

Why is a registry file called a "hive"?

 devblogs.microsoft.com/oldnewthing/20030808-00

August 8, 2003



Raymond Chen

Useless trivia day.

Why is a registry file called a “hive”?

Because one of the original developers of Windows NT hated bees. So the developer who was responsible for the registry snuck in as many bee references as he could. A registry file is called a “hive”, and registry data are stored in “cells”, which is what honeycombs are made of.

Raymond Chen

Follow

