

Re: Win XP Pro Cleanup options

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>>> "Alan C. Brown" <acbrown@intnet.mu.INVALID>
>>> wrote in message news:usVRytVKEHA.3380@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
>>> <SNIP> I attempted trial startup of "Disk Cleanup" <SNIP> on the C:\ Partition,
>>> just to see what the cleanup options are, but not with the intention of actually
>>> running it. A box came up for selection of the partition / drive, and I selected
>>> C:\, <SNIP> it immediately started scanning for files <SNIP> I immediately
>>> cancelled the Cleanup. Was it actually compressing old files ? When & where are
>>> the "Cleanup Options" supposed to be presented for selection ?

>> "Carrie Garth" <PostInGroup@invalid.cyg> wrote in message
>> news:eQAzffiKEHA.808@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
>> The box that appeared with the "Scanning" Compressed old files" (and that
>> you immediately cancelled out of) was only calculating how much space could
>> be saved by compressing files. If you let this initial process complete
>> you will get the Disk Cleanup Options dialog box <SNIP>
>> [if] Disk Cleanup stops responding while compressing old files. <SNIP>
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?Product=winxp&scid=kb:en-us:812248>

> "Alan C. Brown" <acbrown@intnet.mu.INVALID>
> wrote in message news:efwtA\$RKEHA.556@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...
> Thank you for your very helpful reply.
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> I did as you suggested, but the cleanup froze after about a minute.
> Unfortunately I did not read the last part of your e-mail, which dealt with
> exactly this problem.
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> As a result, out of frustration, I tried to manually delete the contents of
> the Temporary Internet Files folder with only partial success, in that only
> about 1/3 (300MB) of the TIFs were deleted, and the other 2/3 (600 MB) could
> not be seen in the TIF folder in Windows Explorer.
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> It was only after that happened that I read the last part of your e-mail,
> and true enough, deleting the "Compress old files" registry key got rid of
> the cleanup freeze problem. Unfortunately though, running "cleanup" again
> only revealed the very recent TIFs created just prior to this cleanup.
> However, now I could now see the previously hidden Content.IE5 folder and

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- > all it's TIF sub-folders in Tempora Internet Files Folder, and I was able
- > to manually delete the TIFs in each TIF sub-folder, but leaving the
- > subfolders intact with their respective "desktop.ini" files.
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- > Since doing that and browsing the web again, I cannot see the Content.IE
- > folder, or the TIF sub-folders in Windows Explorer, although I do get a
- > listing in the Temporary Internet Folder of the all the newly created TIFs.
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- > Am I likely to experience any problems as a result of the messy way I
- > deleted the TIFs ?
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- > What a mess. More haste – less speed.

Sounds like you deleted at least one of files that provide the functionality of the Temporary Internet Files shell extension (the cache index file named index.dat). And then Windows generated a new index.dat file that does not contain information about the old cache. Since I am not an expert with the inner workings of Internet Explorer I can only guess that the easiest way to straighten things out would be to:

- Log on to the computer using an account other than the one with the corrupt TIF folder, and one which also has administrative privileges
- Delete the corrupt Temporary Internet Files folder (subfolders and all)
- Log on to the computer using the account that had the corrupt TIF folder. The folders and files that provide the functionality of the Temporary Internet Files shell extension will have been recreated.

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