

What is this Xerox directory doing in Program Files?

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If you go snooping around, you may find an empty `C:\Program Files\Xerox` directory. What's that for?

This directory is being watched by Windows File Protection, because it needs to protect the file `xrxf1nch.exe` should it ever show up. (Why does the directory have to exist in order for Windows File Protection to be able to watch it? I'm told it's a limitation of the Windows File Protection engine. I suspect it may have something to do with the fact that the `FindFirstChangeNotification` function can't watch a directory that doesn't exist.)

Why is `xrxf1nch.exe` so special? I don't know. My guess is that it's some file that is frequently overwritten by setup programs and therefore needs to be protected.

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