

Cheap amusement: Searching for spelling errors in the registry

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One source of cheap amusement is searching for spelling errors in the registry. For example, one program tried to register a new file extension, or at least they tried, except that they spelled `Extension` wrong.

And they wonder why that feature never worked.

My discovery was that my registry contained the mysterious key `HKEY_CURRENT_USER\S`. After some debugging, I finally found the culprit. There was a program on my computer that did the equivalent of this:

```
RegCreateKeyA(HKEY_CURRENT_USER, (PCSTR)L"Software\\...", &hk);
```

One of my colleagues remarked, “With enough force, any peg will fit in any hole.”

I suspect that the code was not that aggressively wrong. It was probably something more subtle.

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