Deleting a Service

If you ever come across an issue where the service won't start and you keep getting Error 2 - System cannot find the file specified. The only way out is to delete the service.

This can be done through Command. I am using below service as an example. I was not able to start this service after server restart. Keep getting same error every time. So, I decided to delete the service as it was no longer required.

Open Cmd as Administrator

Run SC delete "INSETWFD"

Or

Run SC.EXE delete "INSETWFD"

You will get a message – Delete Success

After that open Services.msc and check whether the service is listed or not. If it is not listed then the deletion was successful.

You can do the same with regedit. Unfortunately, it does not remove the service from Services.msc

Registry Editor

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Computer\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services

Thanks

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