

Re: recycle bin not showing C: drive

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On Mon, 29 Nov 2004 23:05:02 -0800, Caesar
<Caesar@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

> I have a partitioned drive c and D are both 75 GBs a piece and the E drive is
> 10GBs. The problem is I had a problem with files not emptying from the
> recycle bin so I ran these commands
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> attrib -s -h recycler
> del recycler
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> It fixed my initial problem but when I boot up in properties all I see is
> the D and E drive properties.
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> If I run the commands again it works fine but if not what I delete goes away
> automatically even though the settings are there so that things don't go
> right away. How can i fix this problem? I am using XP Pro sp2 and this only
> started happening since I ran those attrib comands at the C prompt.

First of all, I'd give it back the system and hidden attributes.
attrib +s +h recycler

The change may require the shell to be restarted (log off and back on).

In C:\recycler\, there should be a hidden/system subfolder with a name like
S-1-5-21-series-of-numbers.

In that folder there should be a file "Desktop.ini", also system+hidden.

Maybe it got deleted along with everything else? Try copying it from one
of the recycle bins on the other drives.

If the subfolder is missing, you can find its name in the registry: there's
a subkey with the same name under
HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Protected Storage System Provider

Or just go to HKEY_USERS: the key that starts with S-1-5-21 and does not
end with _Classes has the same name too.

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[The name is in fact your user ID in windows' security system; there may be more than one such subfolder in the recycle bin if more than one user account is in use on your system.]

In case you don't find Desktop.ini, it only contains two lines for a recycle bin:

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[.ShellClassInfo]
CLSID={645FF040-5081-101B-9F08-00AA002F954E}
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