

Re: What are these Directories????

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I'll try and answer your questions:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;824994>

Description of the contents of Windows XP Service Pack 2 and Windows Server 2003 software update packages

%windir%\\$hf_mig\$ folder

From the above article:-

When a security update, critical update, update, update rollup, driver, or feature pack installs GDR version files, the hotfix files are also copied to the %windir%\\$hf_mig\$ folder. This supports migration to the appropriate files if you later install a hotfix or service pack that includes earlier versions of these files. For example, consider the following scenario:

1. You apply a security update that installs a GDR version of File.dll with a version number of 5.2.3790.1000 and copies a hotfix version of File.dll with a version number of 5.2.3790.1000 to the %windir%\\$hf_mig\$ folder.
2. You apply a hotfix that includes a hotfix version of File.dll with a version number of 5.2.3790.0000.

In this scenario the hotfix installation in step 2 installs the hotfix version of File.dll (version number 5.2.3790.1000) from the %windir%\\$hf_mig\$ folder instead of the hotfix version of File.dll (version number 5.2.3790.0000) from the hotfix package.

Leave the folder alone.

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<http://aumha.org/win5/a/sp2faq.php#after>

Tidying up after installing SP2

and/or

[http://www.michna.com/kb/WxSP2.htm#Removing the uninstall information](http://www.michna.com/kb/WxSP2.htm#Removing%20the%20uninstall%20information)

Removing the uninstall information

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/spack.htm>

Save Space After Installing Updates

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I am running XPHome SP1 which was upgraded to SP2 by downloading and applying the 266 meg file "Windows XP Service Pack 2 for IT Professionals and Developers". I keep my HD clean by doing many house cleaning routines including running Doug Knox's xp_remove_hotfix_backup.exe which removes the installation files left over from doing MS Critical and Suggested Updates (after running the fixes/updates for a few days to make sure they don't need to be uninstalled).

However, I have ended up with three directories under my Windows directory that Doug Knox's utility does not see. They are Read-Only, Hidden & Compressed directories:

\$hf_mig\$ containing 26 directories named KBxxxxxx

\$MSI31Uninstall_KB893803\$ containing 1 directory and 108 files

\$MSI31Uninstall_KB893803v2\$ containing 1 directory and 114 files

I also have one Mammoth directory under my Windows directory called: ServicePackFiles\i386 containing 1 directory and 2122 files

I don't really need the HD space but like I said, I like to keep a clean ship and besides, when doing a Ghost backup to DVD's, these 4 directories takes an additional DVD to get the whole HD backed up.

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Questions are:

1. What is each one of these directories purpose?
2. Is the ServicePackFiles\i386 directory where that 266 meg SP2 file unpacked itself to before it installed SP2?
3. Can they and their contents be deleted?

Thanks in Advance,
Ed