

## Re: Resize (reduce) extended partition

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First, you assess the size of the partition needed for XP. Input that during the XP install. Leave the remainder of the space alone. Any further partitioning should be done in XP, after XP is installed, because it faster and easier to visualize.

PM, correct version of course, in my opinion, should not be used in XP. Only from the boot CD. Any mods to a nonboot partition should be preceded by removing ownership of that partition. Then, taking ownership again after the mod. Just my opinion. Most PM problems originate when either combining partitions, or doing too many mods on too many partitions in one session. At least, that seems to be the pattern.

"Simon McDonald" <simon@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:OP7IY5BqFHA.616@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OP7IY5BqFHA.616@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

> Hi,

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> I am running XP Pro SP2, and have it set up with a primary and extended  
> partition. Unfortunately, these two partitions use up all the space on my  
> (only) HDD, although the extended partition has a fair bit of free space  
in  
> it.

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> Firstly, this arrangement of partitions came 'automatically' when I  
> installed Windows (as far as I am aware anyway).

> Is this because when installing Windows, during the setup I asked it to  
> establish a D and an E partition, as well as the system partition. Based  
on

> my request, did it by default put D and E (as logical volumes) in an  
> extended partition which consumed the remainder of the disc.

> If so, would it be better in future to just create the system partition at  
> setup, and use Disk Management to create D and E as I see fit (maybe in an  
> extended partition of my choice of size, or even as their own primary  
> partitions)?

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> Secondly, what's done is done, so, is there a way to reduce the size of  
the

> extended partition (it has loads of free space)? I have looked around, and  
> people seem to suggest a third party tool of some sort (Partition Magic

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> instance) – but there is always a 'sad' story to be found for each of these!

> Is there a 'Windows' way to reduce the extended partition size? I suspect  
> that I know the answer is no. If so, I might take the easy way out and just

> buy an extra HDD, and plug it in! I do not really want to risk messing  
> things up if there is not a firm way of going with this one.

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> Thanks for any information and advice

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> Simon

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