NIS-Elements: Complete Uninstall of NIS-Elements in Windows Vista & 7

This document specifies the step by step uninstall procedures for removing NIS-Elements from a PC with Windows Vista or Windows 7 operating systems.

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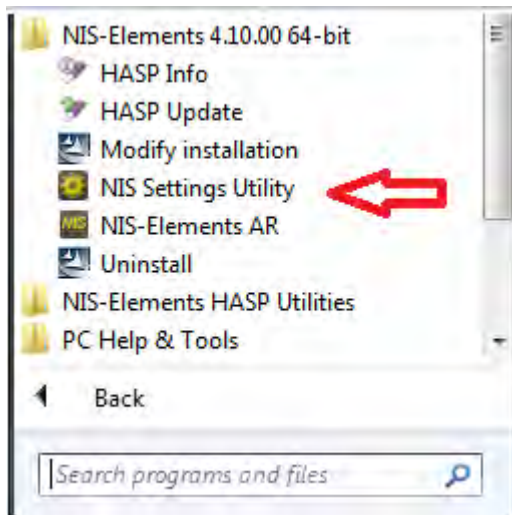Creation Date: 10/2009
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Installation

*Note: If this system has an A1 or C2 connected or if EZ-C1 is installed, please contact Hank Mallin at Hmallin@nikon.net (Biosystems Service Manager) for proper NIS- Elements uninstall procedure.
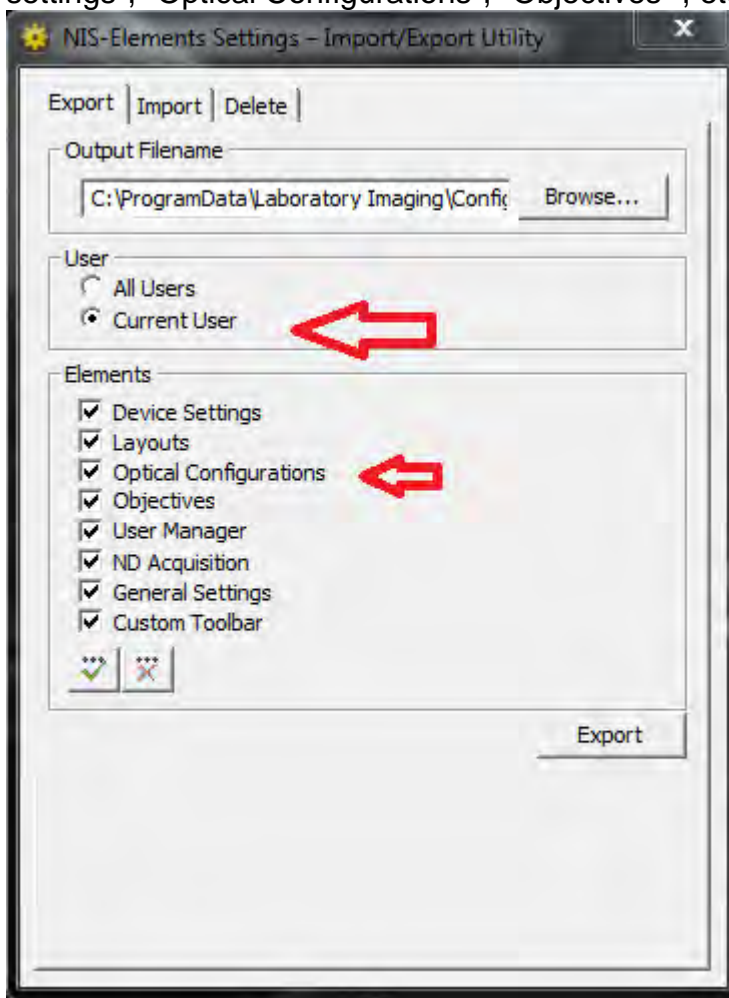
BACKUP

1) Before beginning the uninstall procedure, backup optical configuration files, layout manager files, and move important files/images from the NIS-Elements folder. Backup any added macro modules by copying the Nikon\Shared\DLL and Nikon\Shared\Macro folders to a safe location. Also, record settings for devices such as filter wheel positions, connections parameters, etc.

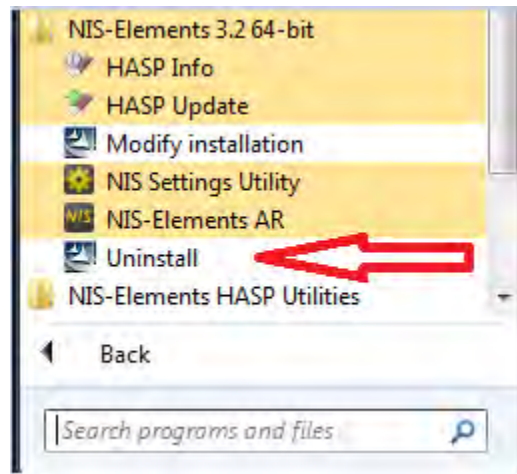This information can be backed up using "NIS Settings Utility."

This utility allows for the backup individual of NIS-Elements settings, such as "Device settings", "Optical Configurations", "Objectives" , etc.
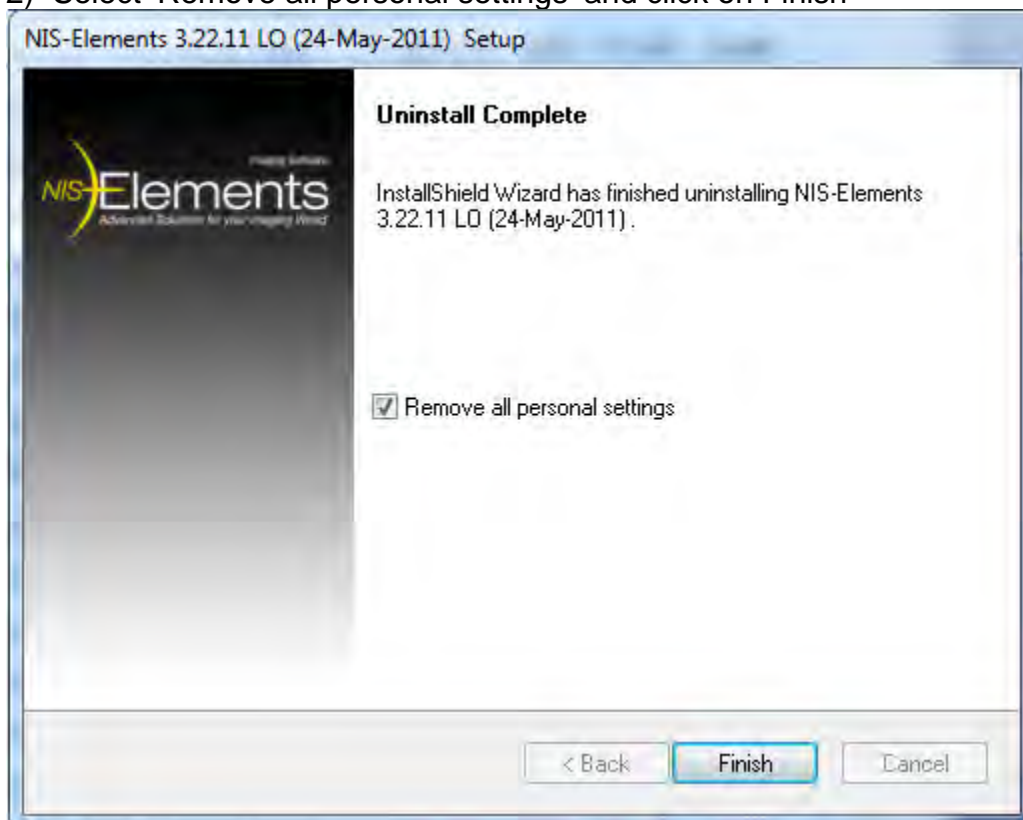
UNINSTALL

1) Begin uninstall by either Start→Programs→NIS-Elements→Uninstall

a. Alternatively, uninstall by Start→Control panel →Control panel Home→Programs→Uninstall a program
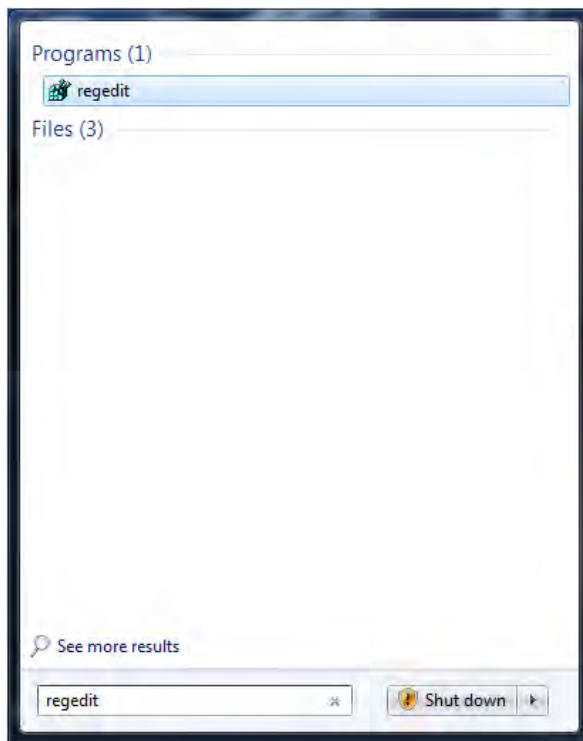
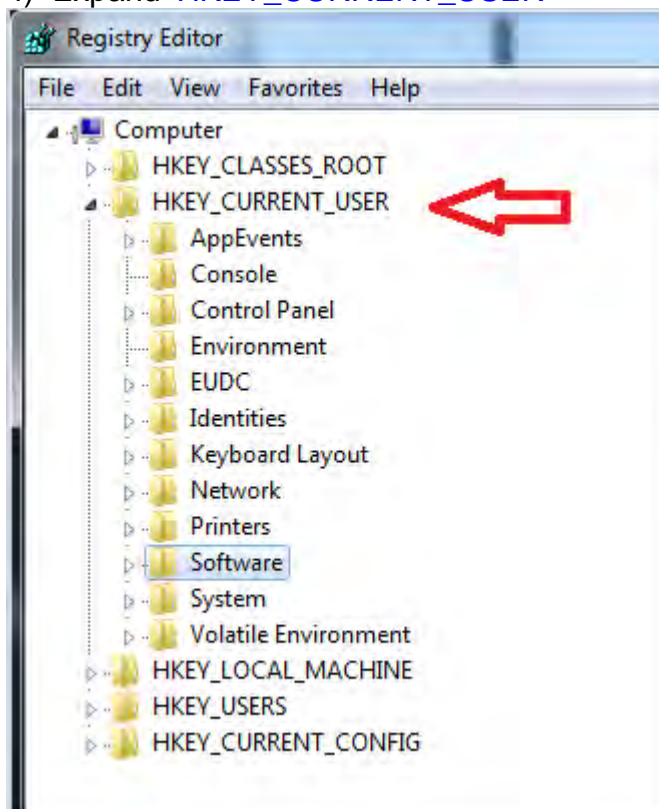2) Select 'Remove all personal settings' and click on Finish

CLEAN REGISTRY

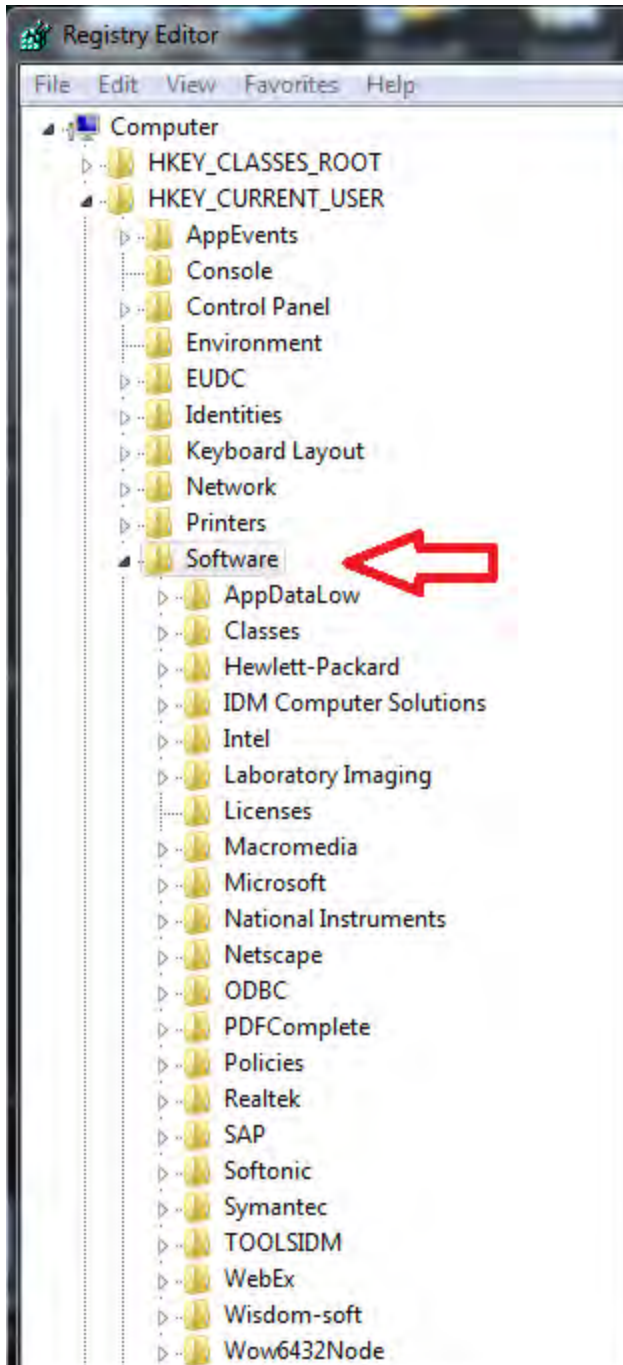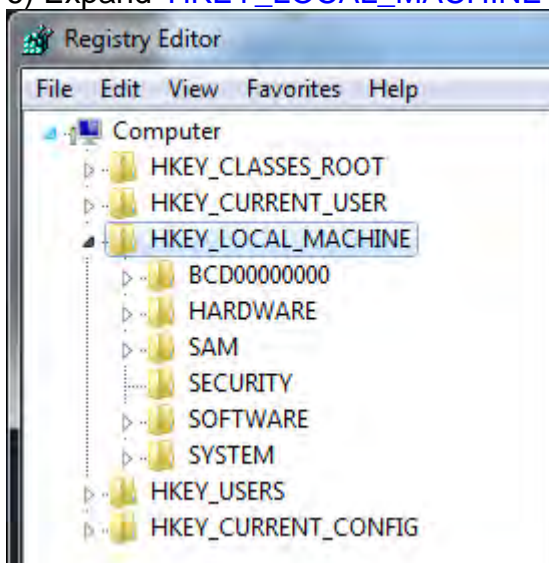3) Select 'Start' and type in "regedit" and then press 'Enter.'

4) Expand 'HKEY_CURRENT_USER'

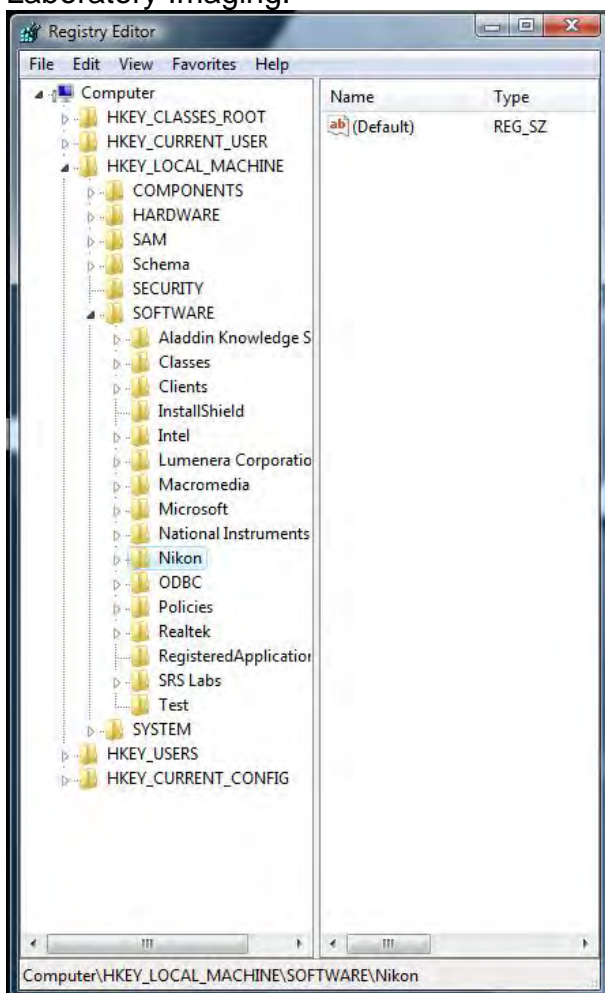5) Expand 'Software' and delete any folders related to Nikon, NIS-Elements, or Laboratory Imaging.

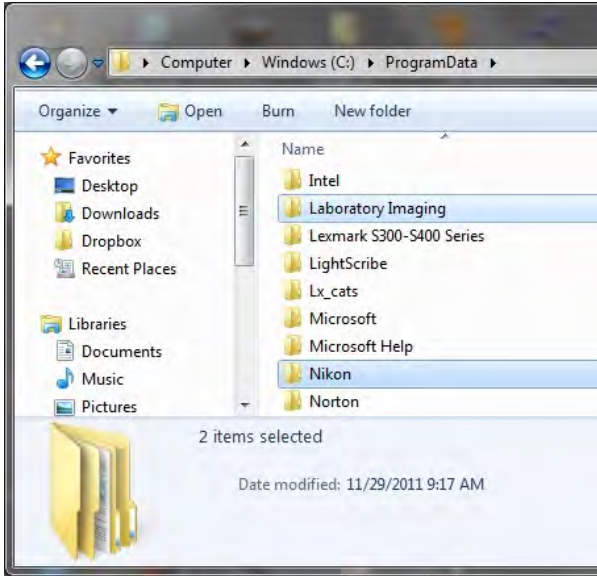6) Expand 'HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE'

7) Expand 'Software' and delete any folders related to Nikon, NIS-Elements, or Laboratory Imaging.
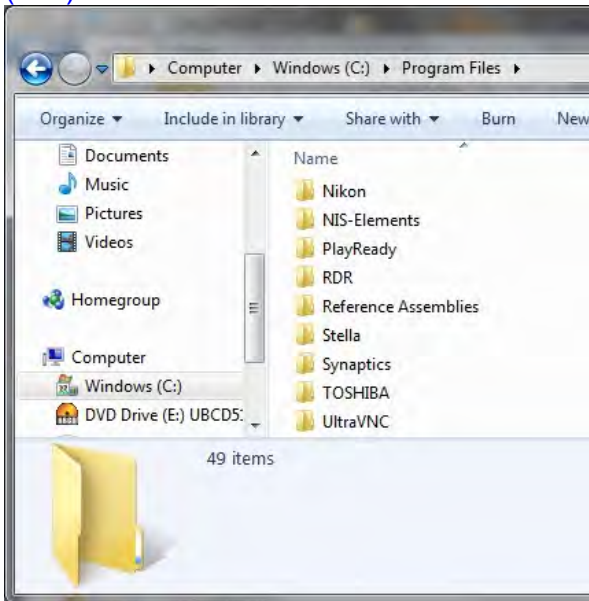
DELETING REMAINING FOLDERS & FILES

Note: Before beginning make sure to change folder options to show hidden files/folders.

8) Go to the hidden folder "C:→ProgramData" and delete the folders containing files relating to Nikon, NIS-Elements, or Laboratory Imaging. These folders contain necessary drivers, .dll files and data files. If you are not sure if the file/ folder are related to Nikon, NIS- Elements or Laboratory Imaging <mark>"DO NOT DELETE!"</mark>
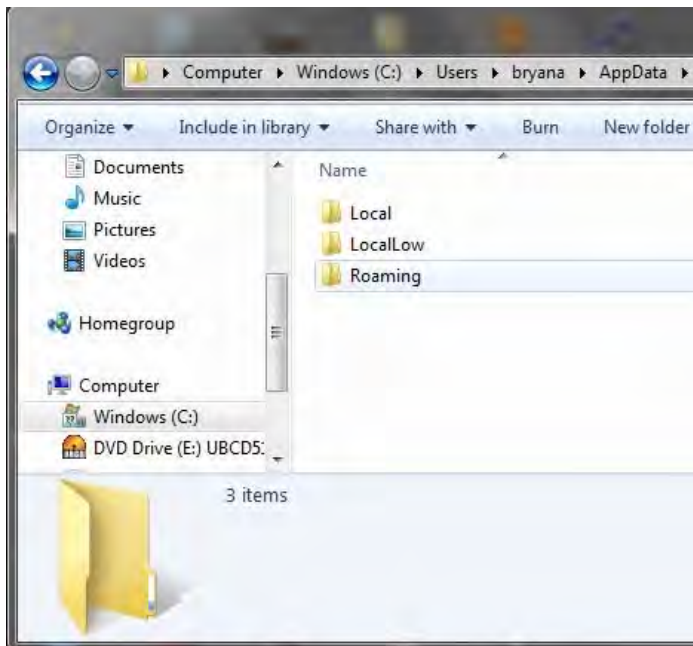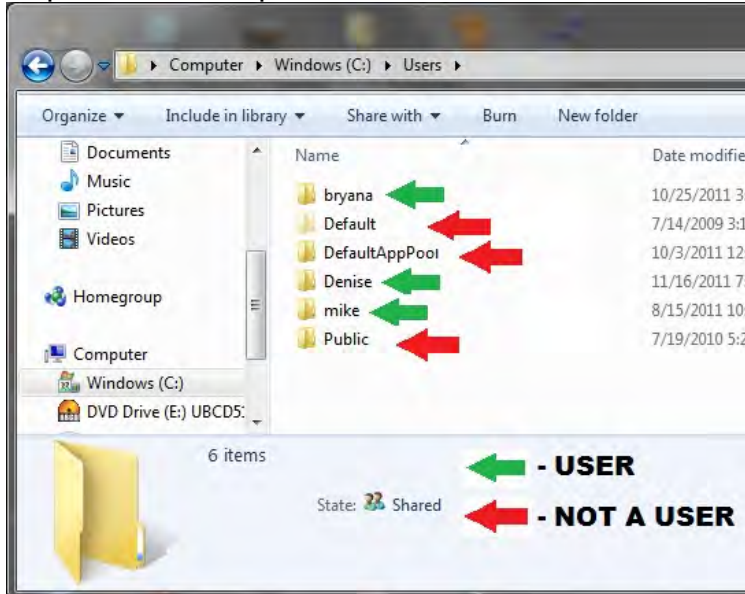

9) Repeat the same process in the folders "C:→Program Files", "C:→Program Files (x86)"

10) Go to each user in the "C:→Users" folder and open the hidden "AppData" folder. Repeat the same process as 8 and 9 in the folders "Local" and "Roaming".
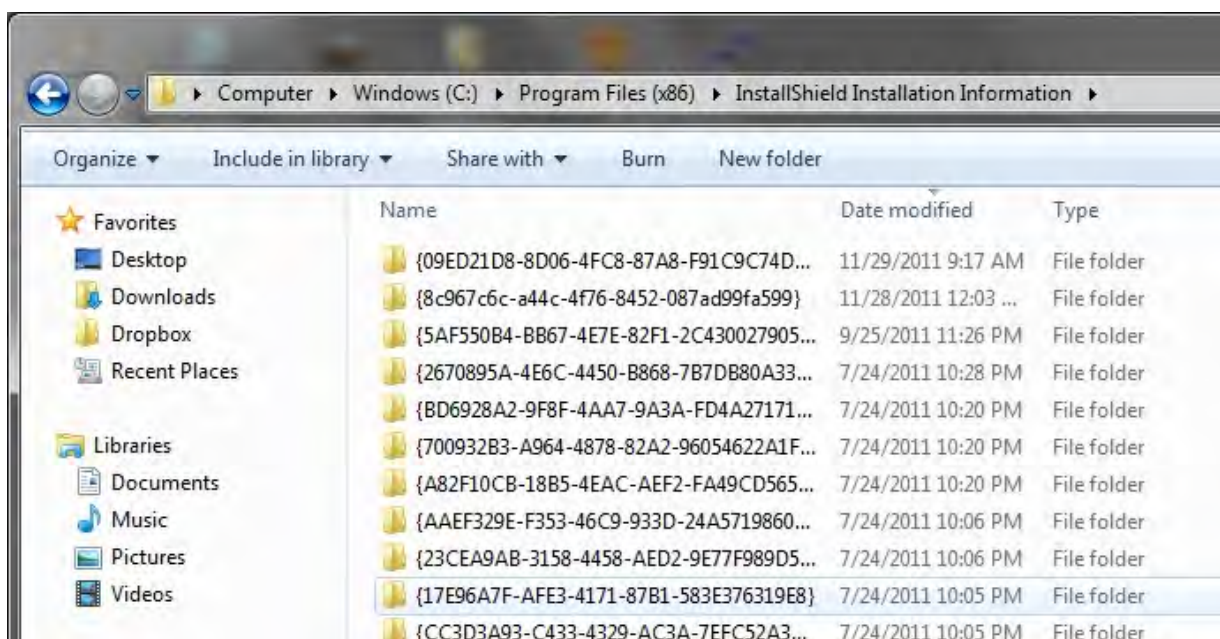
DELETING INSTALLSHIELD FILES

11) Go to the hidden folder "C:→Program Files→InstallShield Installation Information" or "C:→Program Files (x86)→InstallShield Installation Information" on 64-bit PCs, and delete the appropriate folder(s). To determine which folders contain files relating to Nikon, NIS-Elements, or Laboratory Imaging, open each folder and find the "setup.ini" file. Double-click this file and it should open in the Notepad app.
In the first few lines look for Nikon, NIS-Elements, or Laboratory Imaging, if it does, close the notepad and delete the entire folder.

Be careful here not to delete files/folders that aren't related.   If you are not sure, do not delete!

12) Close all open windows and restart computer.