

Error message 'The selected task "{0}" no longer exists. To see the current tasks, click Refresh'

Windows 7 Task Scheduler is so fragile and I keep having issues with it.

A lot of my customers have complained about the following:

When they open up the Task Scheduler, they get a message that says:

The selected task "{0}" no longer exists. To see the current tasks, click Refresh.

The mechanism task scheduler uses: it has a copy of tasks in registry and a copy of them in task files on disk.

If somehow the tasks stored in registry and on disk are not in sync, users will encounter such issues as reported.

Tasks are stored in C:\Windows\System32\Tasks

In Registry, related branches are located in:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Schedule\TaskCache\Tasks

Tasks tree is stored in:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Schedule\TaskCache\Tree\Microsoft

So the general troubleshooting steps are to check these locations to see if anything is broken, inconsistent or out of sync.

If you can see the tasks try this fix...

1. Open Registry Editor
2. Open the following Key
 - a. [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Tracing\SCM\Regular]
3. Add/Change the following value
 - a. Name = TracingDisabled
 - b. Type = REG_DWORD
 - c. Value Data = 0
4. Reboot the Server
5. Open Task Scheduler and verify that you can see the tasks