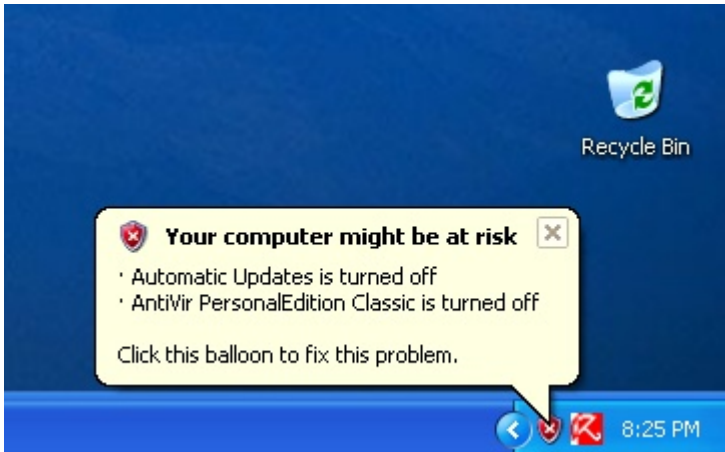




Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

Windows XP has many help features built-in. One annoying feature are the balloons text boxes that pop up when you move over [start] or any other button on the taskbar. Sometimes it hides the very function you want too activate.



Sometimes these balloons pop up will continue show when working in other areas.

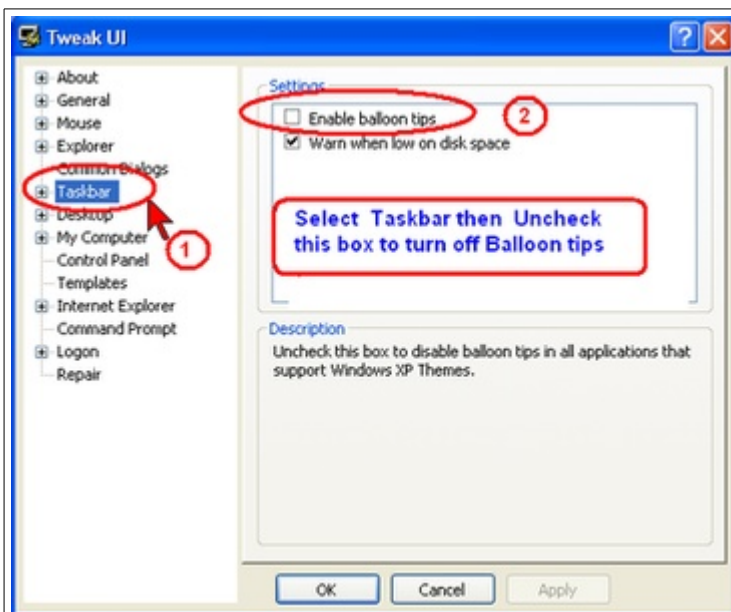
Turning off this annoyance (editors opinion) you would need to go into the 'regedit' (Registry Editor) which can jeopardise the operating system if you are not skilled in this area.

Microsoft realised this danger as they offer

a free Tweaking program to remove or activate some of those fine tuning features that require going in to the Registry Editor. You can download the program from the address below. Note: this is for XP only, other tweak power toys for windows 95, 98, NT, 2000 can be found on Microsoft web site.

<http://download.microsoft.com/download/whistler/Install/2/WXP/EN-US/TweakUIPowertoySetup.exe>

After installing the software go to **start** then **Programs**. You will find **Powertoys for Windows XP** in the program list. Left click **TweakUI for Windows XP** to start the program.



Move down the list of Tweak options and select Taskbar.

When the setting window opens...

Un-check the Enable balloon tips.

The left click OK.

Close the program and the next time you start Windows there will be no more large balloon pop up tips.

For the expert. Run regedit and Navigate to Key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Advanced

then set the value of 'EnableBalloonTips' to 0.