

Automating Windows Start Menu Reset with PowerShell

In this article, we'll explore a PowerShell script designed to reset the Windows Start Menu by removing and recreating specific directories and registry entries. This script can be particularly useful for troubleshooting Start Menu issues in Windows 11.

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Remove-Item
"$env:LOCALAPPDATA\Packages\Microsoft.Windows.StartMenuExperienceHost_cw5n1h
2txyewy\LocalState" -Recurse -Force -ErrorAction Ignore
New-Item -Path
"$env:LOCALAPPDATA\Packages\Microsoft.Windows.StartMenuExperienceHost_cw5n1h
2txyewy" -Name "LocalState" -ItemType "directory" -Force | Out-Null
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$Bytes = [byte[]]::new($HexString.Length / 2)
For($i=0; $i -lt $HexString.Length; $i+=2){$Bytes[$i/2] =
[convert]::ToByte($HexString.Substring($i, 2), 16)}
Set-Content
"$env:LOCALAPPDATA\Packages\Microsoft.Windows.StartMenuExperienceHost_cw5n1h
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2txyewy\LocalState\start.bin" -Value $Bytes -Encoding Byte
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reg.exe add "HKCU\Software\Classes\CLSID\{86ca1aa0-34aa-4e8b-a509-50c905bae2a2}\InprocServer32" /f /ve
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