

Re: Need to free memory

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assiral wrote:

Do I need to uninstall or delete previous versions of programs? e.g. : I have latest version of Java but my computer's C drive still keeps the two previous versions. Same goes for all the security updates that Microsoft does automatically. Do the latest versions replace the older ones?

Although in some circles, disk space is considered memory, it's more often referred to as disk space for clarity. Memory can refer to a lot of things.

Yes, if there are programs you don't use any longer, uninstall them. A few can just be deleted but that's not the norm, so be very careful. Go thru your add/remove to see what you might be able to do without.

It's unlikely but remotely possible you might want the security update stuff for uninstalling updates, but very unlikely. If you're positive you'll never want to uninstall any updates, then go ahead and delete those.

Otherwise, zip them up and save them on CD or something just in case, and store them away. Then delete them from the drive.

Deleting those will not free up much disk space though. You've better off buying another hard drive.

Java you only need the latest version.

Some programs in some very few cases want a specific version of Java though; I have one of those. They also though, usually install the java to their own folder structure because they don't want future versions causing it to be deleted.

Again, zip them up and delete them. If everything still works fine, delete the zip. If not, you have it to put back. I suspect you won't find anything go wrong.

None of that is going to recover much space for you though and it also won't last for long. You really need to look for a larger hard drive.

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In case you actually mean memory as in RAM, well, that's another story. RAM is also cheap these days. XP in normal situations seems to be happiest with 1 Gig or RAM.

HTH,

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