

Re: Windows Task Manager

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Tom in Michigan wrote:

Hi people,
would like to know info on the task manager. Specifically the processes tab. I have about 52 processes running, which if any can I stop.

52 isn't a lot of processes and most are probably useful. I have 63 running on mine.

Try End Task on some and see what happens. If you get in trouble, Restart; they'll come back. Just do not Remove them in any way – Stop Task instead.

Also what exactly does the commit charge mean. On the

performance tab what does the PF Usage represent, and can it be tweaked for performance.

Not unless you're the geeky type and can monitor them. Pagefile is where things that don't have enough room in memory go to be stored until they're needed again. They are best handled by the system, as is the default.

Can the Physical memory, commit charge and

kernel memory, values be tweaked as well.

Yes, but unless you're the geeky type it can cause a lot of problems "tweaking" them. Physical memory is the number of RAM chips you have in your computer; you'd have to add more RAM. If you have 512 of RAM, you might see some improvements by going up to a Gig, but probably nothing of great noticeability.

What should my virtual

memory be set at for optimal performance.

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They should be set to "Allow System to Manage" or whatever the phrase is. Which is the default setting.

There are also some

programs under the start up tab in msconfig that I dont recognize,

Paste the names into Google and see what comes up.

some
have the box checked but no description. All info will be appreciated. Thanks . Tom

Don't know what you mean by check box; there is none in TM.

You might also like to investigate MSConfig; Start; Run; type msconfig and press OK.

Wikipedia can give you a decent description of all of these things. REcommended reading. Searching the 'net is also another great resource, as is using your Help features.

HTH
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