

eseutil help

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I'm a Network Admin for a Small Business Server 2000 domain of about 20 XP workstations. Last week I generated too many audits of the Security Event Logs which resulted in all server related activity slowing tremendously. Emails sat in users' Outbox folder for up to an hour before being sent and it took about this long for users to receive external emails.

When I found out about this, the Bad Mail folder was full and the SMTP virtual server was corrupted. After I created a new Bad Mail folder and SMTP virtual server, the network returned to normal. However, the overall network disk usage had increased approx. 10 GB above it's prior level. This level exceeds the amount of disk space we have on backup tapes so I used the eseutil \d switch to defragment our priv1.edb database. This action reduced the disk usage, but it is still higher than I'd like it to be.

When I examined the source of the disk usage increase, I located cause to be the Microsoft Exchange Mailboxes directory and the Information Store directories. After defragmenting the priv1.edb database, the Information Store reduced from 9.0 GB to 6.07 GB, but this is still higher than the initial 3.9 GB. And the Mailboxes directory was unchanged by this defragmenting, 5.5 GB compared to its previous 3.6 GB.

What else can I do to lower the network disk usage? I searched the Exchange KB for information on other eseutil commands, but I want to use only those commands which will resolve this problem with minimal risk. Would any of the other eseutil command switches, like repair or integrity lower the disk usage? Are there any other actions I could take?

Thanks.