

VMWare/Windows/CClea ...



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I'm not sure if this is the right place to post this, so point me in the correct direction if this is not the place to ask this question, please:

When I used to use Windows (2000 & XP) I used CCleaner and/or EZCleaner to remove extra/temporary and unnecessary files which manage to remain behind & take up residence on most computers. Both programs work very well in WinXP and do clean up one's machine without removing anything necessary, if you set up the options correctly.

I installed CCleaner & EZCleaner on my XP portion of my VmWare but when I ran either of them, there were a gazillion files which showed they needed to be removed. There were so many....I was afraid to do anything. Does anyone know if using one of these cleaners would remove some necessary files from VmWare etc...

thx for any advice...



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Jan 8, 2008 1. **Re: VMWare/Windows/CCleaner Compatibility** Oct 28, 2008 1:18 PM

I use CCleaner every now and then as well. I haven't tried running it on a box that had VMware server/workstation installed so I can't tell you for a fact. I would be cautious about removing files that belong to VMware though as CCleaner might not be designed for computers with VMware installed on it.

Might be a better practice to install the OS, run ccleaner then install your vmware apps onto it to be safe.

- Kyle



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Dec 18, 2007 2. **Re: VMWare/Windows/CCleaner Compatibility** Oct 28, 2008 2:03 PM

👤 in response to: khughes kyle,

that's what I'm worried about. there are so many files showing up and since I had a helluva time getting VmWare to work properly am afraid I might remove something (while "cleaning") that VmWare needs. Are there specific file endings for VmWare that would help me identify them???

thx

Petunia



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Jan 8, 2008 3. **Re: VMWare/Windows/CCleaner Compatibility** Oct 28, 2008 2:16 PM

in response to: [tuni](#) Which product are you using? Workstation? VM server? Virtual Infrastructure Client?

Some file extensions would be: .vmx, .vmxf, .vmdk, .nvram, .vmsd

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Dec 18, 2007 4. **Re: VMWare/Windows/CCleaner Compatibility** Oct 29, 2008 12:45 PM

in response to: [khughes](#) khughes,

I am using VmWare Fusion, Version 2.0. I would assume (always gets me in trouble <BG>) that the file endings I should beware of would be as you described below: .vmx, vmxf, vmdk, .nvram, .vmsd or, in fact, anything with a "vm.....extension.....does that sound right to you?

many thanks for your help,

Petunia



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Jan 8, 2008 5. **Re: VMWare/Windows/CCleaner Compatibility** Oct 29, 2008 1:24 PM

in response to: [tuni](#)

Wait... Fusion or VMware Server 2.0? If you're running Fusion then you have a Mac running a Windows VM and then running CCleaner inside that windows VM? Am I getting that correctly?

Its safe to say don't delete anything with the vm in the extention. I can take a look here maybe today or tomorrow build out a fresh windows box, install server/workstation, make a few VMs and see what CCleaner picks up. Have never actually ran CCleaner on a box with vmware software on it before.

- Kyle



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Dec 18, 2007 6. **Re: VMWare/Windows/CCleaner Compatibility** Oct 30, 2008 11:43 AM

in response to: [khughes](#) Am running VmWare Fusion 2.0 -have not deleted anything CcCleaner picks up - over 13K kilobytes, scared th'hell out of me. Same with EasyCleaner...I am running an iMac with Win XP and CCleaner inside and I don't think I should use either cleaner - they are picking up just too damn much - many do have Vm.....in the "temp. directory" or other "unnecessary files. I think I won't use either program. Although I'd like to clean up am not sure that it won't be dangerous! I think you may agree....

Let me know what you think....or what you find runnbing CCleaner in the box with VmFusion software...

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Many thanks for your interest.

Petunia