

scan of the registry. It displays the registry items, number of errors detected, how many of them have been eliminated and how many have been sent to Ignore List. At the bottom of the screen there is the overall conclusion saying how many errors have been found and the number of fixed ones. As the images below show, the number of errors found on the test system is fairly large. Alarmed by the total value, I decided to run a scan with three other tools, both freeware and commercial. Surprisingly or not, they found between 12 and 20 invalid registry files. The reason is that none of them covered Empty Registry Items, which contained the largest part of the errors. Also, there were many errors in File/Path Reference so I proceeded to manually delete them from the registry and started a new scan. This time the results were better. Out of 84 errors in this area RegCure managed to detect only 78 (despite the fact that I must have deleted over a dozen of entries). **The Good** The application looks good and integrates perfectly in Vista shell. All the menus and options are in plain view and easy to access. The scan is fast and the areas covered are quite important. **The Bad** RegCure manages to detect huge numbers of errors in the registry. However, not all of them are fatal to your system and not all of them will contribute to your system's low performance. The trial version does not allow cleaning all the areas of the registry so there is a bit of a problem evaluating the elimination capabilities of the application. Leaving two of the most harmless areas unrestricted for cleaning is not at all helping. **The Truth** The application is overzealous in doing its job, but that should not be a problem. However, displaying such large values for detected errors may scare the users a little and all those invalids may not all contribute to the system's degradation in time. *Here are some snapshots of the application in action:*