

# What are some common processes in Windows Operating System?

FILENAME: Explorer.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Windows Explorer.

DESCRIPTION: Microsoft's Windows shell.

FILENAME: Iexplore.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Microsoft Internet Explorer.

DESCRIPTION: Microsoft's Web browser.

FILENAME: Lsass.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Local Security Authentication Server, Windows NT/2000/XP.

DESCRIPTION: Validates passwords when users log on.

FILENAME: Msimn.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Microsoft Outlook Express.

DESCRIPTION: Microsoft's mail client.

FILENAME: Msmmsgs.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: MSN and Windows Messenger.

DESCRIPTION: Microsoft's IM client.

FILENAME: Ndisuio.sys.

PROGRAM NAME: NDIS User I/O.

DESCRIPTION: Internal Windows driver; performs internal communications tasks within Windows.

FILENAME: Rundll32.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Run DLL as a program.

DESCRIPTION: Runs code from a dynamic link library (for example, a Control Panel applet) as if it were a complete program.

FILENAME: Services.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Windows NT/2000 services.

DESCRIPTION: Performs system logging, tracks resources, sends messages and alerts, manages PnP devices, handles Windows networking.

FILENAME: Setup\_wm.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Windows Media Player Setup.

DESCRIPTION: Occasionally tries to check with Microsoft for updates.

FILENAME: Svchost.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Generic Host Process for Win32 services (Windows 2000).

DESCRIPTION: This program is similar to the Unix inetd.exe

FILENAME: Userinit.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Initiate user environment.

DESCRIPTION: This program sets up a user's computing environment immediately after log-on. It starts the shell, establishes network connections, and handles other similar logistics.

FILENAME: Winlogon.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Windows log-on utility.

DESCRIPTION: Accepts user passwords.

FILENAME: Wmplayer.exe.

PROGRAM NAME: Windows Media Player.

DESCRIPTION: Microsoft's media player. May be activated by Web pages or other software and can slow the system dramatically.

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