

Sql 2000 Maintenance Plan not deleting old transaction logs

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I created a maintenance plan using enterprise manager 8 for a sql server 2000 database. In regards to the transaction log, the maintenance plan is configured to:

- backup the transaction log
- verify the backup's integrity
- use a non-default file system location for storage
- *remove files older than 1 day*
- use TRN as a file extension
- scheduled to run nightly

Everything works fine with one exception: the older transaction log backups are not being deleted (those that are older than one day).

This same maintenance plan is also configured identically to backup the database data, and in that case *is* deleting the older data backups. The plan is also configured to run optimizations once a week on Sundays which include reorganization and shrinking.

Obviously, I'd rather not have to delete these extra backup files manually or with an extraneous script. However the setup and configuration of the maintenance plan is very straight forward ... it simply appears not to work (on the point of the transaction logs).

Our service packs are all up to date and I checked the maintenance plan history log which contained entries like "Delete old db backup files" but did not contain anything like "Delete old transaction backup files" ... so what gives?

Any ideas are much appreciated!

TIA//

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