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— Explained in Plain English

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In this part . . .

Sing in me, muse, of that wise man Who wandered the Registry of Windows 95 And found that with aid from his backup plan His hard disk could crash, his PC stay alive. . . .

hy do you need to know about the Registry? Well, we believe that everybody who uses Windows 95 or Windows 98 should know at least a little bit about it, because it's at the center of everything that Windows does.

This is the place where you get your sea legs under you for your odyssey across the Windows 95 Registry, learning the background you need and the tools you'll use to fine-tune your Registry in the safest possible way. You also find out how to batten down the hatches with an all-important backup of your Registry.

