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Susan,

Once it begins, it happens continously (over and over) with no "down time" in between.

For clarity (when you say):

It's very strange that you would not see any files at all...

I'm sure you mean "growing and contracting". There are files on the D: drive.

No other AV programs are installed on this machine sans Norton AV for Exchange. Remember: this was happening before I installed AV for Exchange.

"Susan" wrote:

and this happens once a day, or how often? It's very strange that you would not see any files at all...you are certain there is no file-level Anti-Virus on this server, scanning the M:\ drive?

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Susan Conkey [MVP]

"bestbapu" <[bestbapu@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:bestbapu@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:0D7954E9-8366-4B22-814F-CC8794C0FBF3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Actually Susan, you are right. Something is still wrong. After about 13 hours this problem has started up again.

Nothing else is installed nor running on this machine. It's purpose is to be an Exchnage server.

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Again, to be clear, what is happening is that the D: drive (where I installed Exchange) "fills up" then an Event Log entry says "D: is at or near capacity, you should delete some files" and then moments later the dive has full availability. The disk is 38GB and has ~2GB installed on it (Exchange Data and Logs).

By "fills up" I mean that with a My Compter exploer window opened the Free space slowly decreases to zero. This takes about 20–30 minutes of periodically hitting the refresh key and seeing the free space slowly get eaten up.

During this time I cannot see any files on the D: drive expanding. It's inexplicable.

While this is going on I cannot open a MS Outlook client to llok at emails. However, as I've said, my main mailbox has a forward to an external email address (which is how I am notified that this thread has replies, by receiving a copy of the email sent to the main mailbox, on my alternate web based email client at dslextre.me).

This is really frustrating.

"Susan" wrote:

that doesn't really seem to make much sense...yes, a backup will purge committed transaction logs, but something about this doesn't sound quite right...

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Susan Conkey [MVP]

"bestbapu" <bestbapu@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:51C24F8E-C702-42CE-9C50-494F5C4FF281@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:51C24F8E-C702-42CE-9C50-494F5C4FF281@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Problem has been eliminated (not solved, though).

I took only one backup on this server when I did the fresh install.

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I restored that backup (and eliminated the current log files).

I installed Norton AV for Exchange, restarted sever and have not had the problem since.

"Susan" wrote:

sorry...I did misread that...what else is installed on this server?

--

Susan Conkey [MVP]

"bestbapu"

<bestbapu@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

[news:90AA3E46-B7C1-4F79-9FC2-8BE7BCF7FFDE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:90AA3E46-B7C1-4F79-9FC2-8BE7BCF7FFDE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Susan,

Maybe you did not undertsand my post.

I said I did NOT have AV installed (but I have the software available to install). Your question implies that I do have it installed.

"Susan"

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wrote:

and  
yes,  
it's  
possible  
that  
your  
AV  
is  
reponsible...do  
you  
have  
all  
the  
proper  
exclusions  
for  
your  
AV  
in  
place?

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Susan  
Conkey  
[MVP]

"bestbapu"  
<bestbapu@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote

in

message

[news:DBCD7ACA-9616-4A88-A6BE-76BF7E2D69DC@](mailto:news:DBCD7ACA-9616-4A88-A6BE-76BF7E2D69DC@)

I've  
done  
nothing  
to  
alter  
any  
of  
the  
standard  
install  
options  
of  
exchange

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(especially  
in  
the  
area  
of  
logging).

When  
the  
disk  
usage  
is  
high,  
I  
do  
not  
see  
any  
files  
on  
either  
D:  
or  
M:  
that  
indicate  
what  
is  
happening.

No  
backups  
are  
running.

FWIW,  
while  
this  
is  
happening  
I  
cannot  
open  
an  
Outlook  
client.  
As  
I  
said,  
emails  
are

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coming  
into  
the  
system  
and  
are  
being  
forwarded  
from  
the  
one  
mailbox  
to  
the  
designated  
external  
address.

I  
have  
Norton  
Anti-Virus  
for  
Exchange  
but  
I  
have  
not  
installed  
it.  
Should  
I  
install  
it?

Methinks  
this  
has  
something  
to  
do  
with  
a  
very  
large  
email  
(or  
virus)  
trying  
to  
get

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through.  
Or,  
has  
someone  
gained  
"control"  
of  
Exchange  
server?  
If  
so,  
how  
can  
I  
tell,  
and/or  
stop  
that  
from  
happening?  
My  
email  
server  
is  
behind  
a  
firewall.  
  
"Susan"  
wrote:

do  
you  
have  
some  
logging  
turned  
up  
very  
high?  
when  
it's  
high,  
what  
files  
do  
you  
see  
there?  
is

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a  
backup  
running  
just  
before  
it  
clears  
out?

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Susan  
Conkey  
[MVP]

"bestbapu"  
<bestbapu@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote  
in  
message  
[news:A090C63F-3351-4BAB-893D-02C0](mailto:news:A090C63F-3351-4BAB-893D-02C0)

I'm  
stumped.  
My  
D:/M:  
drive  
is  
in  
a  
constant  
loop  
of  
filling  
up,  
then  
an  
event  
is  
logged  
saying  
the  
disk  
is  
full  
and  
shortly  
after  
that  
the

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disk  
has  
plenty  
of  
free  
space  
and  
the  
process  
starts  
all  
over  
again.

This  
is  
a  
38GB  
drive  
with  
~31GB  
free.  
This  
drive  
is  
where  
Exchange  
is  
installed  
and  
that  
is  
the  
only  
thing  
on  
the  
drive.

This  
is  
a  
standard  
Exchnage  
2000  
install  
and  
nothing  
else  
is  
installed

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on  
this  
Windows  
2000  
Server  
with  
all  
current  
updates.

I  
assumed  
that  
maybe  
I  
was  
trying  
to  
receive  
a  
VERY  
LARGE  
email  
and  
I  
set  
the  
Mailbox  
Store  
limit  
to  
20000KB.  
That  
did  
not  
help  
so  
I  
tried  
10000KB  
and  
that  
did  
not  
help  
either.

Any  
ideas  
what  
is

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happening?