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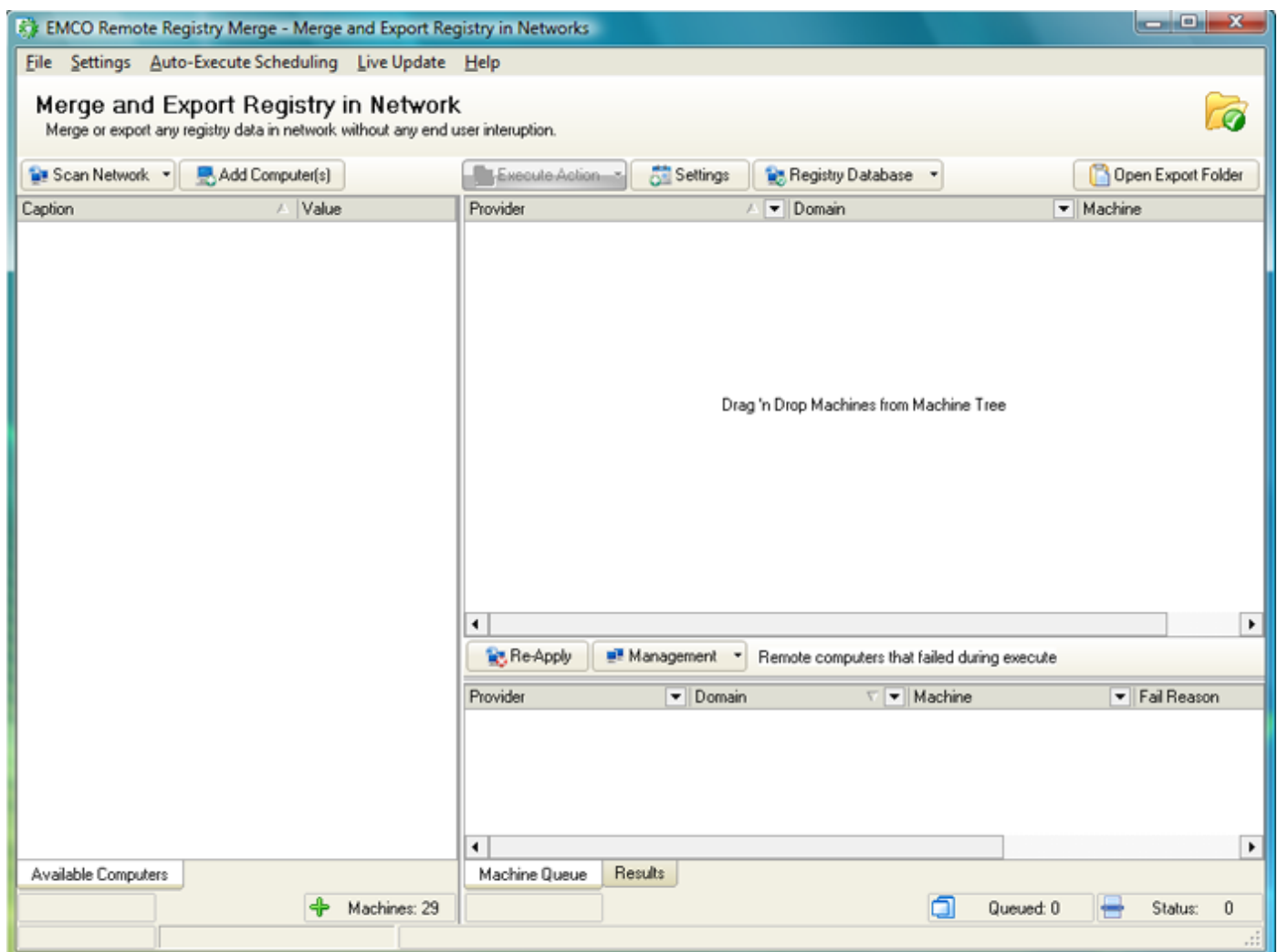
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EMCO Remote Registry Merge enables you to delete the registry keys and values on remote machines. This allows you to delete a required key and any or all of its values in a very easy and efficient way especially when you have to do all this on a number of computers on your network. This is very useful while removing registry keys for a virus imagine how great a tool could be that allows you to delete unwanted registry keys over large network of your enterprise. So, remoteregistry management is just a piece of cake with EMCORemote Registry Merge.

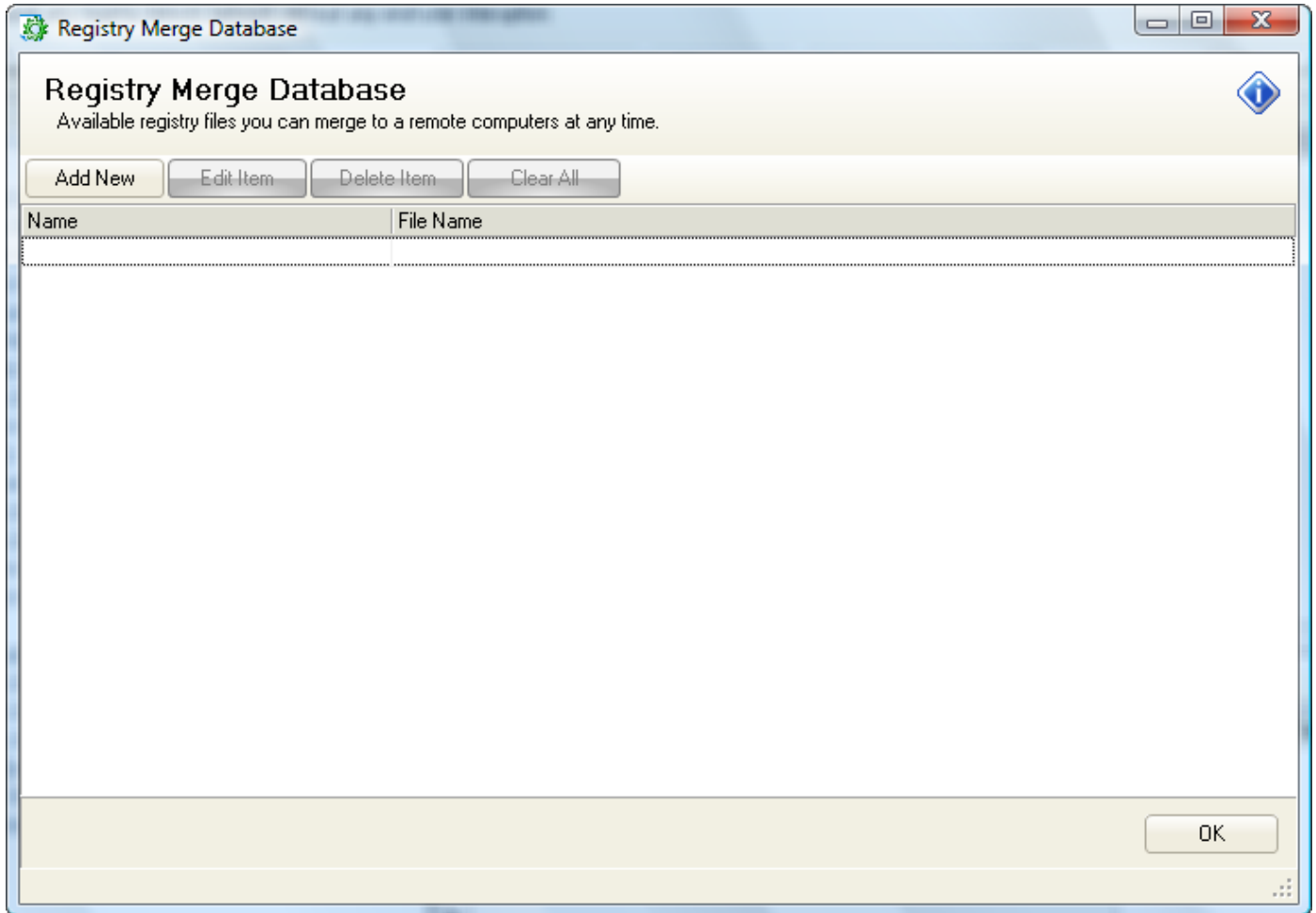
Delete a registry key

To delete the registry key and all of its values perform the following steps:

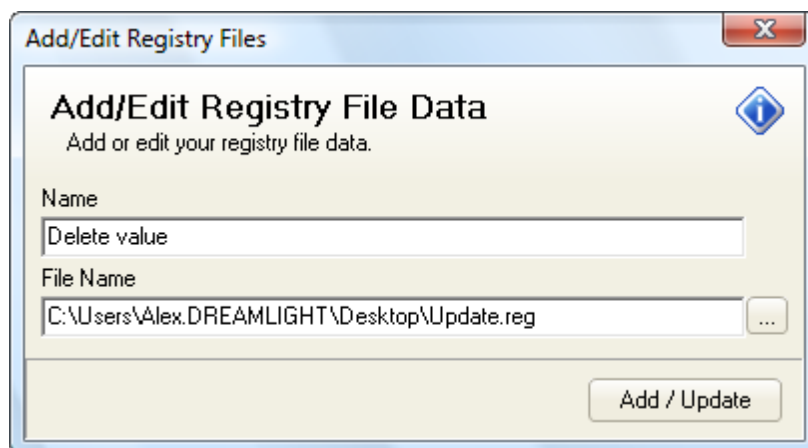
1. Export the registry to an old Win9x/NT4 file format (more details in last section of this file).
2. Open the exported file in any ASCII text editor.
3. Locate the registry key that you want to delete.
4. Add '-' character before the registry key. For example, as you can see below we added '-' before the name of the key. [-HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Demo Key] "Demo Value"="C:\\Winnt\\System32\\DemoFile.exe"
5. Save changes to the registry file.
6. Run Remote Registry Merge.



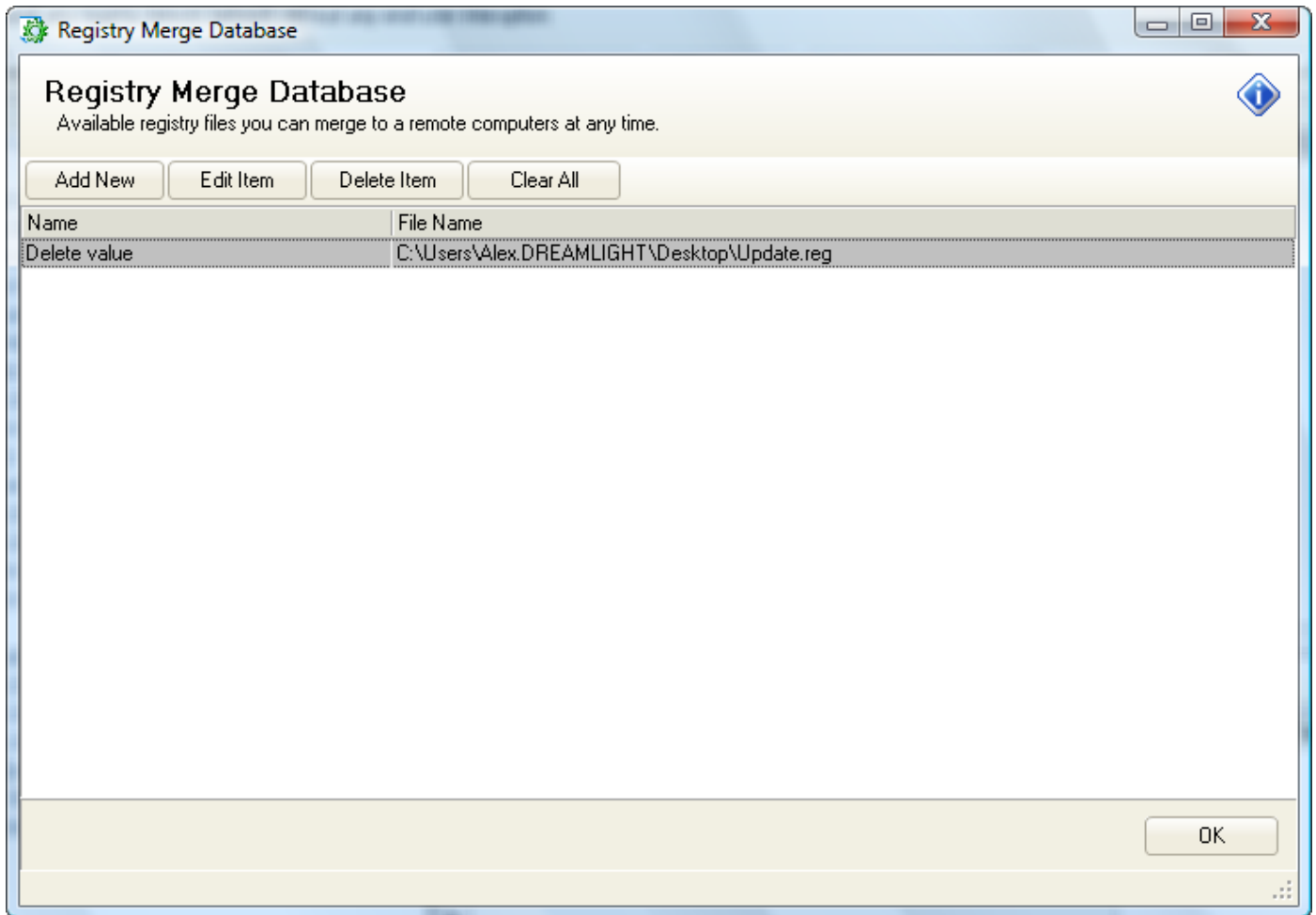
7. Press registry database and select registry merge(database) from pop-up menu.



8. Click the Add button to add the registry file.

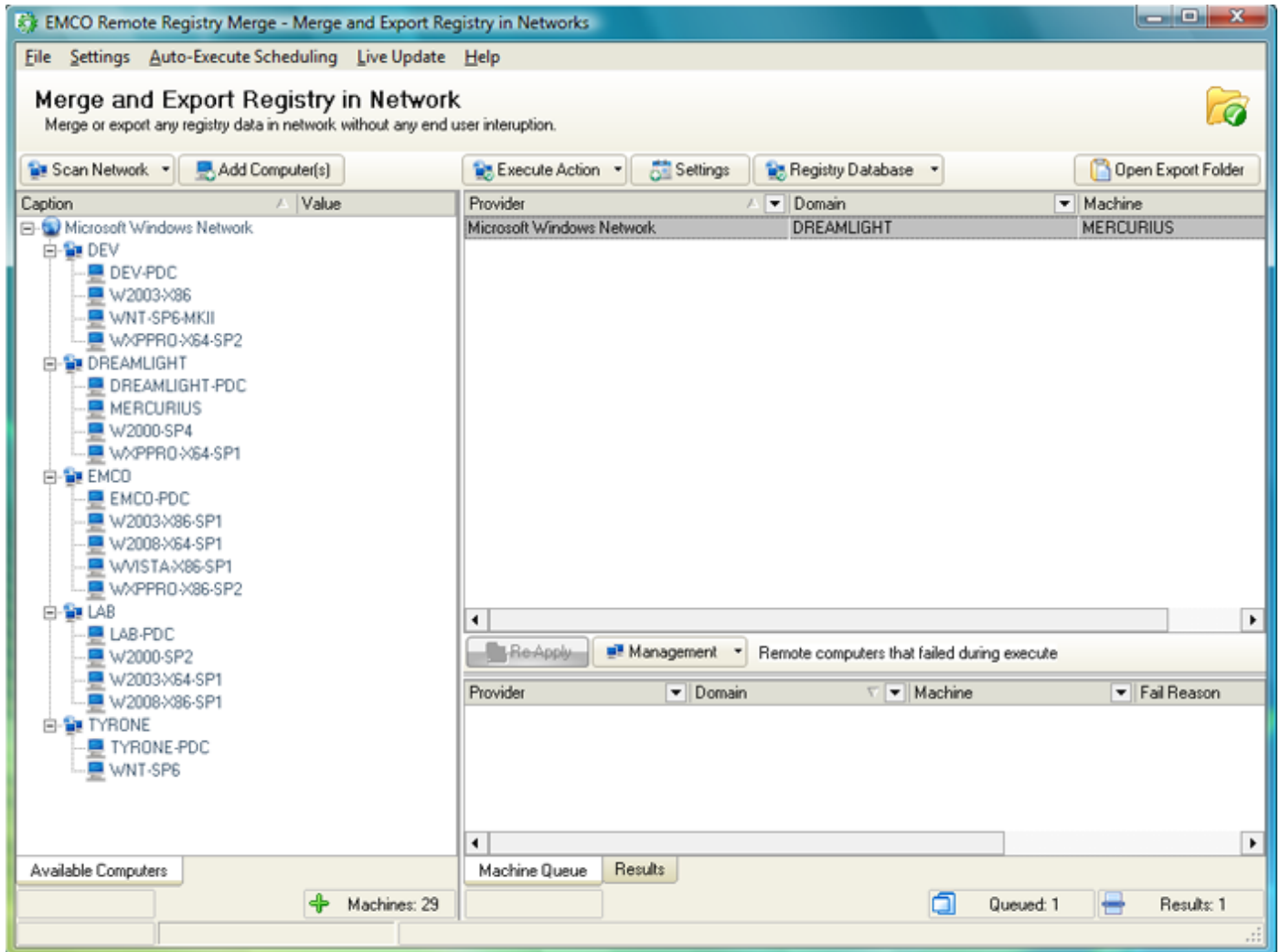


9. Enter entry name and specify a path to reg file. Press Add/Update button.

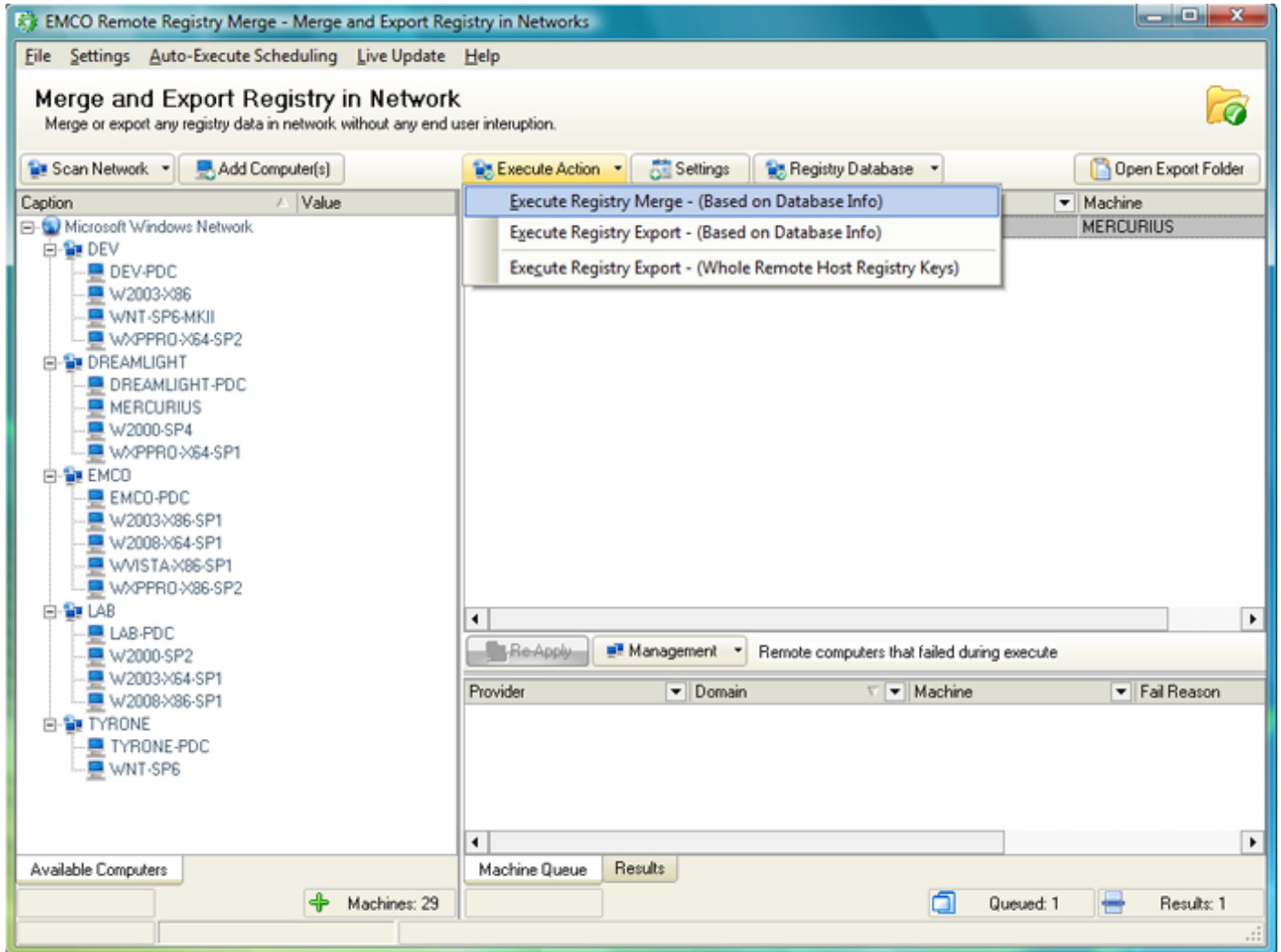


10. When all the needed files are added press OK button.

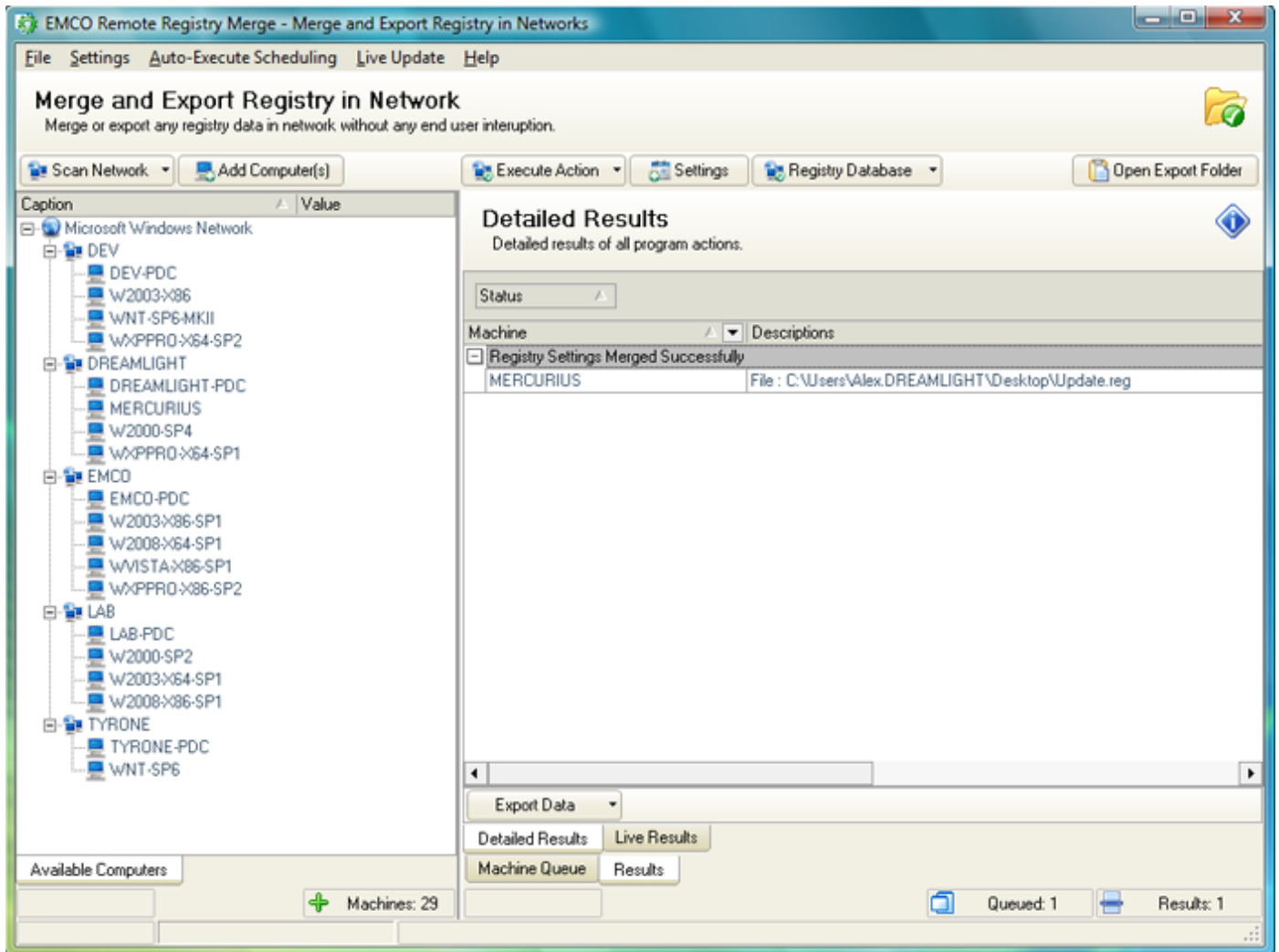
11. Switch back to the Available Machines Tab.
12. Select the machines on which you want to apply the changes and drop them to the Machine Queue Tab.



13. Click the Execute button to start the merge process.



14. Switch to the Status information Tab to see the status of the merge process.

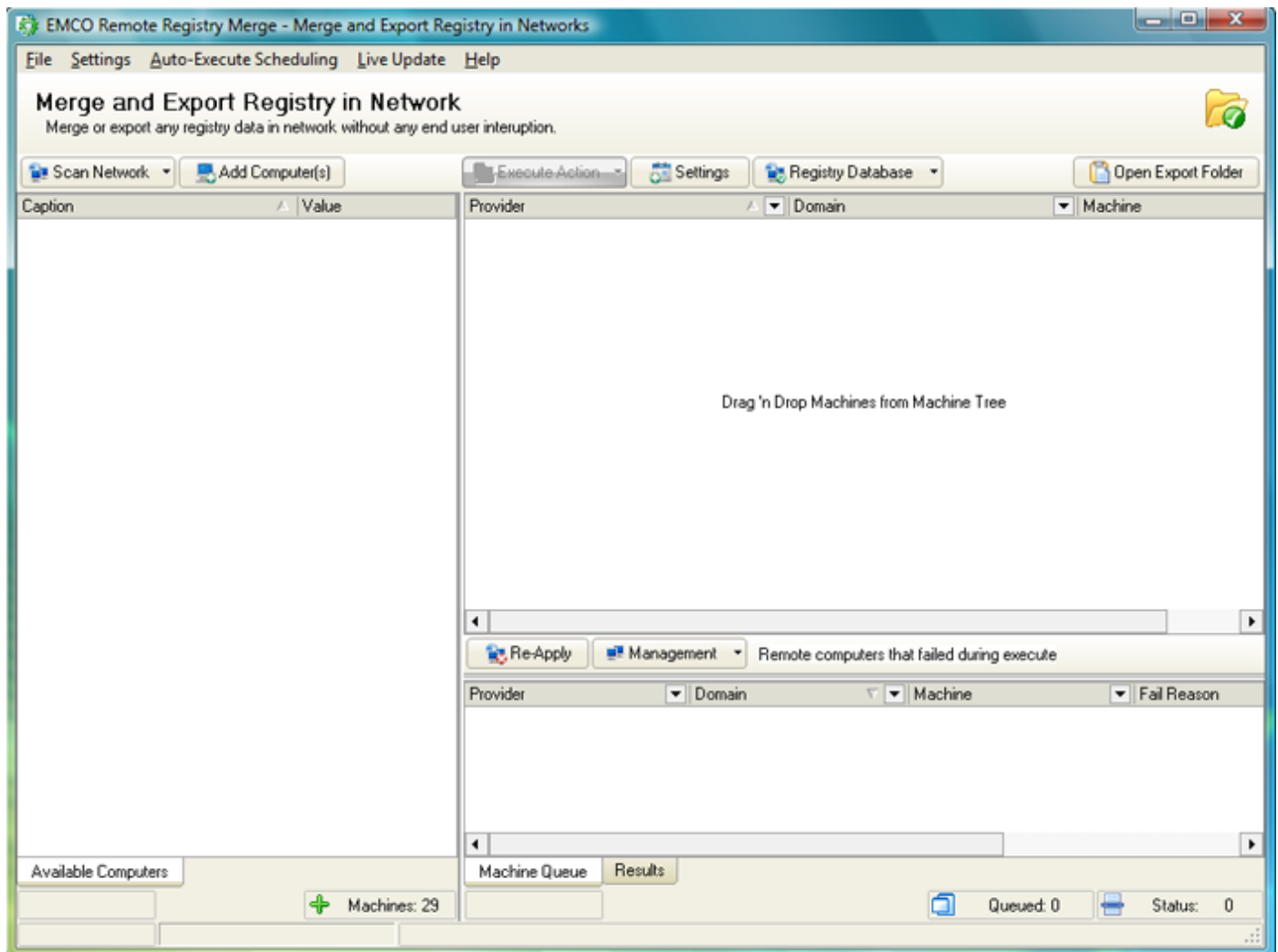


15. This will delete the specified registry key(s) from the remote machine.

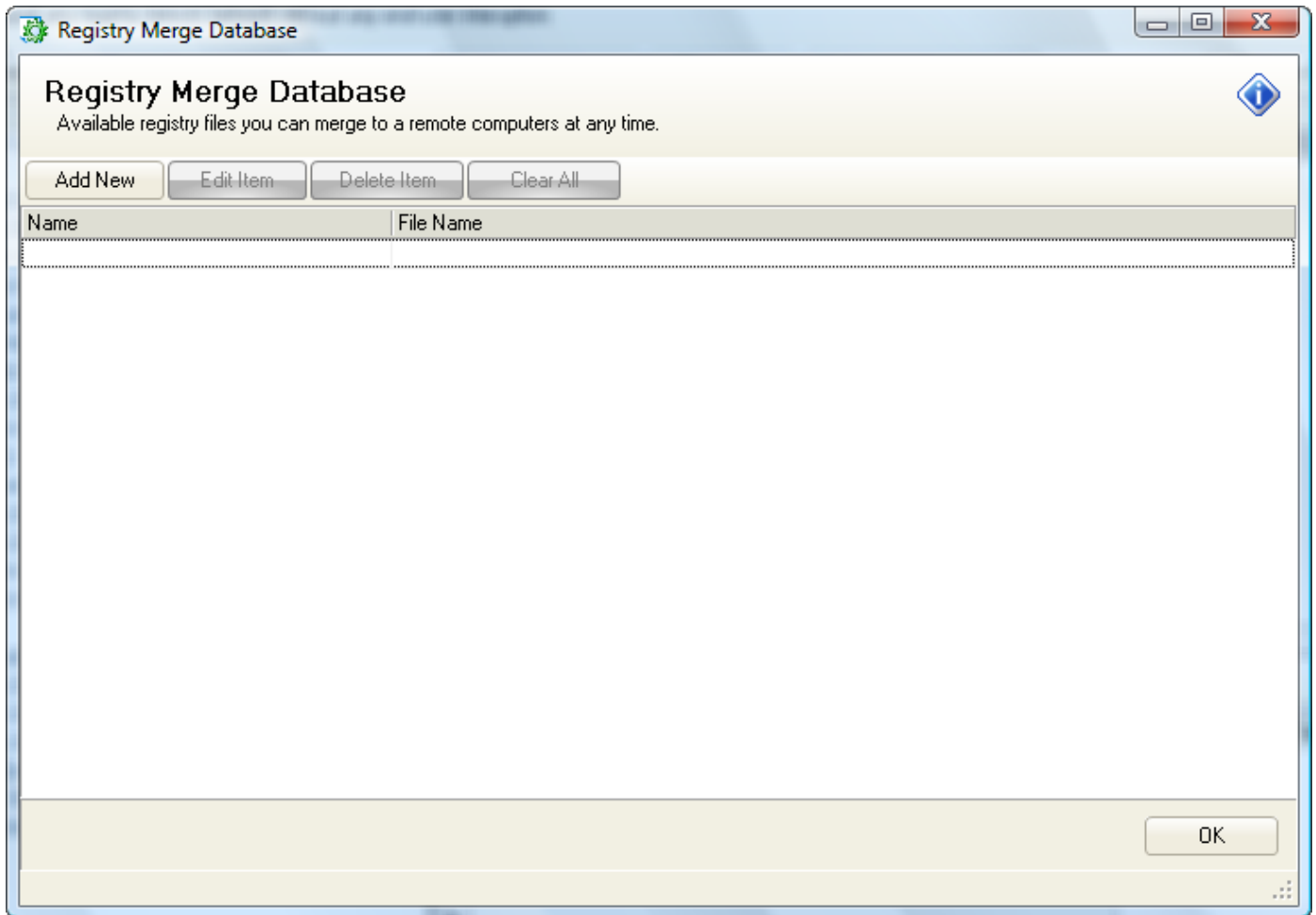
Delete a value(s) of a key

To delete a value(s) of a key perform the following steps:

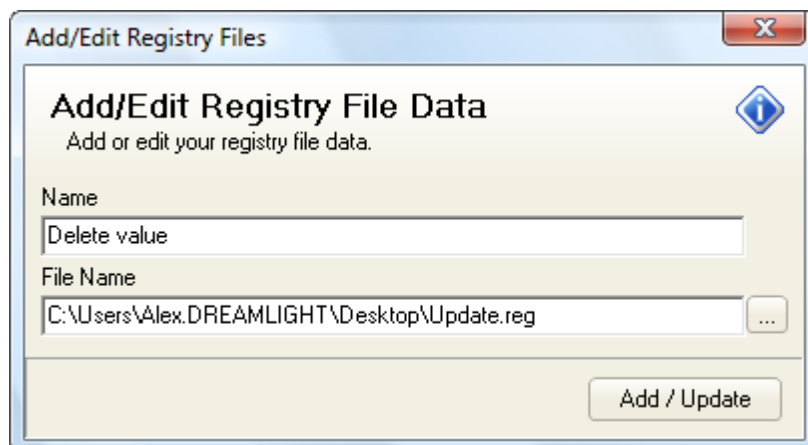
1. Export the registry to an old Win9x/NT4 file format (more details in last section of this file).
2. Open the exported file in any ASCII text editor.
3. Locate the registry key that you want to delete.
4. Add '-' character before the value(s) that you want to delete. For example, as you can see below we added '-' before the value that we want to delete. [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Demo Key] "Demo Value"="-C:\\Winnt\\System32\\DemoFile.exe"
5. Save changes to the registry file.
6. Run Remote Registry Merge.



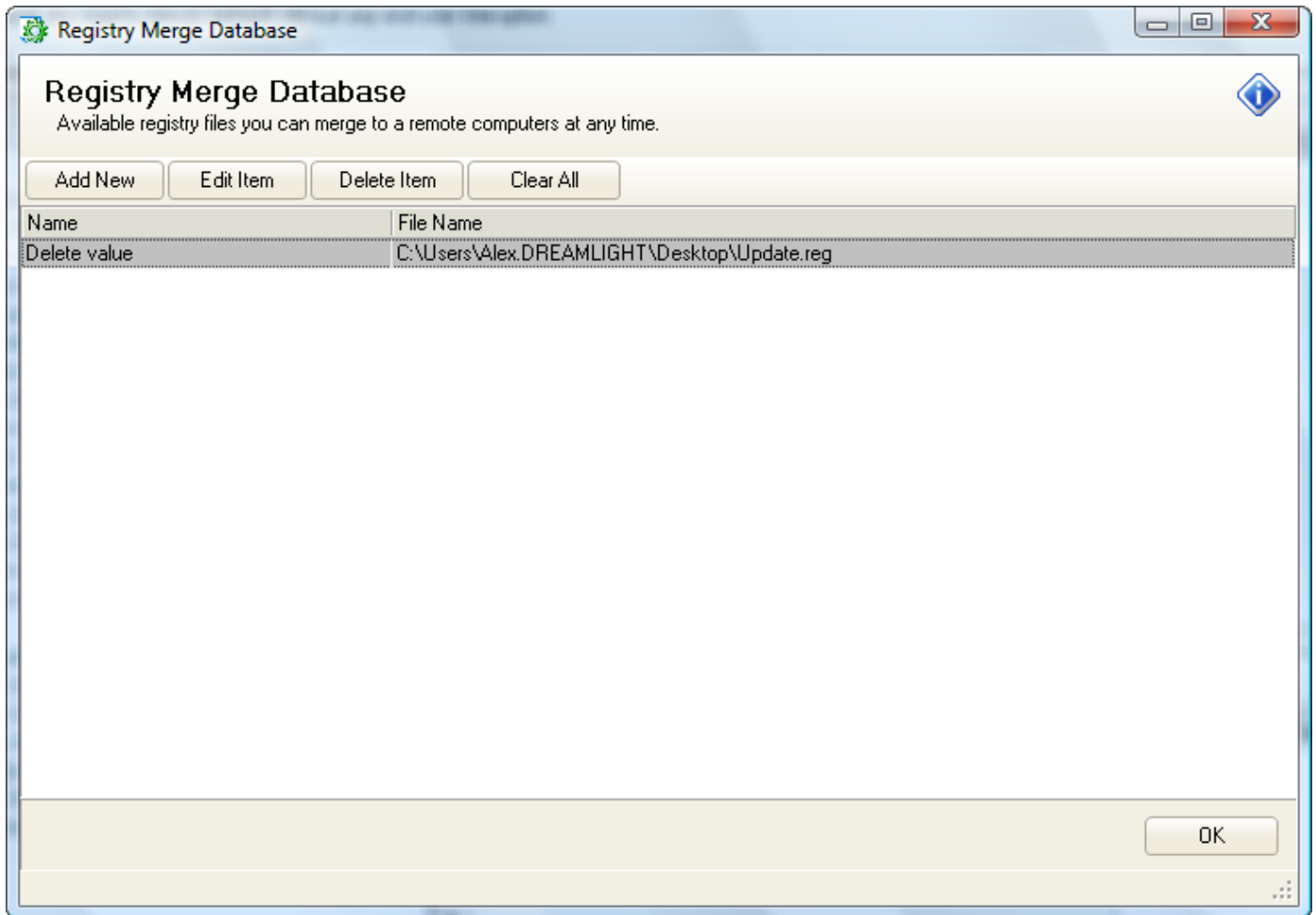
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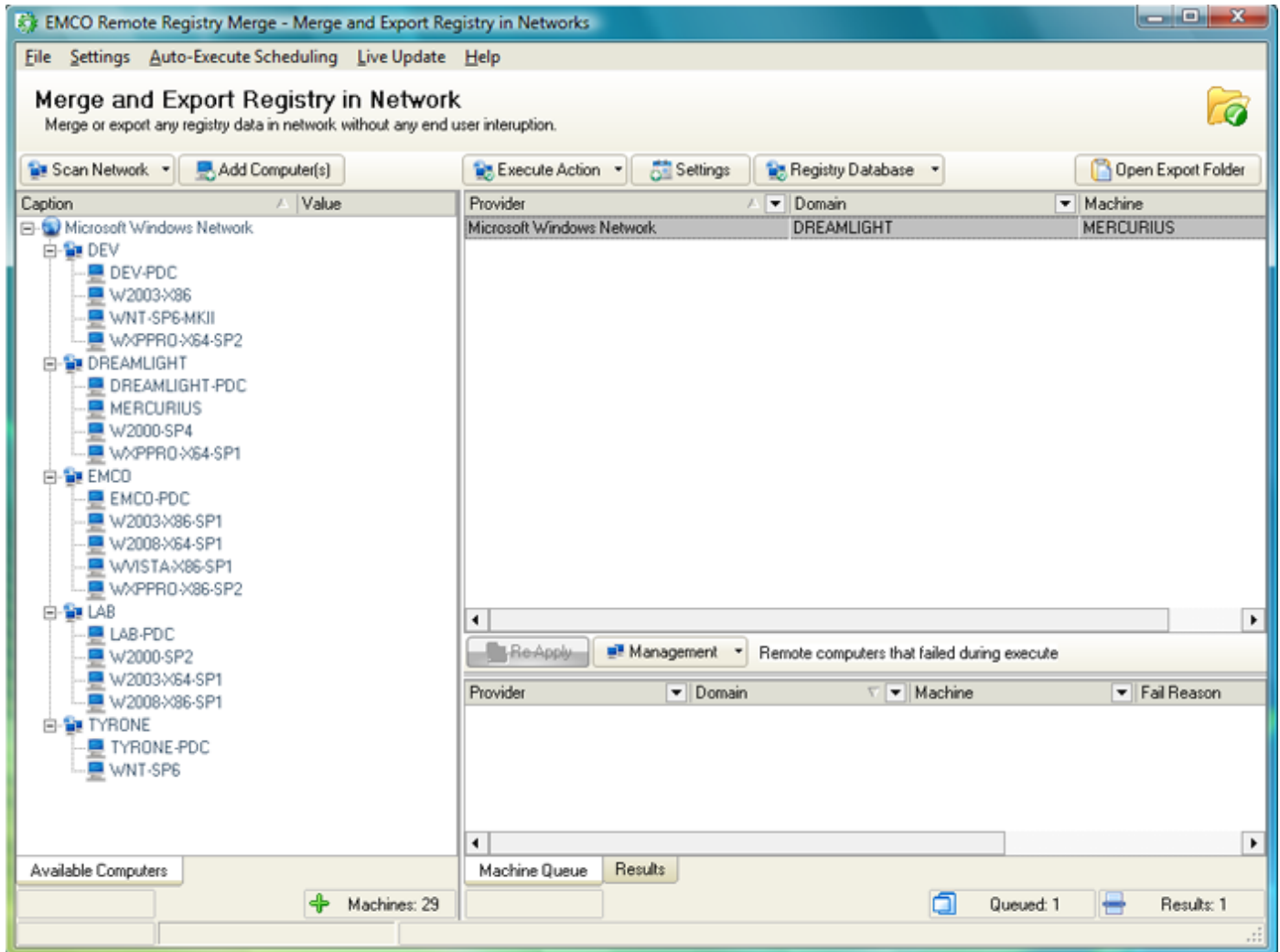


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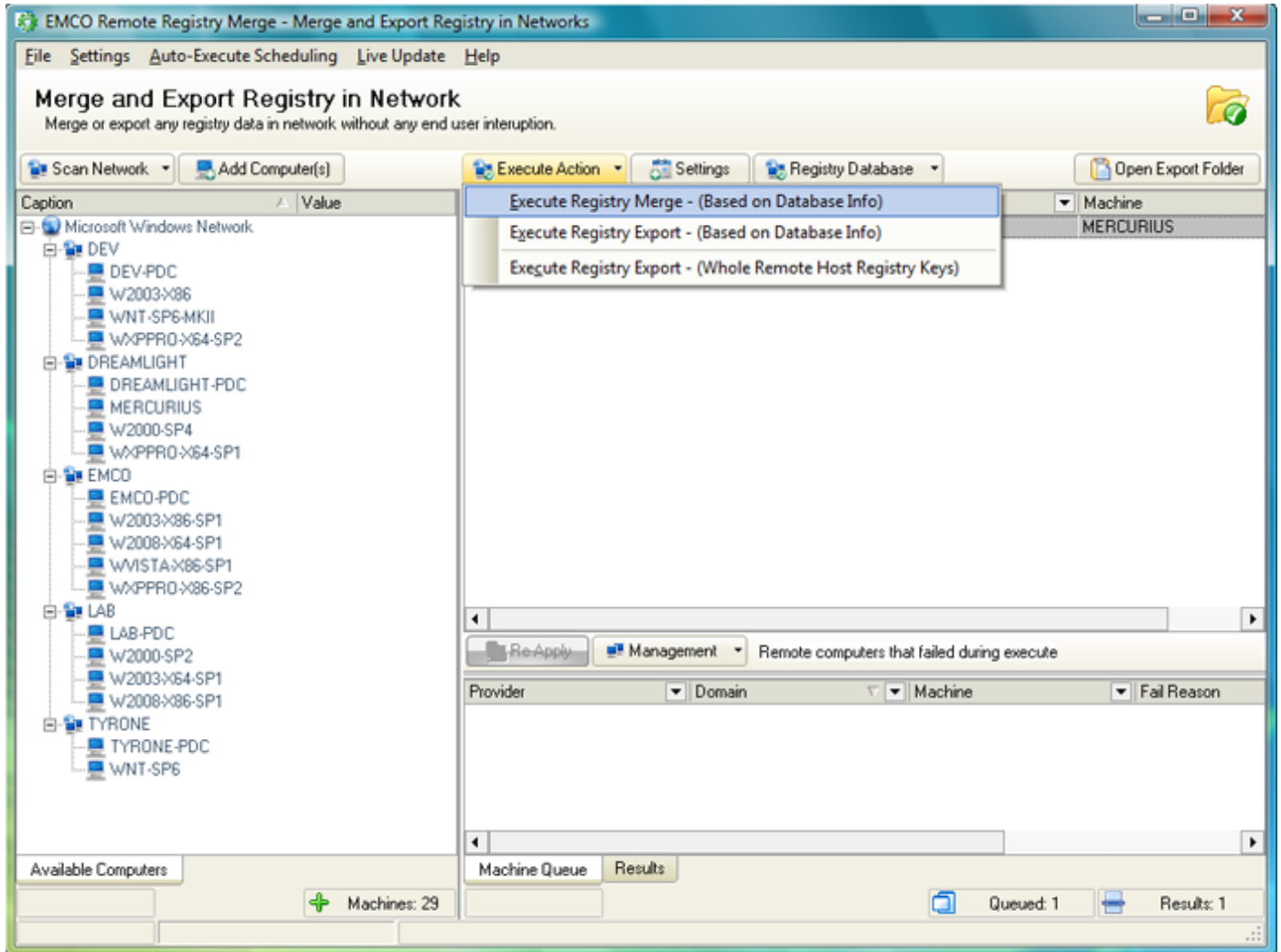


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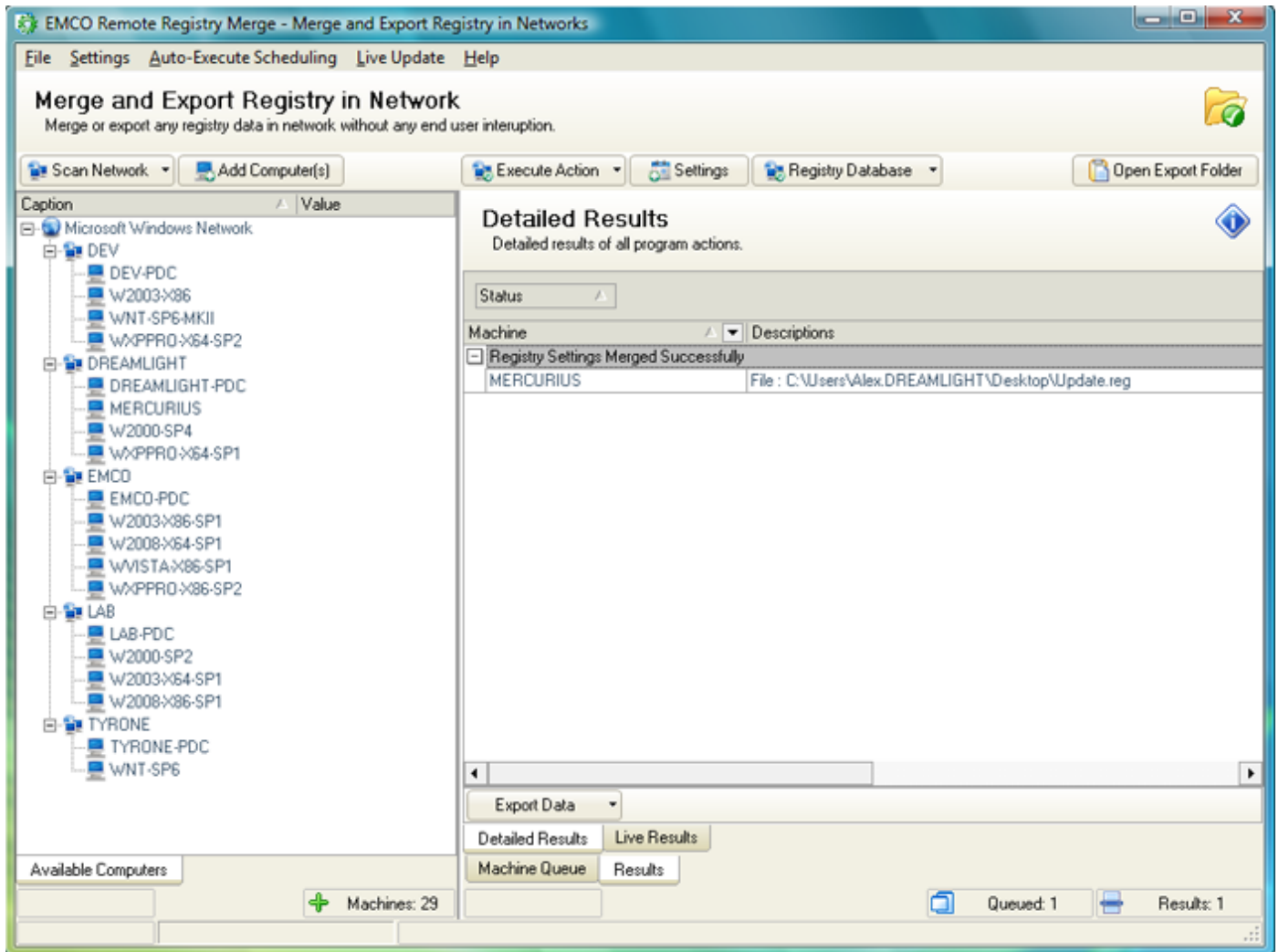
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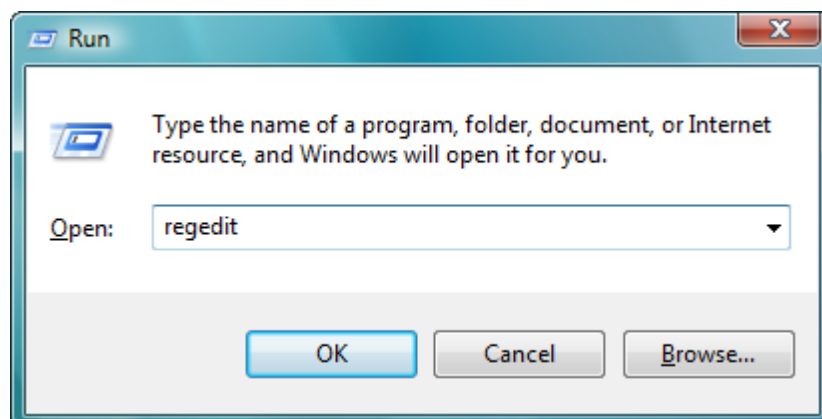


15. This will delete the specified registry value(s) from the remote machine.

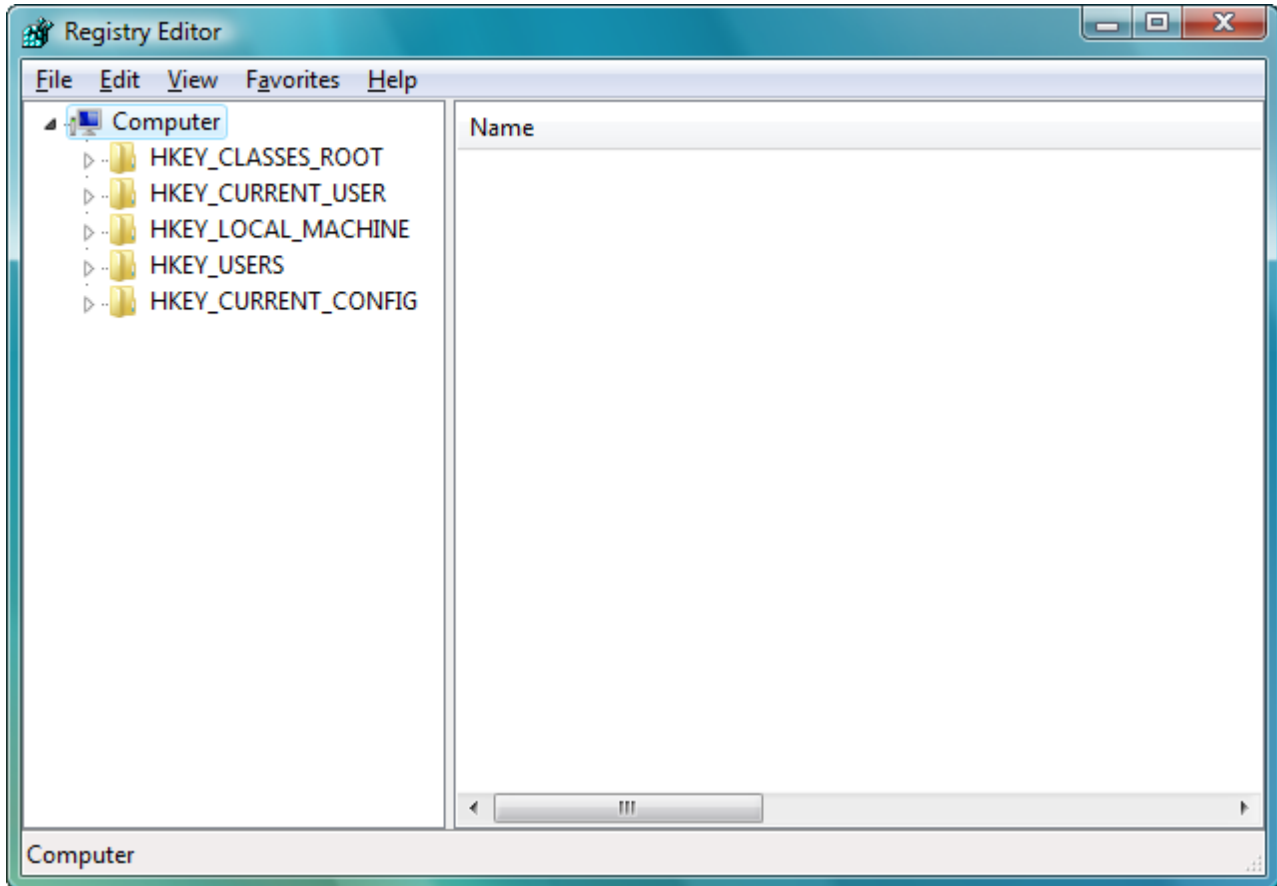
Exporting Registry

You must export the registry file to old Win9x/NT4 file format to manipulate it in Remote Registry Merge. To do so, perform the following steps:

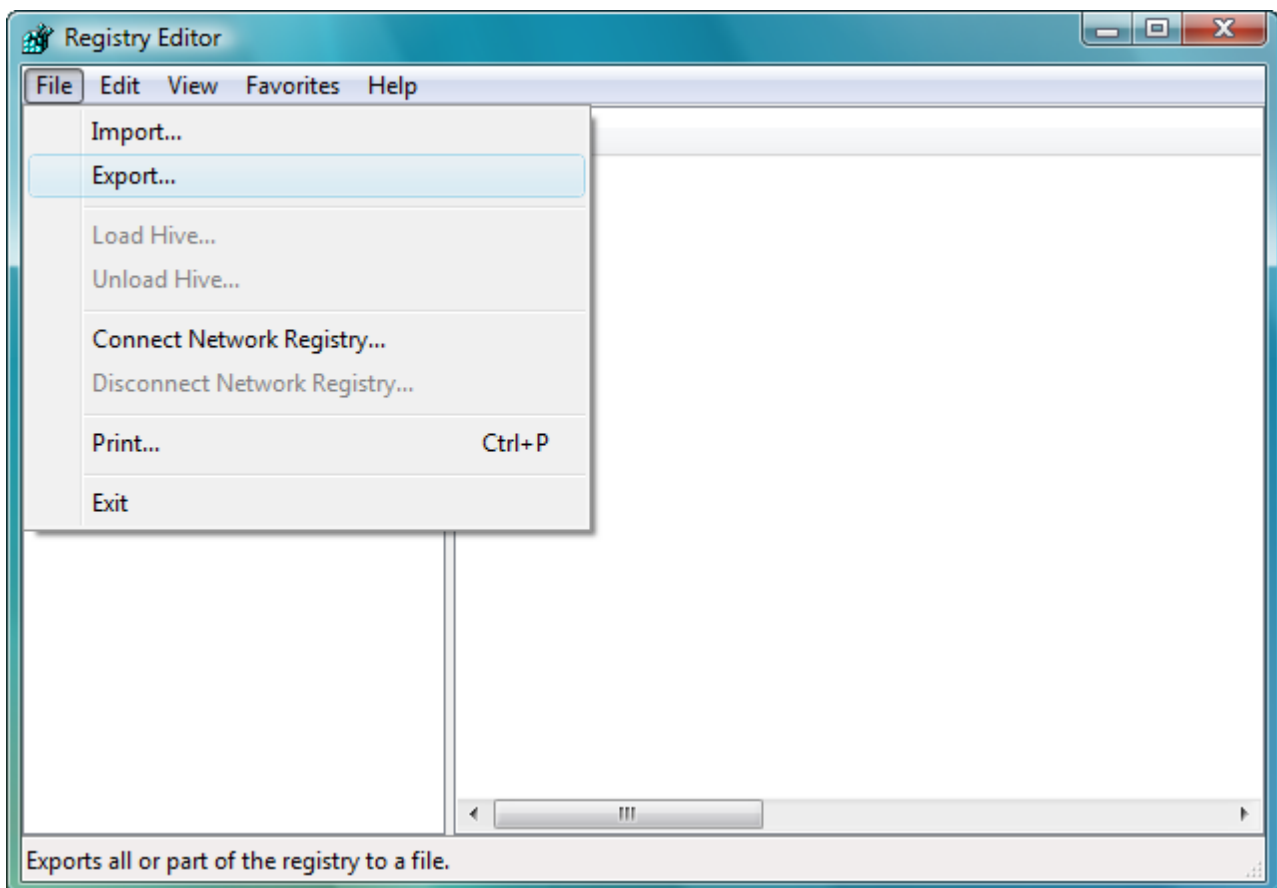
1. Click the Start Menu and click the Run, a dialog box will appear.
2. Type regedit in the textbox and click the OK button.



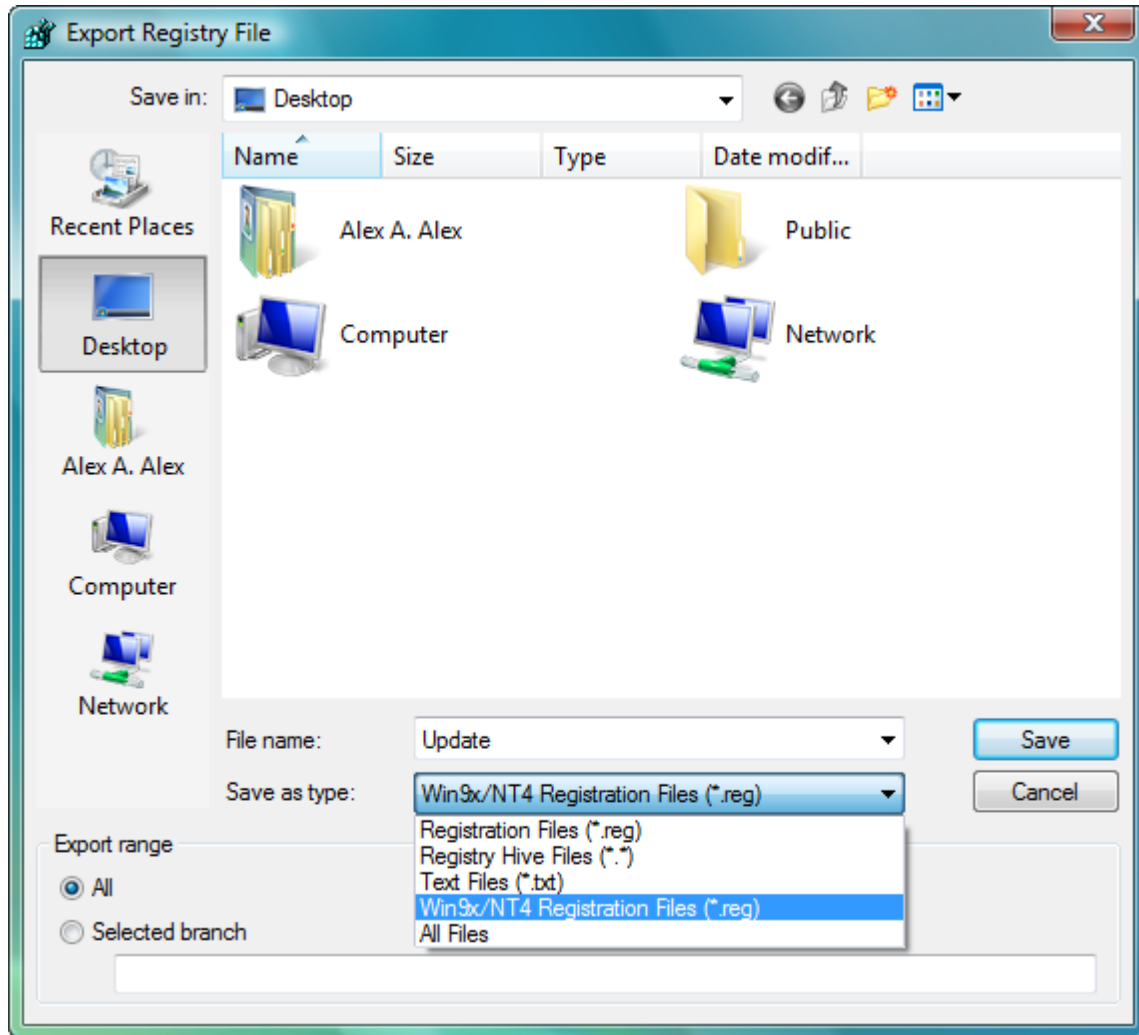
- This will open the registry editor with the registry file of your system.



- Click the Export menu option under File menu.



5. Export Registry dialog box will appear.
6. Type the File name and select the Win9x/NT4Registration Files (REGEDIT4) from the file type drop down list.



7. Click the Save button, this will export the registry file of your system.