on the computer. When you do this and the computer tries to turn on, all the electricity is drained out of the system.




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Tweaking All In One - Functions

1. Reminder that “All In One” works best in Safe Mode
2. Option 1 - you can download, run, or not, Malwarebytes
3. Option 2 - check disk and repair
4. Option 3 - system file check and repair
5. Option 4 – registry backup and create restore point
6. Repairs – 28 repairs by default with additional options
7. System Tweaks – two, Simple System Tweaker & CleanMem

Malware Option

Tweaking.com - Windows Repair v2.10.2

Step 1: ImportantStep 2: OptionalStep 3: OptionalStep 4: OptionalStep 5: BackupRepairsSettingsTweaks

Clean Your System From Infections

Before trying to repair Windows you need to make sure your system is clean from infections. If your system is infected when you try to repair windows, not only will repairs not work but things could become worse.



Tweaking.com - Windows Repair will download and scan your system with the free version of Malwarebytes Anti-Malware. This is one of the top scanners out there and if you like Malwarebytes you can buy the pro version to have real time scanning enabled.

 [Here is a list of extra tools you can run to scan your system.](#)

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CHKDSK Option

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Check File System (Optional) Very Important If Doing File Permissions Repair

Before working with files on the system it is a very good idea to have windows check the file system for errors. If there are any file system errors windows will repair them. If there are errors in the file system when you try to repair windows then the repairs could fail.

1. See If Check Disk Is Needed (No Restart Required)

This will run a check disk on the system and see if any errors are found.


Check

2. Check Disk (If Needed)

Check Disk will scan the drive for file system errors. This is a good idea before doing repairs to make sure a bad file system doesn't cause more problems. This action requires a system restart.

Requires The System To Be Restarted




Do It



Windows Chkdsk may report false errors when ran in read only mode.
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System File Check (sfc /scannow)

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System File Check (Optional)

Before working with files on the system it is a very good idea to have windows check the file system files for corruptions or mis matched versions. Having the system files checked by the System File Checker can even repair some known problems. Problems that are caused by wrong versions of the system files.

System File Check

System File Checker will scan your system for corrupt or wrong Windows system files. This is a good idea to do to make sure proper files are intact before starting the repairs. For Windows XP & 2003 you will need your Windows CD. Vista or newer do not require the Windows CD. Please restart Windows after.




Do It



The System File Checker is a tool built into Windows and not a part of this program. If you have trouble with the SFC you may need to skip it.


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Registry & System Restore Option

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Registry Backup & System Restore

Before doing any major changes to your system, you should always do a registry backup and/or a system restore point. This way if you encounter any unforeseen problems you can restore your system to an earlier point or restore your registry to a time before the repairs.



1. Registry Backup

Backup

Restore



2. System Restore


Create

Restore

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Repair Option



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This program doesn't fix every problem in Windows. If this program doesn't fix your problem please post in my forum what it is you're trying to fix. From there I can add more and more repairs making the program better. <http://www.tweaking.com/forums/>

These Repairs are for Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8 & 8.1 (Windows 10 support will be added once it is released in the Fall of 2015). These Repairs are not tested and designed for Windows Servers. Please use caution if running on a server and make sure to do a registry backup and only run the repairs you need!



☒ Automatically do a registry backup

 Back  Open Repairs

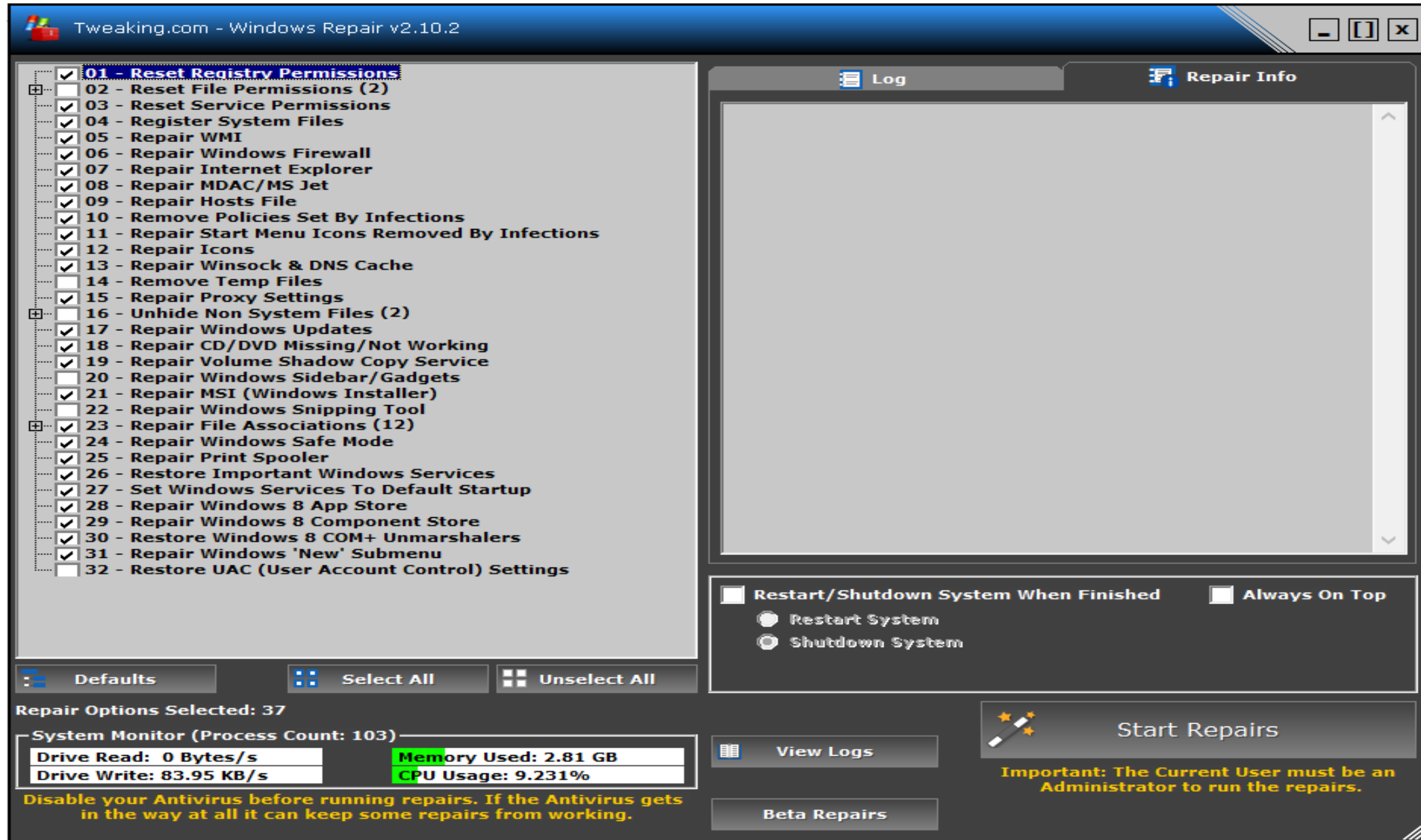
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Repair - Defaults & Options



System Tweaker & CleanMem

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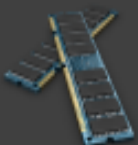


Tweaking.com - Simple System Tweaker

Simple System Tweaker is designed to bring only the safest tweaks to your system to increase speed and stability.

Windows is setup in a default configuration. By fine tuning your Windows configuration you can increase the speed and snappiness of the operating system. These tweaks are the ones that are safe and shown to cause no side effects with any programs. Each tweak only gives a small performance boost. But they all add up, so the more tweaks you do the more performance you get.

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CleanMem - By PcWinTech.com

PcWinTech.com is my other site and CleanMem helps keep memory hungry programs under control like Firefox and Chrome.

CleanMem Works by calling a Windows API. CleanMem doesn't change the working set of a process. It simply asks Windows to do all the work. So Windows does the trimming, the moving and manages everything. This is why there is never any crashes of programs and any performance hit to the system. To put it short CleanMem doesn't work against the Windows memory manager, it works with it :-)


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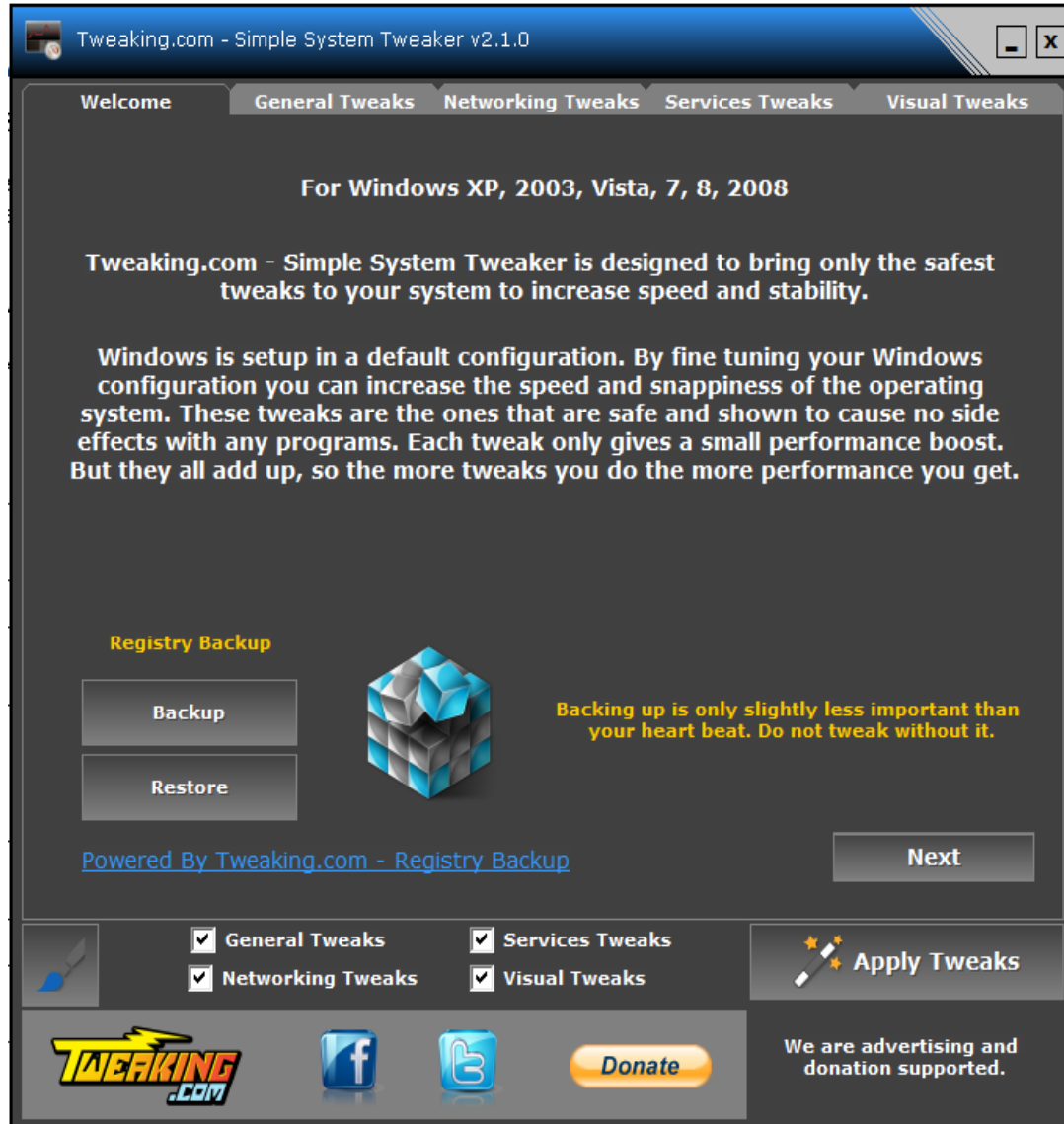
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